

Errata - Greater Cambridge Green Belt Assessment 2021



Analysis subsequent to the publication of the Greater Cambridge Green Belt Assessment 2021 (GCGBA) has identified two cases (relating to parcels CT12 and GI8) where the assessment parcels defined in that study should have been subdivided. Whilst the original ratings are correct for those parcels as a whole, the parcels have now been split to reflect variations in harm. These two cases are listed below.

Parcel

CT12 (Coton)

Area Affected

Eastern part of the parcel, separated by a tree belt from fields around Whitwell Farm (map area 2).

Map of Parcel



Ratings change

Harm rating for map area 2 changed from 'moderate' to 'low'.

Reason

This part of parcel CT12 is well contained, by a woodland belt to the west and by the tree-lined Bin Brook to the south, so it's release would have a 'negligible' impact on adjacent

Green Belt land, rather than the 'minor' impact that was reported in the GBGBA. The overall harm rating for map area 2 should therefore be 'low' as opposed to 'moderate.' The rating for map area 1 is still 'moderate'.

Parcel

GI8 (Girton)

Area Affected

Eastern part of the parcel, between Oakington Road and Beck Brook (map area 2).

Map of Parcel



Ratings change

Harm rating for map area 2 changed from 'high' to 'moderate-high'.

Reason

The 'minor-moderate' rating given to the level of impact on adjacent Green Belt land reflected increased urbanising impact on adjacent land and also a narrowing of the gap between Girton and Oakington. On reflection, the containment of the eastern part of the parcel by washed-over development and by Beck Brook (which forms the inset settlement boundary to the south) would limit impact on the settlement gap. This would reduce the rating for impact on adjacent Green Belt to 'minor'. The overall harm rating for map area 2 should therefore be 'moderate-high as opposed to 'high.' The rating for map area 1 is still 'high'.

