

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: 4% lies in a 1 in 30 year event. 2% lies in a 1 in 100 year event. 9% lies in a 1 in 1000 year event
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2023	-
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2023	-
Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2021	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	Amber
Landscape Comment 2023	New information submitted include a Helaa response and updated site boundary. It is considered that the altered site boundaries will limit the impact of development on the wider countryside, though further urbanisation of the A14 corridor would remain.
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Landscape Comment 2021	There is a large employment area to the northwest as well as a motorway service area and hotel on the north side of the A14. Although the area is further urbanised by the upgrading of the A14, it remains essentially rural arable farmland with wide open views in all directions. Development of the site would further and dramatically urbanise the area and have significant impact on the visual and landscape character.
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. However, the RAG scoring appears to be recorded as 'Green' by mistake, so this will need to be updated to 'Amber'.

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	Green
Biodiversity and Geodiversity Officer Comments 2021	Discharge of water/waste above 20m ³ per day to ground or surface water likely to require consultation with Natural England. Boundary hedgerows, copse, ditches and pond may qualify as Habitats of Principal Importance/priority habitat and be of high ecological value. Most of the site likely to be of low ecological value (arable). Ditches may support protected species - water vole records in the area. Ponds within and close to site may support great crested newt (records in area). Buildings and trees may support roosting bats (if suitable). 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	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	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	Green
Archaeology Officer Comment 2023	Based on the amended site boundary, significant archaeology is not anticipated to be found in this area and as such the assessment for the site has changed to Green as it is unlikely that an significant archaeology is likely to survive within the site boundary.

Archaeology RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	Located in a landscape with potential for prehistoric and Roman archaeology, including cropmarks to the east of the site
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	Red
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	Based on the new information provided, the site access assessment remains unchanged as the access link to the adopted public highway is unsuitable to serve the number of units that are being proposed.
Site Access RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Site Access Officer Comment 2021	The access link to the public highway is unsuitable to serve the number of units that are being proposed. The Local Planning Authority will need to consult with the Highway Agency, as National Highway Authority, in respect to the proposed site.
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	Following further consideration of the site, including the amended site boundary, the site assessment has been changed to amber. Whilst the site is remote from any existing passenger transport infrastructure, development would need to provide high quality local non motorised user routes and passenger transport routes linking to Cambridge (via the A1307 cycleway). It will impact the A1307 and its junction with the A14 that will require mitigation. Will require a robust Travel Plan.
Transport and Roads RAG Assessment 2021	Red
Transport and Roads Guideline Comments 2021	Transport Assessment and Travel Plan required.
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 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 amended site boundary has been reviewed but the assessment 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	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	Amber
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	The amended site boundary has been reviewed but the assessment is 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	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	A14 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	160
Estimated employment space (m2)	30160
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	-
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years

Land adj to Buckingway Business Park, Swavesey assessment



A map of Land adj to Buckingway Business Park, Swavesey

Site information	-
Site ID	115364
HELAA Site ID	40455
Suitable Site Area (ha)	2.13913863887856
Ward/Parish	Swavesey
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	Non-Residential
Proposed employment floorspace (m2)	10050
Proposed residential capacity	0
Suitability	-
Adopted Development Plan Policies RAG 2025	Amber

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Flood Risk RAG Assessment 2025	Amber
Flood Risk Officer Comment 2025	Flood Zone: Wholly in Flood Zone 1. Surface Water Flooding: 5% lies in a 1 in 30 year event. 2% 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	-
Landscape Comment 2023	-
Landscape RAG Assessment 2021	Amber
Landscape Comment 2021	The site, a rectangular field, is located at the southeast end of the Buckingham Business Park and the north of the Travelodge (southeast bound A14). Its current use is arable farmland. It is open and exposed for views from all directions. Development of the site could be achieved if an appropriate landscape strategy is put in place.
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	Discharge to ground or surface water of more than 20m ³ /day would require consultation with Natural England. Boundary drains may be of ecological value and support protected/notable species including great crested newt which have been recorded nearby. Otherwise site likely to be of low ecological value (arable).
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	Green
Archaeology Officer Comment 2021	No significant archaeology likely to survive in this 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	Red
Site Access Officer Comment 2023	Based on the new information provided, the site access assessment remains unchanged. The scheme is not acceptable as the site does not have a direct link to the adopted public highway.
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	Amber
Noise, Vibration, Odour and Light Pollution Guideline Comments 2021	The proposed site will be affected by noise from nearby industrial/commercial activities, but is acceptable in principle, subject to appropriate detailed design considerations and mitigation.
AQMA RAG Assessment 2025	-
Air Quality Officer Comment 2025	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2023	-

Air Quality Officer Comment 2023	-
AQMA RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Air Quality Officer Comment 2021	Site does not lie within an AQMA. Minimal traffic impact on AQMA.
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2025	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2025	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2023	-
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2023	-
Contaminated Land RAG Assessment 2021	Green
Contaminated Land Officer Comments 2021	No prior history of development.
Overall Suitability Score	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	A14 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	51
Estimated employment space (m2)	10050
Estimated start date	0-5 Years
Estimated annual build-out rate (pa)	-
Development completion timescales (years)	0-5 Years