

Land at Mill Lane Sawston assessment



A map of Land at Mill Lane Sawston

Site information	-
Site ID	115101
HELAA Site ID	40052
Suitable Site Area (ha)	1.48255837553533
Ward/Parish	Sawston
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
Category of site	Dispersal: Villages / Transport Corridor
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to group village
Current use(s)	Agricultural Land / Building
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	20-30
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 (7%); Surface water flooding: 4% lies in a 1 in 30 year event, 11% lies in a 1 in 100 year event and 20% 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	Red
Landscape Comment 2025	Having considered the additional information submitted, the assessment score has not changed. The site falls outside the development framework and is adjacent to an allotment site. Development of the site would not enhance the local Landscape Character Area, which is eroded and fragmented by transport corridors and suburbanisation of large commuter villages like Sawston. The allotment provides a characteristic edge to the village allowing a soft and buffered transition between the more built-up areas of the village and the A1301. Previous comments continue to apply.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	The site is a rectangular field adjacent to an allotment site. The boundaries are made up of hedges, hedgerows and intermittent trees and other vegetation but poorly maintained and gappy in places. The southern and western boundaries are also formed by the presence of a drainage ditch. This site is beyond and separated from the village framework resulting in it being isolated. Development would encroach into the countryside and remove some of the landscape buffer between the village and the A1301 Sawston bypass. It would also result in the loss of openness of the adjoining Green Belt and adversely affect the setting of the village.
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2025	-

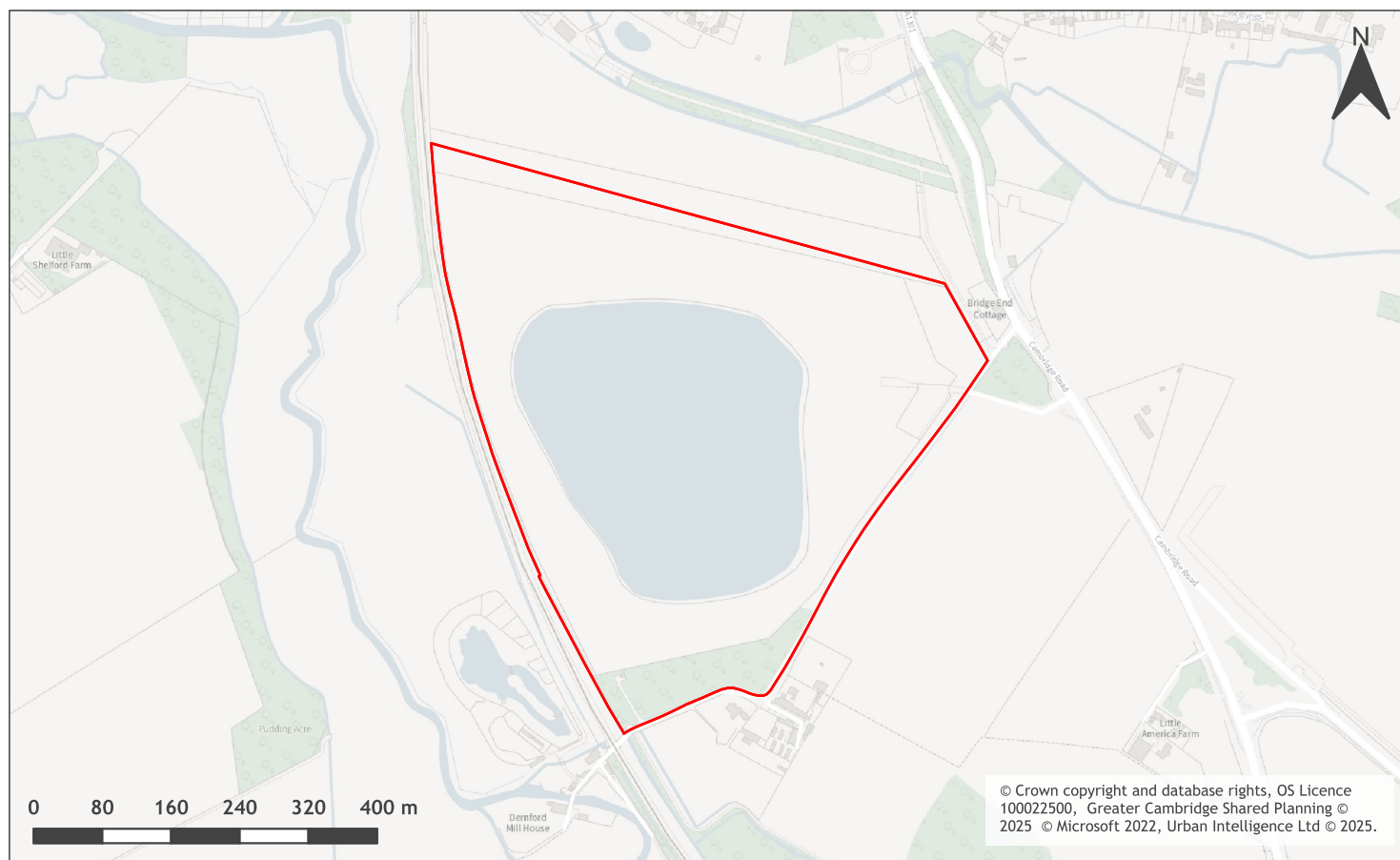
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Guideline Comments 2023	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	All new housing developments will require assessment of increased visitor pressure on nearby SSSI. Any residential developments above 50 outside of current urban area will require consultation with Natural England. 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 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	Changes to the boundary do not affect our previous assessment. Located on the western edge of the historic settlement with archaeology of medieval date recorded to the north. Archaeological investigations would be necessary in advance of development.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	-

Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	Located on the western edge of the historic settlement with archaeology of medieval date recorded to the north
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	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	-
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	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	53.77
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	46.23
Source Protection Zone	100
Highways England Zones	A11/M11

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	40
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

Dernford Reservoir, Dernford Lane, Stapleford assessment



A map of Dernford Reservoir, Dernford Lane, Stapleford

Site information	-
Site ID	115166
HELAA Site ID	200751
Suitable Site Area (ha)	26.0814026487095
Ward/Parish	Sawston
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Previously developed land
Category of site	Integrating homes and jobs - Southern Cluster
Category of settlement	Not within or adjacent to an existing settlement
Current use(s)	Agricultural Land / Building, Car Park, Recreation
Proposed development	Non-Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	100000
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: Partly in Flood Zone 2 (3%); Surface water flooding: 1% lies in a 1 in 100 year event and 6% 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	Red
Landscape Comment 2025	The site is separated from the Stapleford by a significant area of undeveloped land. The character of the landscape is somewhat suburban with industrial influences and an eroding landscape character. Development would be resisted from a landscape perspective due to its location in the countryside, impacts on the Green Belt and the separation between settlements, and the likelihood of further erosion of landscape character.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	-
Landscape Comment 2021	-
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2025	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 SSSIs. The proposed site may contain priority habitat which will require assessment and possible compensation if removed. Where there is a likelihood of protected and priority species being impacted a full assessment must be undertaken. A development of the type described would likely be eligible for mandatory biodiversity net gains.
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	-
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.
Policy RAG Rating 2023	-
Policy Officer Comment 2023	-
Policy RAG Rating 2021	-
Policy Officer Comments 2021	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2025	Green
Historic Environment Comments 2025	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. Note - the red line does not seem to match the indicative map of the proposed development, which suggests that development will also be undertaken on the field to the south of the access track to Dernford House.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2023	-
Historic Environment Comments 2023	-
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	-
Historic Environment Comments 2021	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	Archaeological investigations were completed in the area in advance of quarrying. No further investigations would be required in advance of redevelopment.
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	Adequate accessibility to key local services, transport, and employment opportunities. Proposed development would not require delivery of accompanying key services
Site Access RAG Assessment 2025	Red
Site Access Officer Comment 2025	The site has been scored as Red. The access into the site from the adopted public highway is unsuitable to serve the floor area proposed.
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 will have minimal impact on designated Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA).
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	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	100
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	0
Highways England Zones	A11/M11, M11 North
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	391
Estimated employment space (m2)	100000
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	-
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years

Land east of Cambridge Road, Sawston assessment



A map of Land east of Cambridge Road, Sawston

Site information	-
Site ID	115195
HELAA Site ID	40547
Suitable Site Area (ha)	30.736249664532
Ward/Parish	Sawston
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield and Previously Developed Land
Category of site	Integrating homes and jobs - Southern cluster
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to Rural Centre
Current use(s)	Agricultural land/building, Commercial/Industrial
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	1123
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. 3% 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	Additional information submitted is a response to the original assessments. Any proposed development within this site is outside development framework, and would cause harm to the local openness, character and views in this area, which would be unalterable and not possible to mitigate against.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	Development upon this site would have a significant adverse impact to the wide and local landscape character and views. It would be an encroachment into the landscape, permanent, remove open agricultural fields and an urbanisation of the rural countryside. Even with a reduction in units the harm with landscape mitigation measures 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 and mitigation and 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 all planning applications will require consultation with Natural England. 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.
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 assessment 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	Located to north of historic settlement. A medieval moated site is located to the south and a Saxon cemetery is recorded in the 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	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	Based on the new information provided, the site access assessment remains unchanged as it 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 will need to provide high quality local non-motorised user routes linking to the Sawston Greenway, Shelford Station and potentially the Cambridge South East Transport route. Will require high quality passenger transport routes to Cambridge. Will significantly impact on local junctions and the congested A1301. 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	Green
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.

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	Amber
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 is located outside an AQMA but there is potential for an impact on AQMA which will require inherent / intrinsic designed in Air Quality mitigation.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	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	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 adjacent to a sewage works and landfill with the potential for contamination and planning conditions will be required including a site investigation.
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	Site is adjacent to a sewage works and landfill. Potential for contamination, conditions required. Phase II and Remediation likely.
Overall Suitability Score	Red
Further constraints	-
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 1	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 2	99.3
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	0.7
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0

Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	47.98
Highways England Zones	A11/M11
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	461
Estimated employment space (m2)	0
Estimated start date	6-10 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	120
Development completion timescales (years)	6-10 Years

Deal Farm, Cambridge Road, Sawston assessment



A map of Deal Farm, Cambridge Road, Sawston

Site information	-
Site ID	115739
HELAA Site ID	40534
Suitable Site Area (ha)	1.10251957089509
Ward/Parish	Sawston
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield and Previously Developed Land
Category of site	Integrating homes and jobs - Southern cluster
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to Rural Centre
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Non-Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	2850
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. 5% 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	Amber
Landscape Comment 2021	The site comprises a piece of agricultural land with several small-large buildings on hardstanding outside of the Development Framework Boundary, and therefore in the countryside. Despite efforts in boundary treatment the site is has an extremely open and exposed allowing open views from all areas. Preservation of the rural countryside character is important and so boundary treatment will be important. Development in this location must be appropriate to density and pattern of the existing village, the proposed number of units is likely to detract from the existing village character. Landscape mitigation required to enhance the village gateway.
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	Large infrastructures e.g. warehousing of more than 1000m ² or uses likely to result in air pollution would require consultation with Natural England. Habitats present are likely to be of low ecological value. Arable habitats may support farmland birds. Buildings may support roosting bats (if suitable).
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	Saxon cemetery recorded to the north west
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	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	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	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	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	Non- residential use proposed.
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	A11/M11
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	30
Estimated employment space (m2)	2850
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	-
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years

Land at Robinson Farm, Cambridge Road, Sawston assessment



A map of Land at Robinson Farm, Cambridge Road, Sawston

Site information	-
Site ID	115740
HELAA Site ID	40146
Suitable Site Area (ha)	14.8382547194847
Ward/Parish	Sawston
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
Category of site	Integrating homes and jobs - Southern cluster
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to Rural Centre
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	15300
Proposed residential capacity	300
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 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	Additional information provided submits a reduced red line area for development and a reduction in units from 1148 to 300. However previous assessment of proposed development causing irreparable encroachment on the countryside and a negative impact on the landscape character remains, therefore there is no change to the assessment scoring.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	Development upon this site would have a significant adverse impact upon the wide and local landscape character and views. It would be an encroachment into the countryside, permanent and an urbanisation of the open rural landscape. Even with a reduction in residential units with landscape mitigation measures the harm would be significantly 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 and mitigation and 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	Site 130m from Dernford Fen SSSI, designated for rough fen and carr. Any residential development above 100 units or industrial floorspace over 1000m ² will require consultation with Natural England. Recreational impacts also be to considered. Habitats appear likely to be of low ecological value (arable), although boundary hedgerows may be Habitats of Principal Importance/priority habitat. Potential for bat roosts in buildings (if suitable) and farmland bird populations.
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 a protected open space designation, however there are some protected open space designations on periphery of the site. Development of the site may have a detrimental impact on the peripheral open space designation, but the impact 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 revised information has submitted no additional comments regarding heritage assets. The RAG rating remains the same.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Historic Environment Comments 2021	No built heritage constraints. 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 amended 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	A Saxon cemetery is recorded to the immediate west
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	Amber
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	Based on the new information provided, the site access assessment remains unchanged as it 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 amended proposal, the site assessment remains amber. Site will need to provide high quality local non-motorised user and passenger transport routes linking to Shelford Station and into Cambridge and the surrounding areas. Will be an impact on local junctions including those on the A1301. 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. 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 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	Amber
Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	The amended site boundary has been reviewed but the assessment remains unchanged since the original assessment. The site is located outside an AQMA but there is potential for an impact on AQMA which will require inherent / intrinsic designed in Air Quality mitigation.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	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	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	The amended site boundary has been reviewed but the assessment remains unchanged. 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	93.01
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	0
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0

Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	6.99
Source Protection Zone	0
Highways England Zones	A11/M11
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 mixed-use 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	223
Estimated employment space (m2)	15300
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	50
Development completion timescales (years)	6-10 Years

Site information	-
Site ID	115894
HELAA Site ID	40367
Suitable Site Area (ha)	6.60268388165243
Ward/Parish	Sawston
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Greenfield
Category of site	Integrating homes and jobs - Southern cluster
Category of settlement	Within or adjacent to Rural Centre
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	0
Proposed residential capacity	196
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	Red
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood Zone: Partly in Flood Zone 2 (93%). Partly in Flood Zone 3 (1%).. Surface Water Flooding: 1% lies in a 1 in 30 year event. 4% lies in a 1 in 100 year event. 40% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2021	The site is wholly or largely within Flood Zones 2 or 3 such that it cannot accommodate at least 5 additional dwellings or an increase of 500 square metres of employment floorspace and/or the site is a 'dry island' whereby all potential accesses to the adopted public highway require crossing land that is within Flood Zones 2 or 3.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2025	-
Landscape Comment 2025	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2023	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	Whilst very limited development might be possible in the north east corner, development throughout this site would have a significant adverse impact upon the landscape character and views. It would be an encroachment into the countryside, permanent and an urbanisation of the rural open landscape. Development would encroach into the countryside and remove some of the landscape buffer between the village and the A1301.
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	-

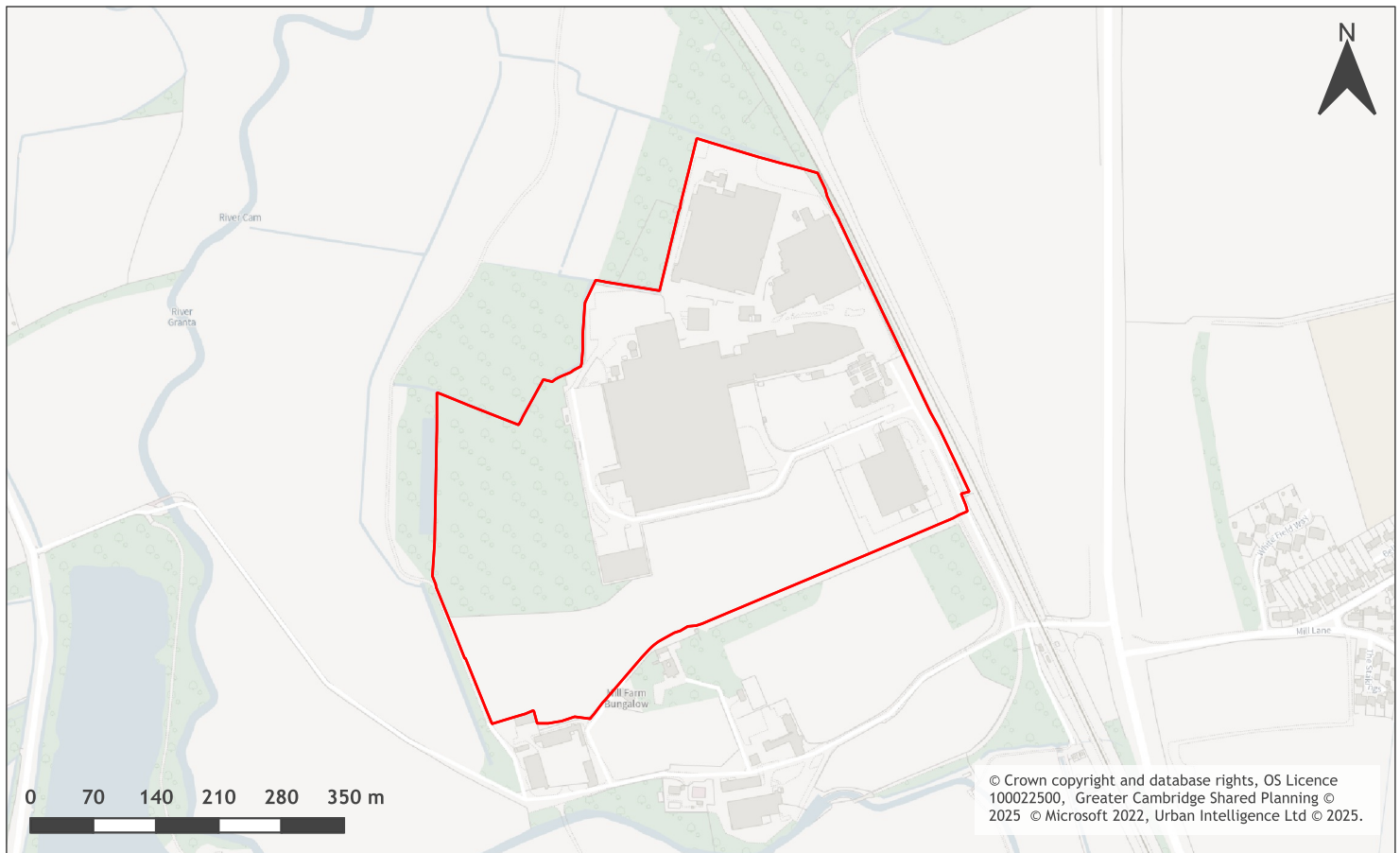
Biodiversity and Geodiversity RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	All new housing developments will require assessment of increased visitor pressure on nearby SSSI. Any residential development above 50 outside of current urban area and residential development above 100 will require consultation with Natural England. There is no apparent priority habitat; however, there is a drain running through the centre of the site, and the site appears to be predominantly grassland with wooded boundaries.
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 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 to the east of the nationally important Borough Hill Iron Age hillfort, designated as a Scheduled Monument
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	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 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	-
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	0.07
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	81.03
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	18.91
Source Protection Zone	100
Highways England Zones	A11/M11
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	139
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

Former Spicers Site, Sawston assessment



A map of Former Spicers Site, Sawston

Site information	-
Site ID	115895
HELAA Site ID	OS261
Suitable Site Area (ha)	21.7840005065737
Ward/Parish	Sawston
Greenfield or Previously Developed?	Previously Developed Land
Category of site	Integrating homes and jobs - Southern cluster
Category of settlement	Not within or adjacent to an existing settlement
Current use(s)	-
Proposed development	Non-residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	65500
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: 2% lies in a 1 in 30 year event. 2% lies in a 1 in 100 year event. 6% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	Amber
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	Green
Landscape Comment 2023	The site is an industrial area between the Railway and River Cam on the river plain north west of Sawston. Existing woodland and tree belts provide screening and enclosure to the western edges of the site but the north and east are more open and exposed. The site is suitable for redevelopment providing the landscape character, context and existing woodland are carefully integrated into the design and the design mitigates impact on the surrounding landscape and views.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	-
Landscape Comment 2021	-
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	All new large non-residential developments outside of current settlements and in excess of 0.2 ha, or any discharge of water or liquid waste to ground or stream, and any infrastructure such as warehousing/industry over 1000 m ² floorspace will require Natural England consultation. Dernford Fen SSSI lies approximately 50 m to the north of the site, it has been cited for being a rare example of rough fen and carr, with a diverse range of habitats and plant assemblages. An area to the north of the SSSI is designated as a County Wildlife Site for its grasslands. There are no apparent priority habitats within the site; however, there are buildings, grasslands, woodland areas, hedges, and wooded boundaries on site that are likely to have ecological value
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	Amber
Historic Environment Comments 2023	There are no listed buildings or conservation areas in or near the site. Whittlesford Conservation Area is over 400m to the south while Sawston Conservation Area is some distance to the east and neither are likely to be affected. The Borough Hill scheduled ancient monument is immediately to the south, partly overlapping the site boundary. Development on the scheduled monument would be unachievable although suitable landscaping and mitigation might be possible to develop other parts of the site.
Historic Environment RAG Assessment 2021	-
Historic Environment Comments 2021	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2025	-

Archaeology Officer Comment 2025	-
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2023	Red
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	The site is located in part on the site of the Iron Age fort Borough Hill, which is designated a Scheduled Monument (National List Number 1009396). Development would be contrary to NPPF guidance, resulting in a RAG assessment of Red for Historic Environment.
Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	-
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	-
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	The site access off the A1307 is problematic. Site access design will depend on the level of traffic (all modes) that the site generates. The site has been rated as Amber subject to the detailed design of the access and any changes required to the A1307.
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	Any potential impact on the functioning of trunk roads and/or local roads could be reasonably mitigated. Will require a comprehensive 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	Amber
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2023	Close proximity to a residential property and the likely concern from National Rail will need to be mitigated in the final design.
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	For a development of this size an air quality assessment will be required as part of any application given the potential development phase and operational phase impacts.
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	The site has a long history of industrial use, as well as areas of potentially infilled land and there is a risk of land contamination for these uses. A number of phases of investigation have already taken place covering various parts of the site. However, a sitewide and development specific investigation including a summary of all previous investigations is likely to 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	0

Agricultural Land Classification Grade 3	100
Agricultural Land Classification Grade 4	0
Agricultural Land Classification Non Agricultural	0
Agricultural Land Classification Urban	0
Source Protection Zone	56.08
Highways England Zones	A11/M11
Available	-
Is the site controlled by a developer or landowner who has expressed an intention to develop?	The site has lapsed planning permission and there is no known intent to develop the site at this stage
Are there known legal or ownership impediments to development?	No
Is there planning permission to develop the site?	Yes, full planning permission for 50,445 square metres of research and development floorspace, including ancillary uses (S/0158/20/FL)
When will the site be available for development?	6-10 Years
Available RAG	Amber
Achievable	-
Is there a reasonable prospect that the site will be developed?	The land has not been promoted by the landowner and or developer but 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	327
Estimated employment space (m2)	65500
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	-
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years