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and Guidance

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

**1.1** This chapter explains why there is a requirement to review the findings of the most recent assessment of the performance of Green Belt land in South Cambridgeshire and the City of Cambridge (Greater Cambridge) and sets out the scope of the review.

### Requirement for review

**1.2** The Greater Cambridge Green Belt Assessment (GCGBA), published in August 2021, provided a comprehensive and detailed parcel-by-parcel assessment of the contribution of Green Belt land in South Cambridgeshire and in the City of Cambridge to the Green Belt purposes, and of variations in the potential harm to those Green Belt purposes that could result from releasing land from the designation.

**1.3** There are three defined and long-established purposes of the Cambridge Green Belt. These represent a local application of the national Green Belt purposes set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF):

1. To preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre.
2. To maintain and enhance the quality of its setting.
3. To prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city.

**1.4** The NPPF has been updated several times since the publication of the GCGBA, most significantly in December 2024 when the concept of 'grey belt', and the requirement for planning authorities to identify any such land (should it be necessary to consider potential release of Green Belt for development), was introduced. In this revised framework, NPPF paragraph 155 establishes that development of houses, employment land or infrastructure in the Green Belt should not be considered inappropriate where:

- development would utilise grey belt land and would not fundamentally undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt across the area of the plan;
- there is a demonstrable unmet need for the type of development proposed;

- development would be in a sustainable location, with particular reference to paragraphs 110 and 115 of this Framework; and
- where applicable the development proposed meets the ‘Golden Rules’ requirements (set out in NPPF paragraphs 156-157).

## Scope of assessment

**1.5** This review is focused mainly on the requirement to identify grey belt land. Assessment of the additional criteria needed for development to be considered ‘not inappropriate’ falls outside the scope of this study. The review takes into account the February 2025 Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) relating to the identification of grey belt land and applies it in the context of the Cambridge Green Belt purposes, with the aim of identifying potential grey belt land within South Cambridgeshire and the City of Cambridge (collectively referred to as Greater Cambridge).

**1.6** In advance of defining potential grey belt, the review also identifies several changes to the original GCGBA findings, made to reflect:

- Significant developments that have taken place, or have received planning consent, since the production of the GCGBA in 2021.
- Need for minor amendments to the original study. There has been no reissue of the GCGBA but two cases were identified in the [Greater Cambridge Green Belt Assessment 2021 - Errata Note](#) (which was published in December 2025 to reflect the findings of the ‘[Greater Cambridge Green Belt Assessment Response to Comments from First Proposals Consultation 2021 and Site Submissions Update 2025](#)’) where sub-areas of parcels should have been assigned lower harm ratings. The ratings for two additional parcels in the original assessment have also been updated as part of the review of GCGBA that was undertaken to inform the preparation of this report. These parcel updates are included in Appendix A.

**1.7** This report is structured as follows:

- Chapter 2 summarises revised national policy and guidance in relation to Green Belt, as relevant to this review.
- Chapter 3 considers the relationship between Cambridge Green Belt purposes and NPPF Green Belt purposes in light of the revised policy and guidance, and how this informs the assessment of grey belt.
- Chapter 4 identifies revisions to the original GCGBA findings to reflect subsequent significant developments/consents.

- Chapter 5 lists and maps parcels of grey belt identified in Green Belt within Greater Cambridge.
- Chapter 6 set out additional steps that the Councils will need to consider, if it is necessary to identify potential development allocations in the Green Belt or when responding to development proposals.

## About LUC

**1.8** LUC is an award-winning environmental consultancy providing planning, impact assessment, landscape design, geospatial and ecology services to a wide range of public and private sector clients. With a track record of nearly 60 years and a team of over 350 skilled professionals, we bring a passion for the environment and a determination to achieve sustainable development on behalf of our clients.

**1.9** LUC's experience of preparing Green Belt assessments is unparalleled. Over the past 10 years we have completed Green Belt studies for over 65 local authorities across the country (covering over a third of England's Green Belt). This has included, in addition to Greater Cambridge, many multi-authority Green Belt Studies such as for Greater Manchester, Greater London, West of England and Oxfordshire. All of our studies that have been tested at Local Plan Examinations have been found to be sound.

**1.10** Since the publication of the new NPPF and PPG we have or are in the process of completing new Green Belt/grey belt studies for: Greater London; North East (including Northumberland, Sunderland, Gateshead and Durham); Gloucestershire (four authorities); East Hertfordshire, North Hertfordshire and Stevenage; Central Bedfordshire and Luton; Wolverhampton and Sandwell; Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and Dorset; Walsall; Stockport; Salford; Welwyn Hatfield; Broxbourne; Basildon; Berkshire; Shropshire; Southend; Rochford; and the New Forest.

## Chapter 2

# National Policy and Guidance

**2.1** This chapter summarises the policy changes introduced in the December 2024 NPPF and the guidance set out in the February 2025 PPG where they are relevant to the definition of grey belt.

**2.2** In December 2025, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) published a range of proposed reforms to the NPPF alongside other changes to the planning system. A consultation on these reforms was undertaken between December 2025 and March 2026. Following the close of the consultation MHCLG will consider the responses received and is expected to publish a new version of the NPPF later in 2026. The proposed reforms do not affect the approach or conclusions set out in this report, although Chapter 3 below makes reference to proposed changes relating to the treatment of ‘footnote 7’ areas and assets.

## National Green Belt policy

**2.3** Government policy on the Green Belt and grey belt is set out in chapter 13 of the NPPF ‘Protecting Green Belt Land’ [\[see reference 1\]](#). Paragraph 142 of the NPPF states that ‘the fundamental aim of Green Belt policy is to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open; the essential characteristics of Green Belts are their openness and their permanence’.

**2.4** This is elaborated on in NPPF paragraph 143, which states that Green Belts serve five purposes, as set out below:

- a) to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas;
- b) to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another;
- c) to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment;
- d) to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns; and
- e) to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land.

**2.5** NPPF paragraph 145 says that ‘Once established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances are fully evidenced and justified through the preparation or updating of plans’. Paragraph 146 goes on to explain that ‘Exceptional circumstances in this context include, but are not limited to, instances where an authority cannot meet its identified need for homes, commercial or other development through other means. If that is the case, authorities should review Green Belt boundaries in accordance with the policies in this Framework and propose alterations to meet these needs in full, unless the review provides clear evidence that doing so would fundamentally undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt, when considered across the area of the plan.’

**2.6** ‘Grey belt’ is defined in Annex 2 of the NPPF as ‘land in the Green Belt comprising previously developed land and/or any other land that, in either case, does not strongly contribute to any of purposes (a), (b), or (d) in paragraph 143. ‘Grey belt’ excludes land where the application of the policies relating to the areas or assets in footnote 7 (other than Green Belt) would provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development.’ Footnote 7 areas/assets are discussed further in Chapter 3 below, including reference to the proposal in the draft NPPF published in December 2025 to change the definition of ‘grey belt’ to remove reference to footnote 7 areas and assets (other than Green Belt).

**2.7** Paragraph 156 of the NPPF describes the Golden Rules regarding contributions relating to major development involving the provision of housing. Where such development is proposed within or on land released from the Green Belt the following contributions must be made:

- Affordable housing – in line with specifications set out in more detail in the NPPF and PPG.
- Necessary improvements to local or national infrastructure; and
- The provision of new, or improvements to existing, green spaces that are accessible to the public.

**2.8** Paragraph 158 states that a development which complies with the Golden Rules should be given significant weight in favour of the granting of permission.

## National Planning Practice Guidance

**2.9** The NPPF's Green Belt policies are supplemented by Planning Practice Guidance [see reference 2] (PPG, February 2025) on Green Belt planning and how to assess Green Belt land.

**2.10** The PPG makes it clear that strategic or local planning authorities, or appropriate groups of local planning authorities should produce a Green Belt assessment during the preparation or updating of all Local Plans, and Spatial Development Strategies that set the strategic context for the release of land where this would be required to meet development needs. It sets out the key steps in a Green Belt assessment, which include:

- defining the location and scale of the assessment area;
- evaluating contribution to the Green Belt purposes;
- considering areas and assets listed in NPPF footnote 7;
- identifying grey belt land; and
- determining if proposals would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes (taken together) for remaining Green Belt in the plan area.

**2.11** Key points in the guidance relating to the assessment of contribution to the Green Belt purposes are summarised below. The PPG goes on to address the sustainability of development and meeting the 'Golden Rules', both of which are relevant to determining whether development would be inappropriate, but these are considerations that lie outside of the scope of this Green Belt Assessment.

### Assessing Green Belt land to identify grey belt land

**2.12** Authorities must identify grey belt land as part of the review of Green Belt boundaries in order to:

- sustainably prioritise it over other Green Belt locations through the plan-making process, and
- help determine planning applications on Green Belt land in line with paragraph 155 of the NPPF.

**2.13** Exceptional circumstances first need to be demonstrated in order to consider the release of any Green Belt land, whether or not it is identified as grey belt (see paragraph 2.5 above). Having done this, the guidance is clear that 'where grey belt is identified, it does not automatically follow that it should be allocated for development,

released from the Green Belt, or for development proposals to be approved in all circumstances. The contribution Green Belt land makes to Green Belt purposes is one consideration in making decisions about Green Belt land. Such decisions should also be informed by an overall application of the relevant policies in the area's adopted Plan and the NPPF' (PPG Paragraph: 001 Reference ID: 64-001-20250225), including whether:

- development is sustainably located;
- whether it would meet the 'Golden Rules' contribution (where applicable); and
- whether there is a demonstrable unmet need for the type of development proposed.

## The appropriate scale of Green Belt assessments

**2.14** Authorities must identify an appropriate scale of Green Belt assessment that delivers clear variations in contribution to the Green Belt purposes, assessing all Green Belt land within a Plan area in the first instance and responding to local circumstances. Local circumstances may dictate, for example, the need for smaller assessment areas in areas where there is greater variation in contribution to the Green Belt purposes, or greater potential for sustainable development, such as around existing settlements or public transport hubs or corridors.

## Grey belt assessment criteria

**2.15** The PPG sets out illustrative features that should be considered when assessing the contribution of land to Green Belt Purposes A, B and D (PPG Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 64-005-20250225).

## Applying NPPF footnote 7 to the definition of grey belt land

**2.16** Grey belt land cannot be defined on Green Belt land covered by or affecting other NPPF footnote designations where that designation 'would provide a strong reason for refusing and restricting development'. In such locations, it may be necessary to only 'provisionally identify such land as grey belt in advance of more detailed specific proposals' (PPG Paragraph: 006 Reference ID: 64-006-20250225).

## Assessing the impact of Green Belt release or development on the remaining Green Belt in the Plan area

**2.17** The PPG states that a Green Belt assessment should ‘consider the extent to which release or development of Green Belt land (including but not limited to grey belt land) would fundamentally undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area as a whole’. Such Green Belt locations should only be discounted for release or development where they would ‘affect the ability of all the remaining Green Belt across the area of the plan from serving all five of the Green Belt purposes in a meaningful way’ (PPG Paragraph: 008 Reference ID: 64-008-20250225).

## Identifying sustainable locations in a Green Belt

**2.18** Whether reviewing Green Belt boundaries or determining applications for development in the Green Belt, the need to promote sustainable patterns of development should determine whether a site’s location would be appropriate for the kind of development proposed. Consequently, where grey belt land is not in a location that is or can be made sustainable, development on this land is inappropriate.

**2.19** The sustainability of specific locations should be determined (outside the scope of this review) in light of local context and site or development-specific considerations; however, authorities should seek to maximise sustainable transport solutions in line with NPPF paragraphs 110 and 115 (PPG Paragraph: 011 Reference ID: 64-011-20250225).

## Chapter 3

### Greater Cambridge Context

**3.1** This chapter looks at the implications of the use of the Cambridge Green Belt purposes, which are a well-established local application of the national Green Belt purposes, for assessing contribution and identifying grey belt.

### Relationship between NPPF and Cambridge Green Belt Purposes

#### Origins of the Cambridge Green Belt

**3.2** The identification of Green Belts nationally was introduced in the Town and Country Planning Act of 1947, with the purposes of Green Belt first clearly defined in a 1955 government circular as being to

- (a) Check the further growth of a large built up area
- (b) To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another, or
- (c) To preserve the special character of a town.

**3.3** The origins of the Cambridge Green Belt can be traced back to the Plan for Cambridge produced by Professor Sir William Holford and H. Miles Wright in 1950. In this, the authors set out several qualities which they considered most people would want to retain and that would be diminished or lost with large-scale growth. These included: the University; the central open spaces; plenty of gardens and allotments; short distance between homes and the central shops; the countryside near the town; and a distinctive market town character. They suggested a 'green line' should be permanently safeguarded, beyond which building should not be permitted in order to prevent coalescence with Girton, Cherry Hinton and Grantchester. As part of this they also added that 'green wedges' along the river should be kept open to keep the countryside near the centre of the towns on its west side, and that development should be excluded from the foothills of the Gogs. It also recognised that villages near the city boundary would require 'green belts' between them and the town.

**3.4** Green Belt boundaries were first defined in the 1960s, with iterations of the Cambridge Structure Plan from 1980 through to 2003, and Local Plans in 1992 and 1996, making some boundary amendments.

**3.5** In 1988, Planning Policy Guidance 2 ‘Green Belts’ (PPG2) was published. This national guidance reaffirmed the importance of Green Belts and added two additional purposes for including land within a Green Belt: to safeguard surrounding countryside from encroachment and to assist in urban regeneration. It also amended the aim of preserving the special character of towns to make it clear that it should only apply to historic towns and their setting. In a House of Commons written answer [see reference 3], the Secretary of State for the Environment stated that the purpose of preserving the special character of historic towns was especially relevant to the Green Belts around York, Chester, Bath, Oxford and Cambridge.

## Continued relevance of the Cambridge Green Belt purposes

**3.6** The Cambridge Sub-Region Study, by Colin Buchanan and Partners, was published in 2001 to inform the forthcoming Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan. The study included a Green Belt Review which established that the primary purpose of the Green Belt was “to preserve the special character of Cambridge and to maintain the quality of its setting”; and that the secondary purpose was “to prevent further coalescence of settlements”. The study also defined ‘special character’ as “in addition to the City’s historic core and associated university colleges”, comprising “the green corridors and wedges connecting the city with the countryside; and the separation between settlements to ensure their clear identity”. Setting was defined as “views of the city; and the placement and character of villages surrounding the city and the interface between the city and the countryside”.

**3.7** In order to assess the scope for urban expansion to the east of the city, South Cambridgeshire District Council commissioned the Cambridge Green Belt Study: A Vision for the Future of Cambridge and its Green Belt Setting (LDA, 2002). This study listed the following “qualities that contribute positively to the setting and special character of Cambridge, and which are essential to the Green Belt purposes:

- A large historic core relative to the size of the city as a whole;
- A city focussed on the historic core;
- Short and/or characteristic approaches to Cambridge from the edge of the city;
- A city of human scale easily crossed by foot and by bicycle;
- Key views of Cambridge from the landscape;
- Significant areas of distinctive and supportive townscape and landscape;
- Topography providing a framework to Cambridge;
- A soft green edge to the city;

- Green fingers into the city;
- Designated sites and areas enriching the setting of Cambridge;
- Long distance footpaths and bridleways providing links between Cambridge and the open countryside;
- Elements and features contributing positively to the character of the landscape setting;
- The distribution, physical separation, setting, scale and character of necklace villages;
- A city set in a landscape which retains a strong rural character.”

**3.8** The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003 set out the three current Cambridge Green Belt purposes for the first time, reflecting the findings of the Buchanan and LDA studies, and reaffirmed that Cambridge’s historic nature is the reason for the existence of its Green Belt. With regard to the relationship to the National Green Belt purposes, paragraph 8.10 of the Examination in Public Panel Report (2003) [see reference 4] stated “it is not the role of the Structure Plan simply to reiterate national policy – it should interpret national policy as it relates to the strategic or local context. In the case of Cambridge, it only has a Green Belt because it is a historic city. It follows that all five purposes of Green Belts ... are not necessarily relevant to this Green Belt”.

**3.9** Paragraph 8.11 of the Panel Report went on to state that there are two purposes that are critical to the Cambridge Green Belt: the primary purpose being to preserve the special character of Cambridge and to maintain the quality of its setting; and the secondary purpose being to prevent further coalescence of settlements. In regard to the special character of Cambridge, paragraph 8.9 of the Panel Report stated that the vision for Cambridge is of a “compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre” and that “apart from its unique historic character, of particular importance to the quality of the city are the green spaces within it, the green corridors which run from open countryside into the urban area, and the green separation which exists to protect the integrity of the necklace of villages. All of these features, together with views of the historic core, are key qualities which are important to be safeguarded in any review of Green Belt boundaries”. It also suggested that this vision could be the starting point for future Green Belt Reviews.

**3.10** Following the adoption of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003, the Cambridge Local Plan 2006 was subject to public examination. The inspector’s report on the 2006 Local Plan recommended that the purposes set out in the 2003 Structure Plan should be reiterated within the 2006 Local Plan for completeness and to ensure the special purposes of the Cambridge Green Belt are

clearly understood. The Cambridge Local Plan 2006 was subsequently adopted with the Green Belt purposes set out. The Cambridge purposes were also set out in the South Cambridgeshire Core Strategy 2007, which formed part of the South Cambridgeshire Local Development Framework.

**3.11** The wording of the Cambridge purposes was subsequently carried forward to the current Cambridge Local Plan 2018 (CLP 2018) and the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2018 (SCLP 2018), and these are expressly intended to provide a basis from which to assess impact on change. The Inspectors' Local Plan Examination report [See reference 5] in 2018 accepted the continued validity of the three Cambridge Green Belt purposes as an application of national policy in a local context, reflecting "the importance of Cambridge as a historic city and the particular role of the Green Belt in preserving its setting".

**3.12** The SCLP 2018 also distilled LDA's list of qualities (as listed in paragraph 3.7 above, although this list was slightly altered in LDA's 2015 Cambridge Inner Green Belt Study to include reference to "the scale, character, identity and rural setting of the necklace villages") to focus it more specifically on Green Belt rather than the size of the city. It summarised the factors which define Cambridge's special character as:

- "Key views of Cambridge from the surrounding countryside;
- A soft green edge to the city;
- A distinctive urban edge;
- Green corridors penetrating into the city;
- Designated sites and other features contributing positively to the character of the landscape setting;
- The distribution, physical separation, setting, scale and character of Green Belt villages; and
- A landscape that retains a strong rural character."

## Purposes assessed in the GCGBA

**3.13** The long history of the Cambridge Green Belt purposes, their continued validity supported by Inspectors, and LUC's analysis of the relevant evidence meant that they were used as the basis for the Green Belt assessment in the GCGBA. The GCGBA, and also its forerunner the Cambridge Inner Green Belt Boundary Study (LDA Design, November 2015), noted the similarities between the different national Green Belt purposes and the Cambridge purposes but recognised that the principal

relationship was with NPPF Purpose D: to preserve the setting and special character of a historic town.

**3.14** There are clearly similarities between NPPF Purpose A and Cambridge Purpose 1 in that the former is intended to prevent urban sprawl whilst the latter is intended to preserve the city's compactness, so land around Cambridge could be considered to contribute to Purpose A. NPPF Purpose B can be likened to Cambridge Purpose 3 in that it considers gaps between settlements, but is not directly applicable as the gaps in the Cambridge Green Belt are associated with villages rather than the separation of towns. Almost all open land can be considered part of the countryside, and so will contribute to NPPF Purpose C. However, the city only has a Green Belt because of its historic character, so assessing the Cambridge purposes as a locally-specific application of NPPF Purpose D provides a more helpful structure for the analysis of variations in the role of Green Belt land than an assessment against the other NPPF purposes.

## Validity of the GCGBA following NPPF and PPG updates

### Alignment with NPPF purposes

**3.15** The December 2024 NPPF updates did not result in any change to the National Green Belt purposes, so there is no reason to question the use of the Cambridge Green Belt purposes as a local application of NPPF Purpose D.

**3.16** However, if it becomes necessary to consider the release of Green Belt land to meet development need then the NPPF indicates an expectation that grey belt land will be identified in order to inform the prioritisation set out in NPPF paragraphs 147 and 148. The identification of grey belt could also be relevant in the context of NPPF paragraph 155, should any applications for development come forward in the Green Belt. In order to apply the 2025 PPG relating to the identification of grey belt it is necessary to understand the relationship between the Cambridge and NPPF Green Belt purposes.

**3.17** Cambridge only has a Green Belt because of its historic character and all three Cambridge purposes form elements of NPPF Purpose D, targeting different aspects of the city's special character identified through the various studies summarised in paragraphs 3.2-3.12 above:

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - *To preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre* - reflects the importance of

limiting the size of the city to preserve a strong relationship between the historic core and the surrounding rural area.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - *To maintain and enhance the quality of its setting* – considers the components of the land around the town that contribute to its historic setting, including views, green corridors penetrating into the City, designated sites and rural landscape character.
- Cambridge Purpose 3 - *To prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city* – addresses the need to limit development in order to preserve the transition between a rural hinterland of distinct villages and the historic city which forms part of Cambridge’s special character.

**3.18** The following paragraphs consider the application of different elements of the PPG.

## Parcelling

**3.19** The GCGBA is consistent with the new guidance in terms of its approach to parcelling. The PPG suggests that localised variations in contribution may suggest a need for smaller parcels in some areas than in others, and the GCGBA parcelling reflects this, with smaller parcels (down to a single hectare minimum size) around urban edges. This reflects an approach in which parcels were defined to capture identified variations in contribution, rather than being defined only on the basis of selected physical boundary features.

## Footnote 7 areas and assets

**3.20** The NPPF states that grey belt should not be defined on land where policies relating to NPPF footnote 7 areas and assets (other than Green Belt) ‘would provide a strong reason for refusing and restricting development’. It indicates that in such locations it may be necessary to only ‘provisionally identify such land as grey belt, in advance of more detailed specific proposals’ (PPG Paragraph: 006 Reference ID: 64-006-20250225).

**3.21** The requirement to consider footnote 7 areas and assets as part of the process of defining grey belt has resulted in varying interpretations by planning authorities and planning inspectors. Although at the time of writing it remains relevant, it is noted that the December 2025 NPPF consultation proposals seek to clarify the situation by removing reference to footnote 7 from the grey belt definition. This change, if it goes ahead, does not negate the need to consider the impact of specific development

proposals on footnote 7 areas and assets alongside wider sustainability considerations. The guidance note describing the proposed reforms states that the revised definition “seeks to enable grey belt to be identified with greater certainty, whilst continuing to ensure that these areas receive the same level of protection as elsewhere in the Framework.”

**3.22** The GCGBA identified a list of designations to be treated as ‘absolute constraints’ to development, land subject to which was excluded from the assessment process. Most of these designations are in the list of areas/assets set out in NPPF footnote 7. South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Councils remain of the view that policies relating to these areas or assets are likely to provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development and that, consequently, there is no need to assess whether they should provisionally be identified as grey belt (if contribution to Green Belt purposes would otherwise meet the NPPF’s definition). The designations relevant to the study area that were treated as absolute constraints in the GCGBA include:

- Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
- Ancient woodland;
- Scheduled Monuments;
- Registered Parks and Gardens;
- Common land.

**3.23** Land in the Environment Agency’s Flood Zone 3, although listed in footnote 7, was excluded from the list of absolute constraints on the grounds that development could, in certain circumstances, be feasible. The need, set out in NPPF paragraph 155, for development to be sustainable means that any such areas identified as grey belt will still be considered unsuitable for development if specific proposals do not meet this requirement.

**3.24** Listed buildings (designated heritage assets) and ancient and veteran trees (irreplaceable habitats) fall within the footnote 7 list but were not treated as absolute constraints because they typically cover very small areas and do not have defined settings within which development could have a significant impact. As with flood zones, any impact on these designations would need to be considered in the context of specific development proposals.

**3.25** Common land is not referenced in footnote 7 but has protections which are considered by the Council to make it unnecessary to assess its contribution to the Green Belt purposes. Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 prohibits works which prevent or impede access over common land (including the construction of buildings

and other structures) or resurface the land, unless consented by the Secretary of State. The Act indicates an expectation that any consent would have regard to the interests of those with rights in relation to the land, neighbourhood interests and the public interest (the latter including nature conservation, conservation of the landscape, protection of public rights of access and protection of archaeological remains and features of historic interest).

## PPG illustrative features for assessing Purpose D

**3.26** The grey belt PPG includes illustrative features for determining whether land makes a strong, moderate or weak contribution to NPPF Green Belt purposes A, B and D, so that land which does not make a strong contribution to any of those three purposes can be identified as grey belt.

**3.27** The Cambridge Green Belt purposes are considered to form elements of NPPF Purpose D. The illustrative features suggest that Green Belt land contributing **strongly** to Purpose D is likely to:

- be free of existing development;
- form part of the setting of a historic town; and
- make a considerable contribution to the special character of a historic town. This could be (but is not limited to) as a result of being within, adjacent to, or of significant visual importance to the historic aspects of a town.

**3.28** Green Belt land contributing **moderately** to Purpose D is likely to form part of the setting and/or contribute to the special character of a historic town, and include one or more features that weaken their contribution, such as (but not limited to):

- being separated to some extent from historic aspects of the town by existing development or topography;
- containing existing development; or
- not having an important visual, physical, or experiential relationship to historic aspects of a town.

**3.29** Green Belt land contributing **weakly** to Purpose D is likely to not form part of the setting of a historic town, with no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic aspects of a town.

**3.30** It is evident that the factors important to the setting and special character of historic towns will vary from place to place depending on each town's specific circumstances, so an assessment of what constitutes a "considerable contribution" to

special character will need to be particular to the town in question. This is recognised in the guidance's illustrative example in the wording "could be (but is not limited to)...". The Cambridge Green Belt purposes provide a helpful way of summarising special character and setting so that variations in contribution to its preservation can be assessed.

## Application of the GCGBA harm assessment

**3.31** For each of the defined parcels, the GCGBA considered contribution to each of the Cambridge Green Belt purposes and concluded in terms of the harm to the Green Belt purposes that would result from development of the land. Harm was rated, on a five-point scale, as a function of contribution to each of the purposes combined with consideration of the impact that development would have on remaining Green Belt land. 'Development' in this context was the notional loss of Green Belt openness, rather than any consideration of specific development proposals.

**3.32** The February 2025 PPG makes no reference to the assessment of 'harm' to the Green Belt purposes, but its illustrative examples of different levels of contribution to NPPF Purposes A and B (PPG Paragraph: 005 Reference ID: 64-005-20250225) are in substance directed at impact on the contribution of land to each of the relevant Green Belt purposes. As noted above, it is only Purpose D that is directly relevant to Cambridge, (in paragraph 3.14 above). Therefore, the GCGBA's concept of assessing the "harm" to the Green Belt purposes that would result from development within an identified parcel is a reasonable application of the NPPF/PPG concept of contribution of parcel to the purposes.

**3.33** The GCGBA considered contribution to the three Cambridge Green Belt purposes and impact of development/release on remaining Green Belt in combination in order to arrive at an overall harm rating. There is nothing in the NPPF to suggest that contribution to a combination of national purposes should equate to a higher overall contribution, but as the three Cambridge purposes are reflecting different aspects of a single NPPF purpose (Purpose D) this approach is logical and valid. Land which, for example, is preventing the expansion of the city, has features which contribute to the character of its setting, and is maintaining separation from a nearby village, has potential to make a stronger contribution than land which is fulfilling less of those purposes.

**3.34** The scope of analysis carried out in the GCGBA – structured around the three Cambridge purposes which reflect aspects of Cambridge's special character – is consistent with the February 2025 PPG's guidance on assessing NPPF Purpose D:

- The GCGBA analysis takes into consideration the influence of existing development when assessing contribution;
- The GCGBA considers all of the Cambridge Green Belt to form part of the city's setting, given that a contribution to that setting is the only reason for the Green Belt's existence;
- The GCGBA analysis of contribution to the three Cambridge purposes and the assessment of the impact that development would have on those purposes have been considered in combination to arrive at an overall harm rating that reflects the extent of contribution to NPPF Purpose D.

## Use of GCGBA to identify grey belt

**3.35** The GCGBA, with modifications identified in the Greater Cambridge Green Belt Assessment 2021 - Errata Note and additional ones noted in Chapter 5 below, is considered to form a valid basis for identifying grey belt land in South Cambridgeshire and the City of Cambridge, subject only to the review of those parcels influenced by developments consented since the assessment was carried out.

**3.36** The PPG (at Paragraph 008b Reference ID: 64-008-20250225) indicates that 'any assessment area that is not judged to strongly contribute to any one of purposes a, b, or d can be identified as grey belt land, subject to the exclusion of land where the application of the policies relating to the areas or assets in footnote 7 to the NPPF (other than Green Belt) would provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development.'

**3.37** The identification of grey belt can be achieved through a translation of harm ratings on the GCGBA five-point scale to ratings for contribution to NPPF Purpose D on the three-point rating scale suggested in the PPG, subject to the caveat of potential constraint relating to footnote 7 areas or assets. The translation process that has been carried out is explained at paragraphs 5.3-5.8 below.

## Chapter 4

### Revisions to GCGBA Findings

**4.1** The GCGBA assessed parcels on the assumption that approved developments would be implemented, with a consequent loss of Green Belt openness. Since the 2021 study was prepared, some significant developments have been approved within the Greater Cambridge study area. This chapter identifies these significant developments and reviews the findings in relation to the land parcels affected, again making the assumption that approved developments will go ahead (if they do not then the original GCGBA findings will still apply).

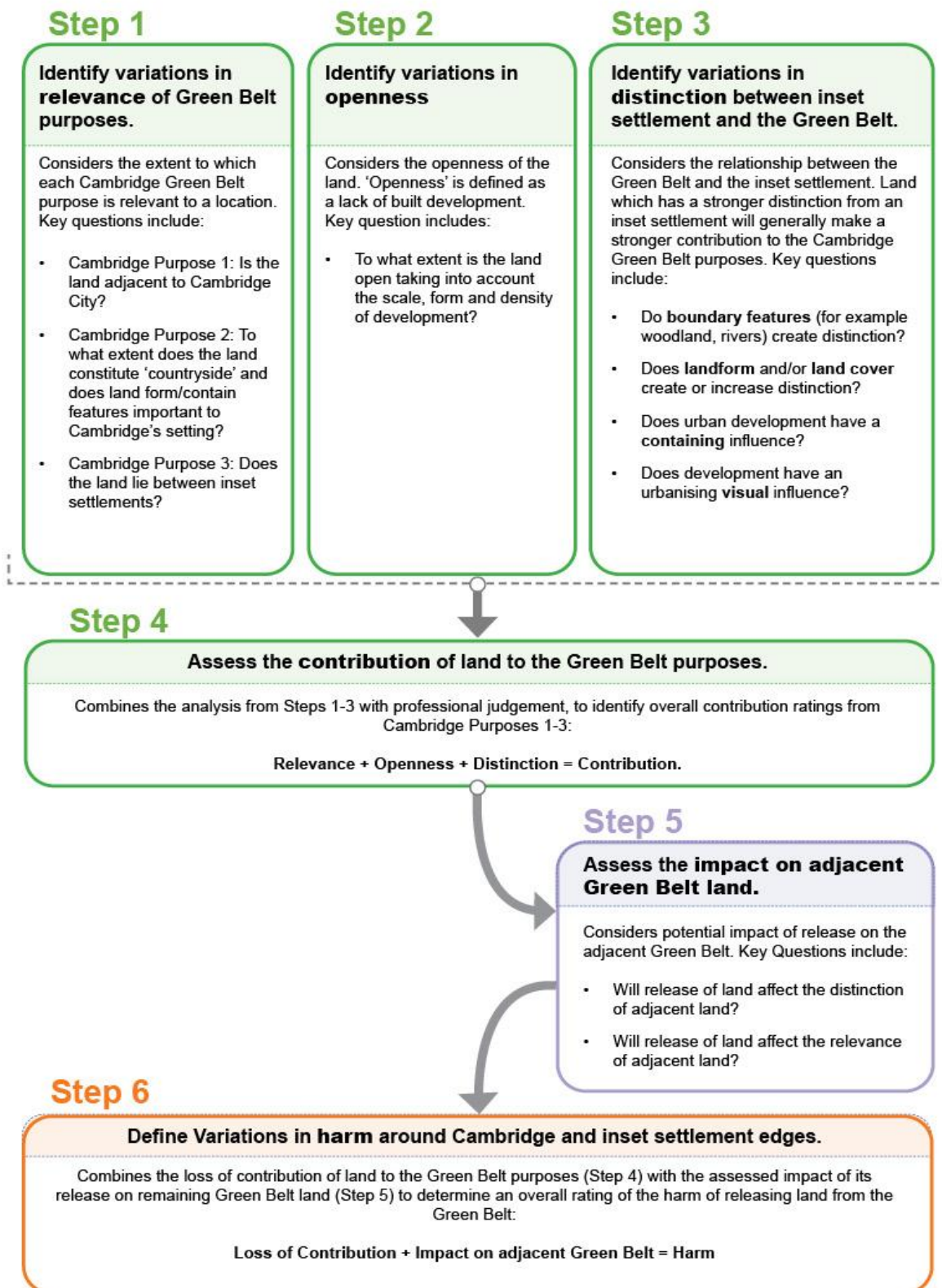
#### Assessment methodology

**4.2** The review of the GCGBA findings in relation to subsequent development approvals has used the same assessment methodology as the original study. The assessment steps are summarised in Figure 4.1 below, but reference should be made to Chapter 3 of the GCGBA for full details. Where the analysis has identified a need to change parcel ratings, or subdivide a parcel to reflect variations in rating, maps and supporting text highlighting the changes are provided.

**4.3** The GCGBA was a strategic assessment which did not consider the Green Belt harm of specific development proposals. Its assumption that any new development would be as an expansion of existing inset (non-Green Belt) development has also been applied to this review. This means that, in practice, developments which are isolated from inset urban areas may have potential to be released with less impact on Green Belt contribution than is suggested by the ratings assigned in the GCGBA and, similarly, in this review.

**4.4** Consideration has been given to the general extent of built development, as set out in specific development proposals as, in many cases, built development is only proposed for limited parts of a site. Beyond this, no specific details of development proposals have been taken into account; the GCGBA assumed development would mean loss of openness and that existing boundary features would be retained, it did not consider any potential for landscaping or other measures to reduce impact (over time) on the Green Belt purposes.

Figure 4.1: GCGBA Harm Assessment Steps Overview



## Committed developments since 2021

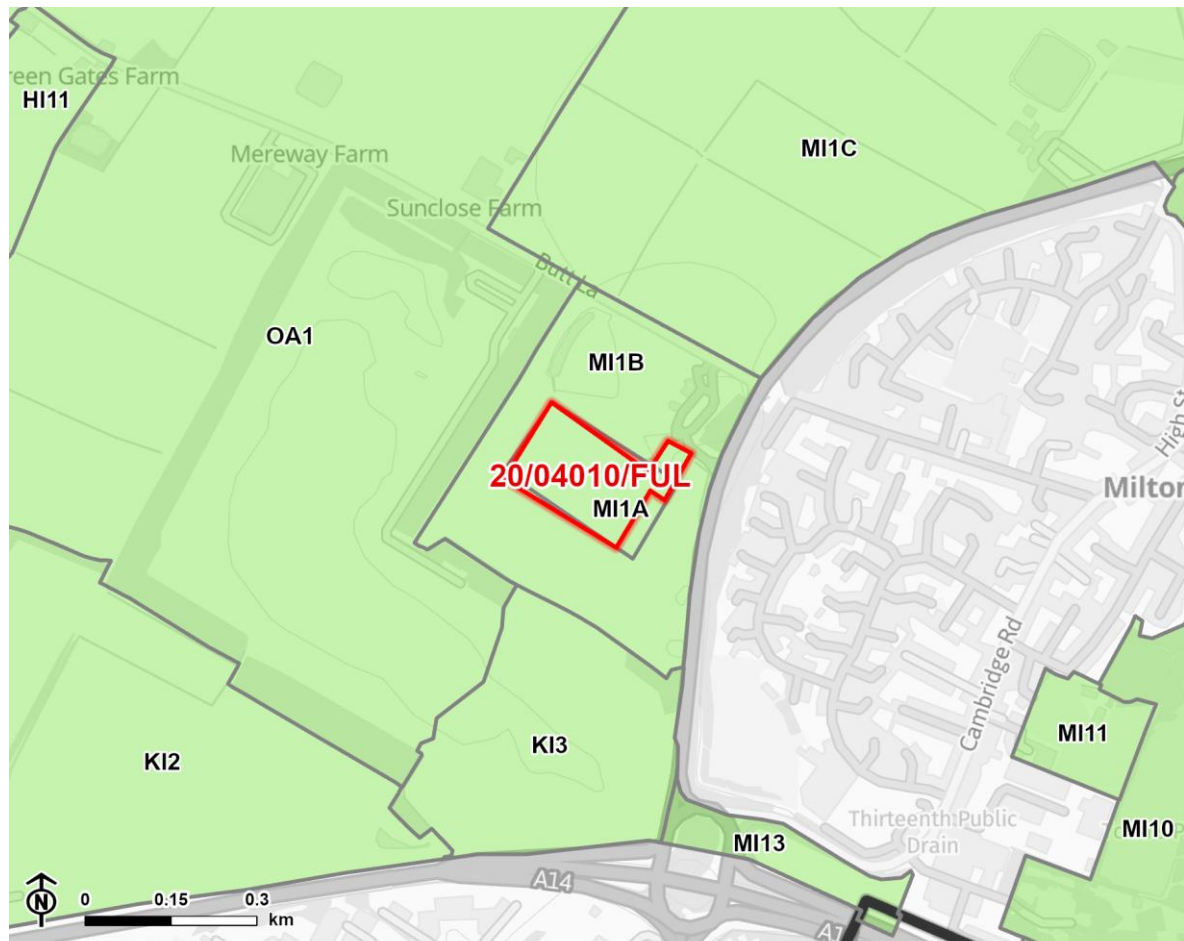
**4.5** Significant developments since the original study are listed in Table 4.1 below. Their locations in the context of GCGBA parcels – some of which have been split into sub-parcels to reflect ratings changes described in this chapter – are shown on Figures 4.2 to 4.10 below.

**Table 4.1: Significant development approvals since GCGBA**

Development	Location	Planning reference	Status	Area (ha)
Cambridgeshire South Police Station	West of the A10, Milton	20/04010/FUL	Full approval	3.8
Cottenham Social Housing Rural Exception Site	West of Histon Road, near Cossington Close	20/04906/OUT	Outline approval	0.9
Lords Bridge Solar Farm	West of Barton Road, between Barton and Haslingfield	22/00051/FUL	Full approval	36.8
Cambridge South West Travel Hub	West of the M11 between Trumpington and Hauxton	CCC/20/040/FUL	Full approval	45.0
Cambridge Discovery Campus	West of Cambridge Road, Hauxton	23/03080/OUT	Outline approval	20.4
More's Meadow Almshouses	Great Shelford, east of the A1301 Cambridge Road, accessed from The Hectare	S/4279/19/FL	Completed	3.6
Strawberry Fields Retirement Village	West of Haverhill Road, Stapleford	20/02929/OUT & 22/04303/REM	Under construction	24.0
Sawston Village College redevelopment	Off New Road on the north-western side of Sawston	24/04406/FUL	Full approval	10.2
Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant relocation	Between Fen Ditton and Horningsea	21/04640/SCOP & CCC/25/056/DOR	Development Consent Order given	94.0*

\*The total site area is larger than 94ha but includes at or below ground elements that would not affect Green Belt openness. The 94ha area encompasses the Waste Water Treatment Plant, surrounding earth bund, site access road and associated landscape and ecological mitigation.

Figure 4.2: Cambridgeshire South Police Station - GCGBA context



-  Development site
-  GCCBA parcel
-  Local Authority
-  Neighbouring authority
-  Green Belt

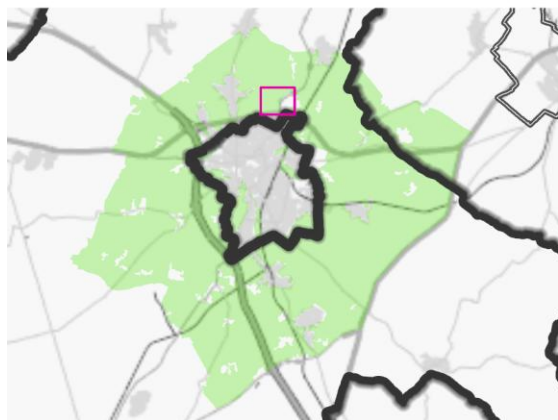
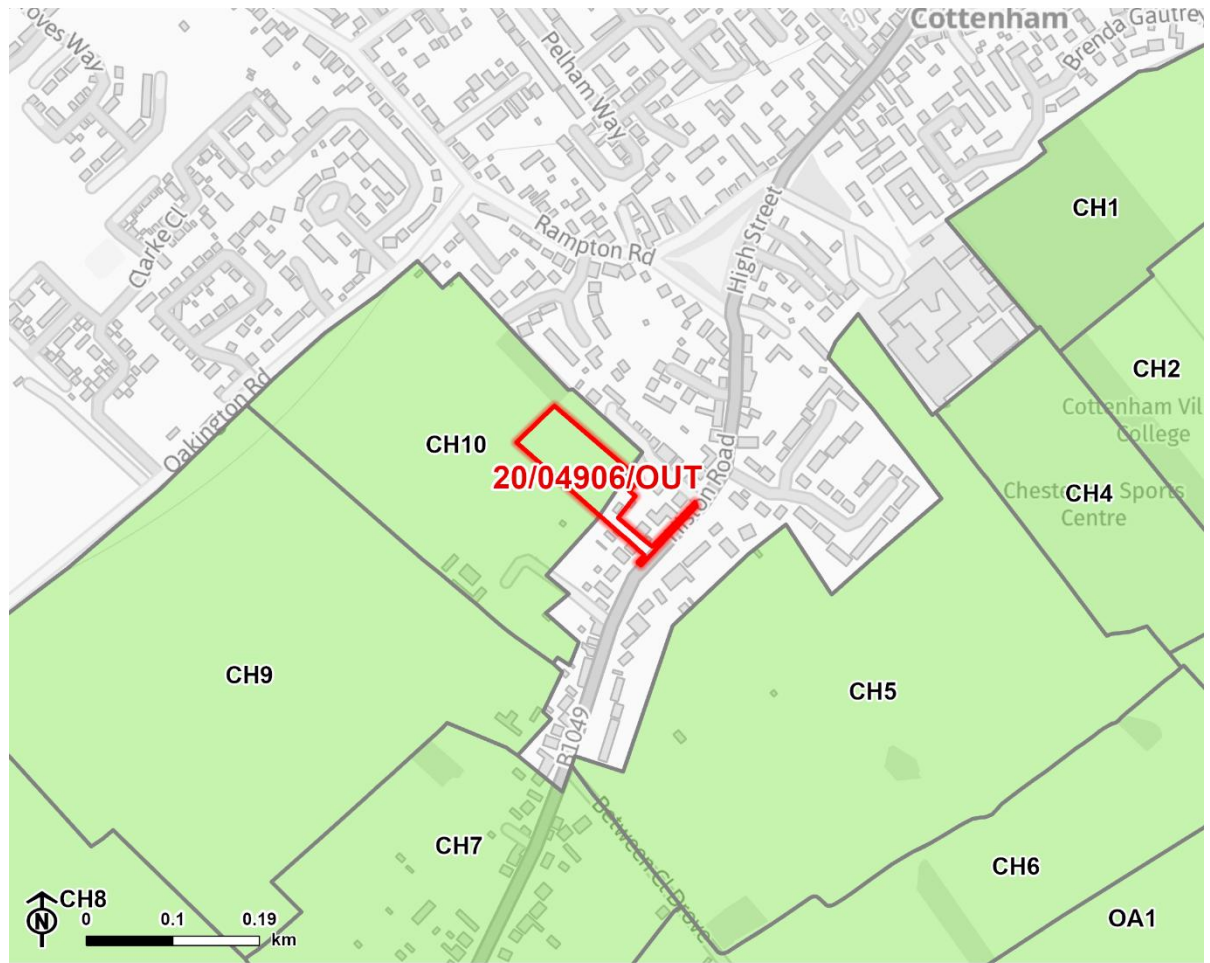


Figure 4.3: Cottenham Social Housing - GCGBA context



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-  Neighbouring authority
-  Green Belt

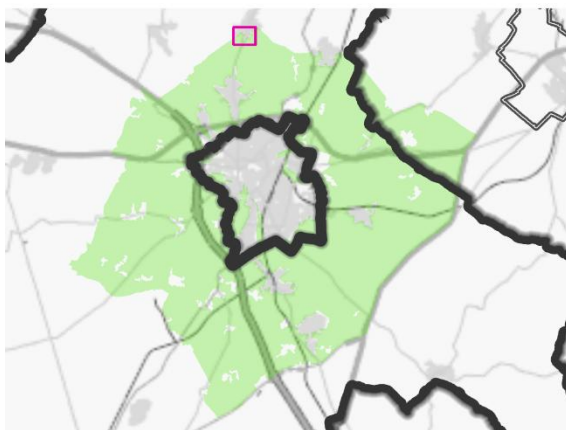


Figure 4.4: Lords Bridge Solar Farm - GCGBA context

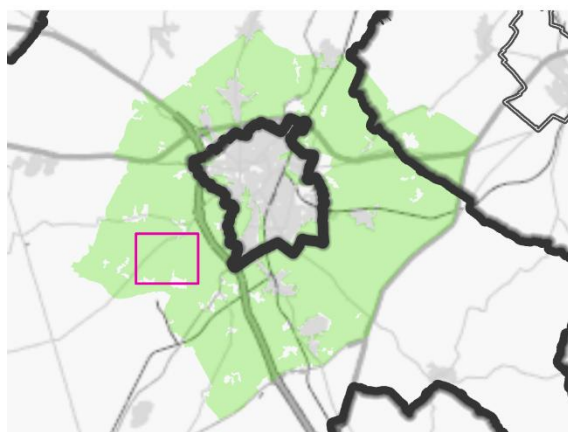
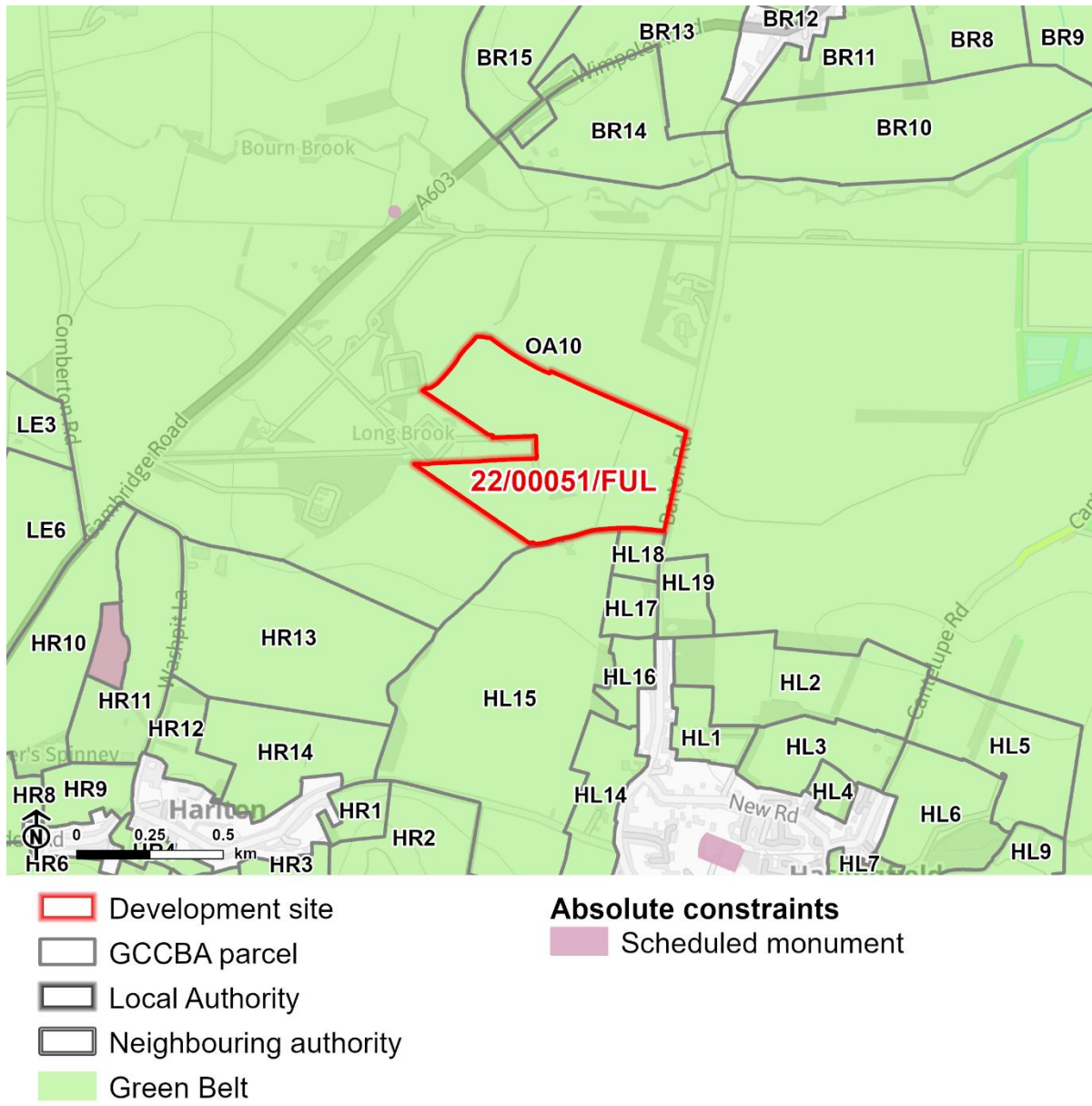


Figure 4.5: Cambridge South West Travel Hub - GCGBA context

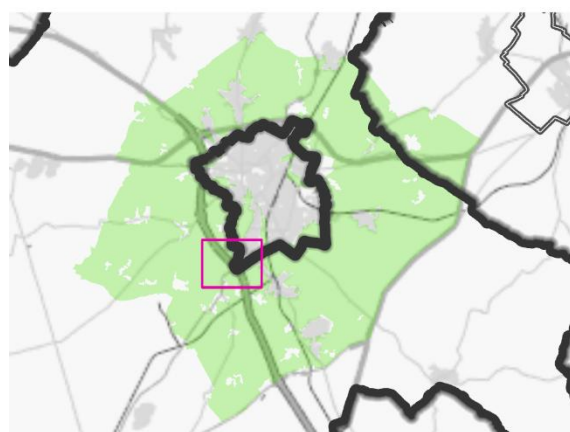
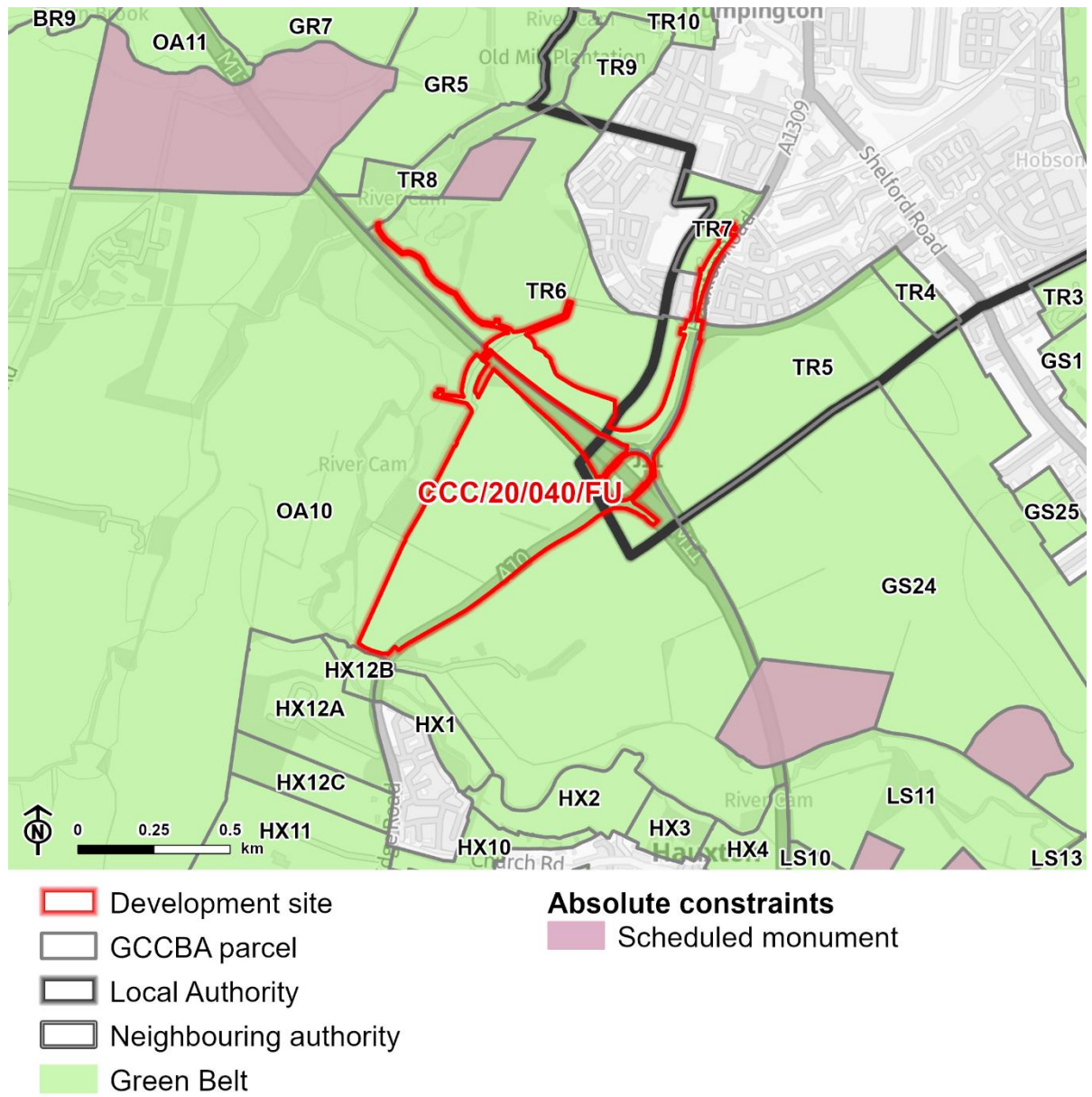


Figure 4.6: Cambridge Discovery Campus - GCGBA context

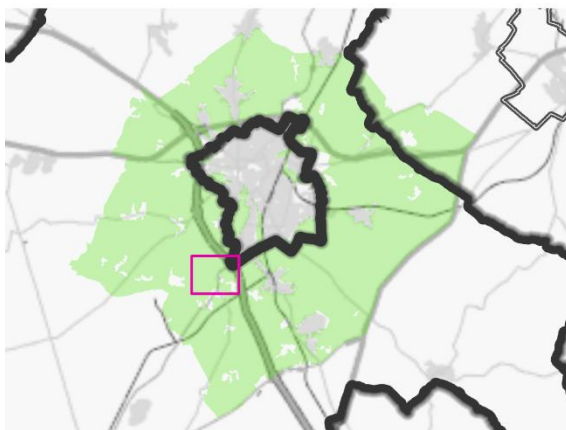
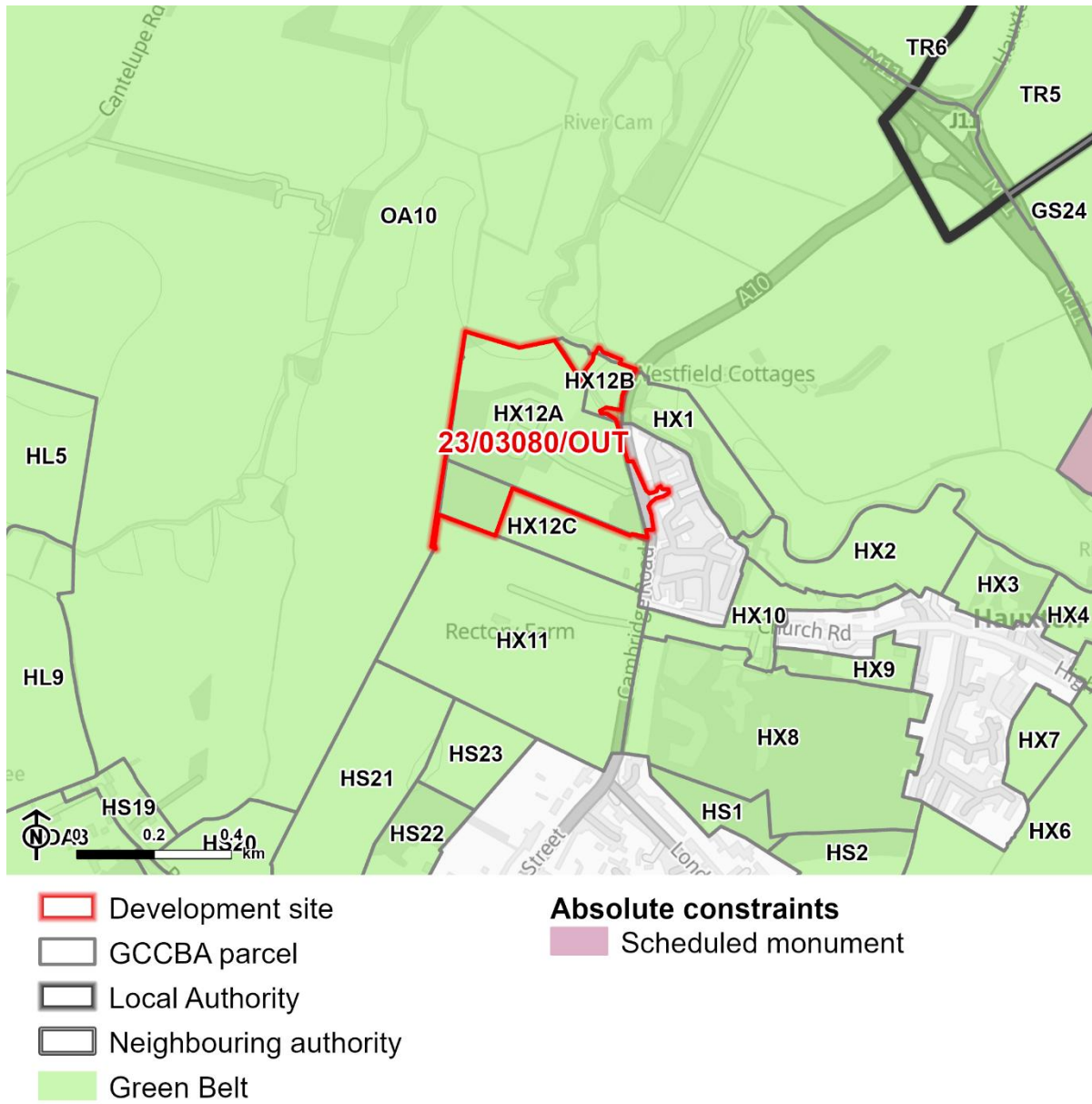
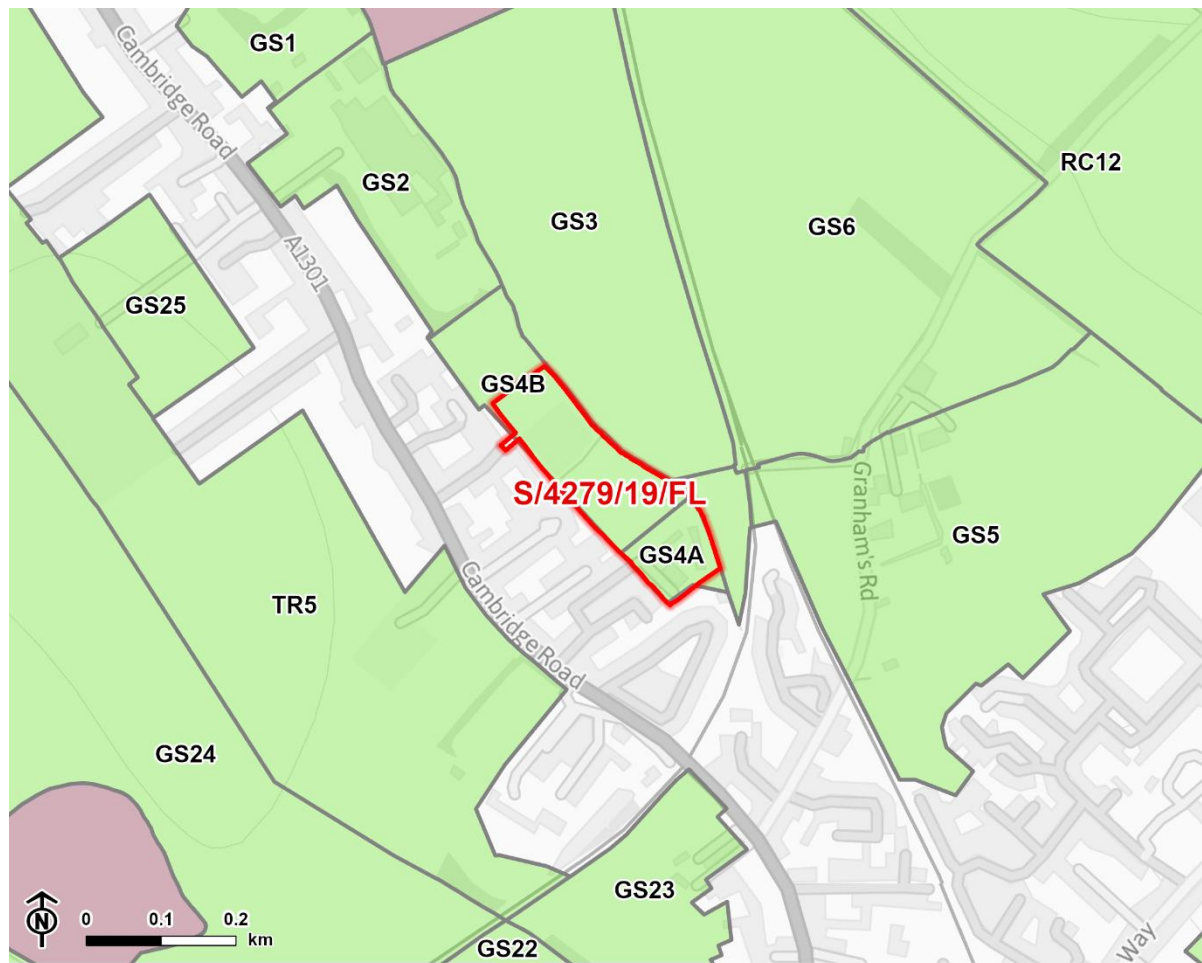


Figure 4.7: More's Meadow Almshouses - GCGBA context



- Development site
- GCCBA parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority
- Green Belt

- Absolute constraints**
- Scheduled monument

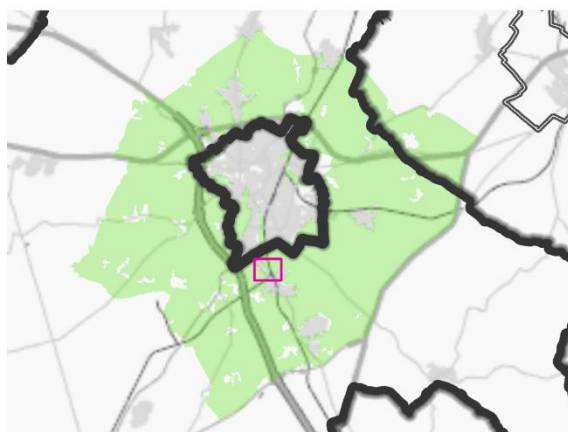
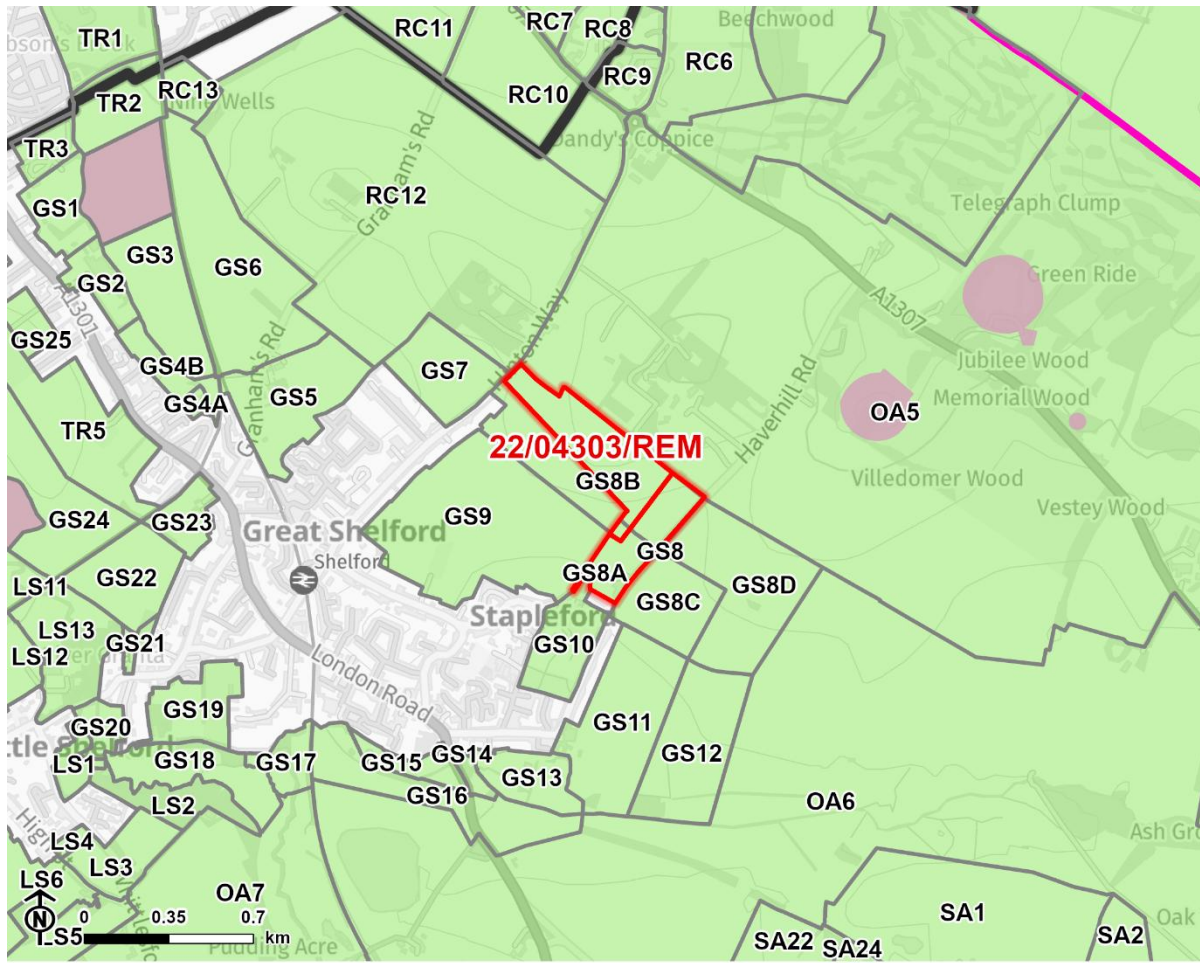


Figure 4.8: Strawberry Fields Retirement Village - GCGBA context



- Development site
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  - Local Authority
  - Neighbouring authority
  - Green Belt
- Absolute constraints**
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
  - Scheduled monument

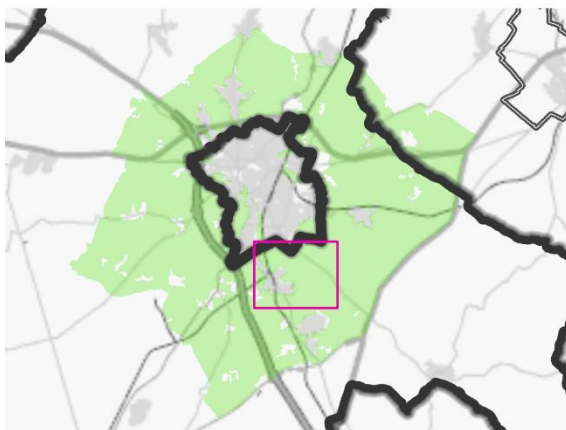
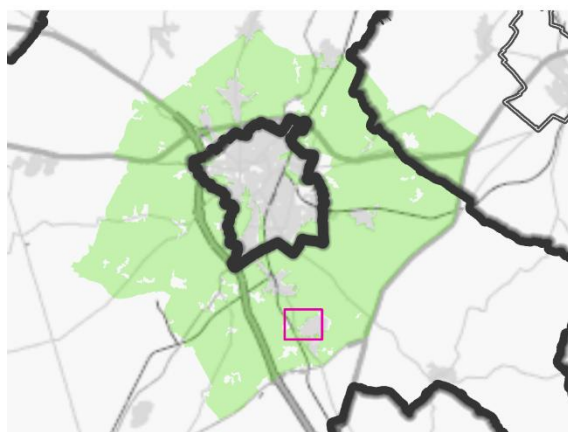
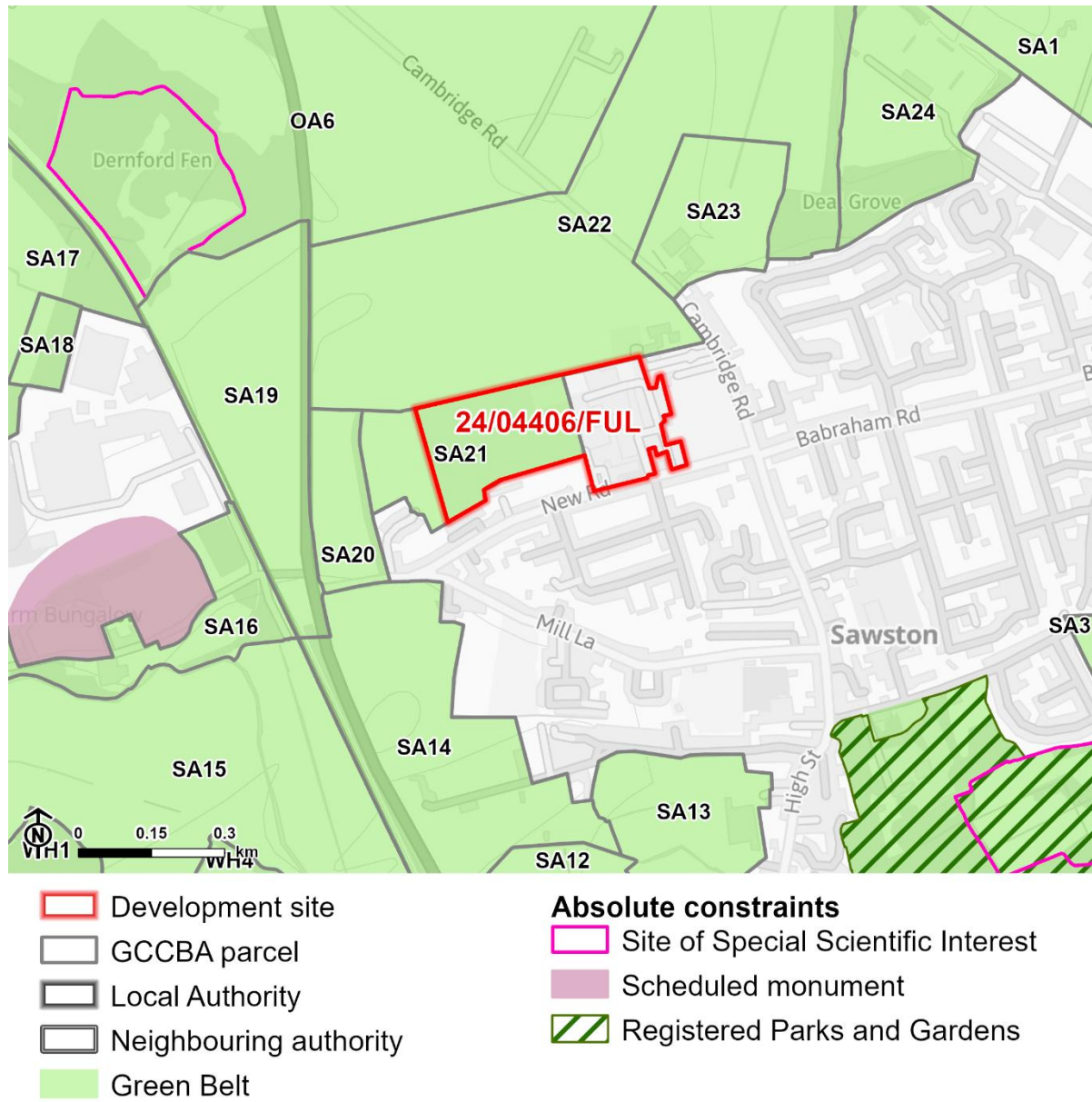
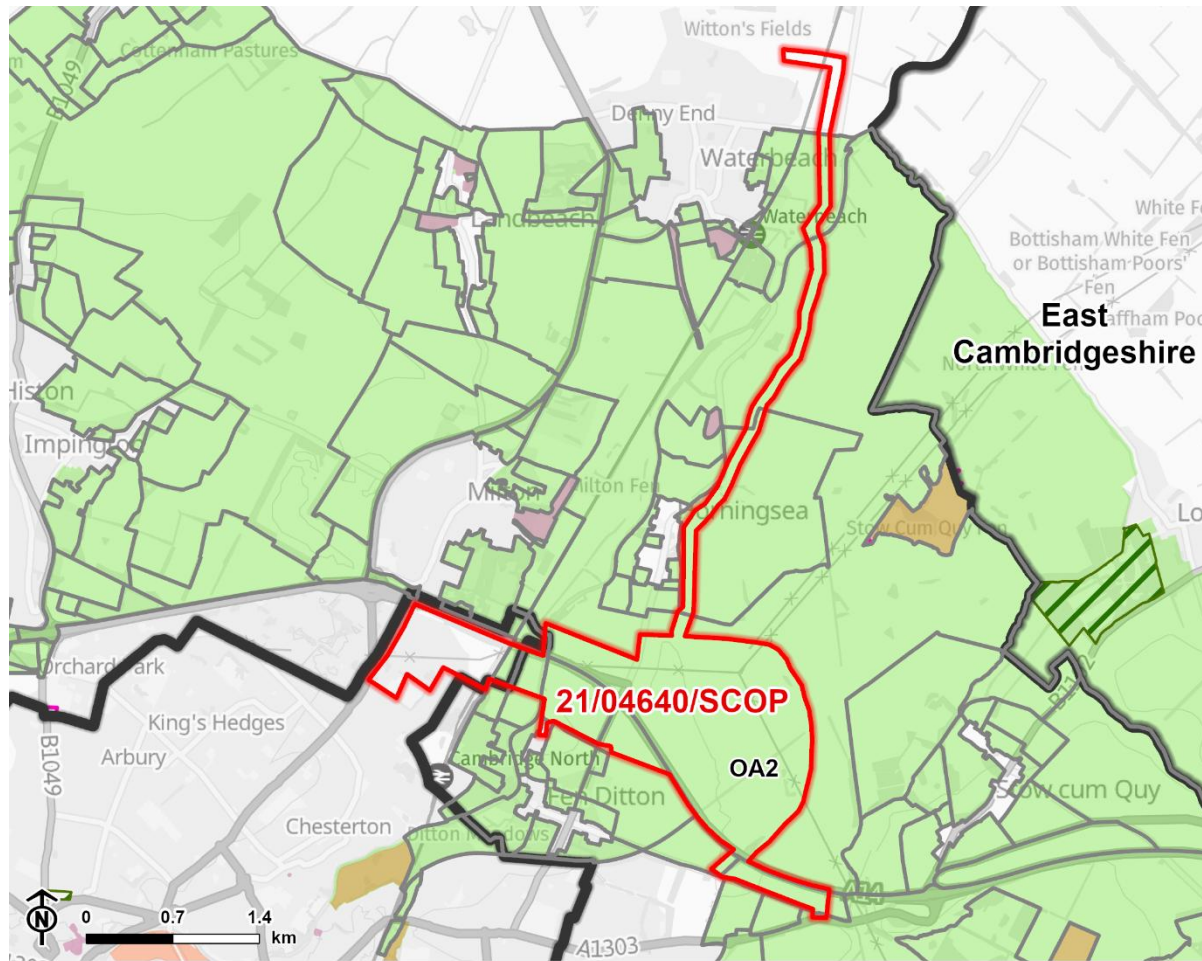











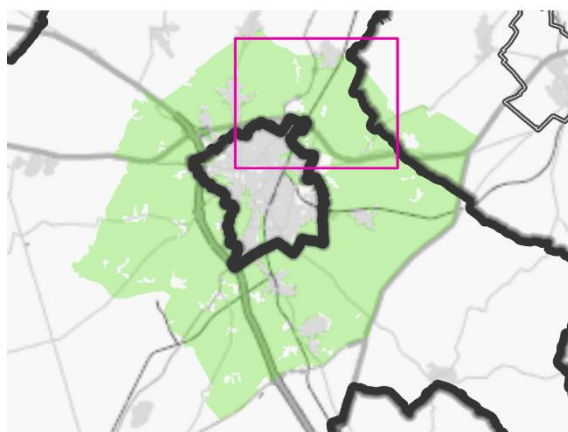
Figure 4.9: Sawston Village College redevelopment - GCGBA context



**Figure 4.10: Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant - GCGBA context**



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|  | Development site       | <b>Absolute constraints</b>   |                                     |
|  | GCCBA parcel           |  | Site of Special Scientific Interest |
|  | Local Authority        |  | Scheduled monument                  |
|  | Neighbouring authority |  | Registered Parks and Gardens        |
|  | Green Belt             |  | Common land                         |



## Cambridgeshire South Police Station

**4.6** The new police station forms a part of parcel MI1. MI1 was rated 'very high' for harm from release, with the principal consideration being that development here would breach the strong and consistent boundary to the urban area formed by the A10 and associated tree cover. The breach of a strong and consistent boundary would mean that development would be viewed as significant sprawl associated with and reducing the compactness of Cambridge (with which Milton is contiguous).

**4.7** The new police station has a relatively well contained location, adjacent to the existing Milton Park and Ride. The park and ride in isolation was not in the GCGBA considered to be a substantial breach of the A10 boundary; however, the approval of the Police Station development adds weight to reconsidering the extent to which further development in this contained part of parcel MI1 would harm the Green Belt purposes. As a result, the site area's harm rating has been reduced to 'moderate high', with only land north of Butt Lane (beyond the site boundary) now rated 'very high'. 'High' or 'very high' harm ratings equate to a 'strong' contribution to NPPF Purpose D, on which basis the site is now provisionally considered to lie within grey belt.

## Cottenham Social Housing Rural Exception Site

**4.8** The housing site (Figure 4.2) forms part of parcel CH10 and is directly adjacent to the edge of Cottenham, which lies on the outer edge of the Green Belt.

**4.9** The GCGBA assessed harm of release of land in CH10 as 'low', so releasing part of the parcel for this development does not affect the rating of either the part now to be developed or the remainder of the parcel.

## Lords Bridge Solar Farm

**4.10** The solar farm site (Figure 4.3) is isolated from urban areas, in outer parcel OA10. A solar farm, although generally regarded as inappropriate development in the Green Belt, is not an urban feature so is not considered an urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Therefore, there is no change to the existing 'very high' harm rating for land in this area.

## Cambridge South West Travel Hub

**4.11** The Travel Hub (Figure 4.4) is an isolated development in OA10, not an expansion of an existing urban area (the development site includes land in TR6 but this is limited to road works on the A10 and earth screening bunds alongside the M11).

**4.12** The Travel Hub's hard surfacing, activity, lighting and structures will have some urbanising influence but less so than residential or employment development. The M11 and adjacent public transport route and bunding to the north will retain separation from undeveloped land in parcel TR6, between the Travel Hub and Trumpington (Cambridge). Grassland forms the southern half of the site, combining with the Cam/Granta river corridor to retain separation from Hauxton parcels HX12 and HX1.

**4.13** The GCGBA assessed harm of release of land in OA10 as 'very high'. The area to be occupied by Travel Hub will make a reduced contribution to the Cambridge Purposes, but the assumption that any development would be as expansion of existing inset urban area means that the harm of any release, extending either Cambridge or Hauxton into this area, would still be 'very high'.

**4.14** Land in OA10 between the Travel Hub and the River Cam/Granta has strong boundary separation from Hauxton. There will be some urbanising impact from the Travel Hub but contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3 – preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city – will be increased because the Travel Hub will reduce open space separation between Hauxton and Cambridge. The harm of expanding Hauxton beyond its river boundary, and weakening the gap between Hauxton and Cambridge, will still be 'very high'.

**4.15** Similarly, retention of the openness of parcel TR6, between the Travel Hub and Cambridge, will be important in maintaining the gap between Cambridge and Hauxton so there is no reduction in the GCGBA's 'high' harm rating.

## Cambridge Discovery Campus

**4.16** The Discovery Campus will comprise a group of buildings, up to 16m in height, at the centre of parcel HX12, with associated car parking and surrounding landscaping (Figure 4.5). The built area will retain some separation from the urban edge at Hauxton but will still have a significant urbanising influence on surrounding land within HX12.

**4.17** The ‘high’ harm rating associated with release of land in HX12 was in part associated with the breach of the A10 as a boundary which contains the current settlement area, so the urbanising influence of the new development will negate this impact for any further development in the same area. Land in and around the development will now, consequently, only have a ‘low’ harm rating.

**4.18** However, development of land in the southern strip of HX12, most of which lies outside of the campus site boundary, would still cause ‘moderate high’ harm because of fragility of the gap between Hauxton and Harston. Development here would not narrow the gap to Harston but would increase urbanising influence on land in the gap.

**4.19** HX12 also includes a small area, dominated by tree cover, to the west of the River Cam/Granta. This area is important in containing the northern edge of Hauxton and preserving the gap between Hauxton and Cambridge, and so will still have a ‘high’ harm rating.

**4.20** Parcel HX11’s harm rating in the GCGBA was ‘very high’ primarily because of its role in retaining separation between Hauxton and Harston. This situation is unchanged, so the harm rating for HX11 is still ‘very high’.

## More’s Meadow Almhouses

**4.21** Built development is limited to the southern section of parcel GS4 (Figure 4.6), but gardens and allotments further north in the site have an association with the urban area. Harm of development in GS4 was ‘high’ principally due to concern around increasing the connection between Cambridge and Great Shelford, but the increased containment of open land in GS4 between the new almshouses and the garden centre to the north-west reduces the harm rating for remainder of GS4 to ‘moderate high’. The harm rating for the area occupied by the houses is now ‘low’.

## Strawberry Fields Retirement Village

**4.22** The site (Figure 4.7) encompasses a sizeable area with parcel GS8 but built development is limited to a little over 5ha in the southern part of the parcel, alongside Haverhill Road adjacent to the urban edge of Stapleford on Gog Magog Way. The remainder of the parcel is to form a country park, with no loss of Green Belt openness.

**4.23** The undeveloped parts of GS8 will still largely retain a degree of distinction from the urban area, associated with rising elevation (towards the Gog Magog Hills) but

there will be some increased containment of land to the north between urban development and well-treed higher ground, and some increased urbanising influence on open fields to the east.

**4.24** GS8 was given a 'very high' harm rating in the GCGBA. Harm of development in the area already being built on will reduce to 'low' and in the area to the north and west will reduce to 'high'. In the visually very open fields to the east, harm will reduce to 'high' adjacent to the new built development but will remain 'very high' further eastwards and on higher ground to the north-east.

**4.25** Parcel GS9, to the west of the development site, was given a moderate-high harm rating in the GCGBA. The partial containment of the parcel by urban development would be slightly increased, but not enough to reduce the harm rating as this is still a fairly substantial area of land, the development of which would have some increased urbanising influence on open land to the north.

## Sawston Village College redevelopment

**4.26** The college buildings are located within the settlement, rather than in the Green Belt but the application area encompasses the school playing fields, which occupy most of parcel SA21. The proposed redevelopment (Figure 4.8) does not extend built development into the Green Belt. Parcel SA21 was given a 'low' harm rating in the GCGBA so this will not change.

## Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant relocation

**4.27** The core treatment plant location (Figure 4.9) is in outer parcel OA2, which in the GCGBA was rated 'very high' for harm of development to the Cambridge Green Belt purposes.

**4.28** Although a Development Consent Order has been made, there is at time of writing no funding in place for the development and so no route for implementation. Therefore, no amendments have been made to the GCGBA assessments for this area.

## Review findings

**4.29** The amendments to parcel harm ratings made to reflect the impact of developments detailed above are summarised in Table 4.2. The assumption is that developments will reflect planning approvals, so assessment findings are subject to scheme implementation.

**4.30** These changes are reflected in the table of ratings and grey belt conclusions for the whole of the Greater Cambridgeshire Green Belt set out in Chapter 5 below.

**Table 4.2: Parcel harm rating changes**

GCGBA parcel	Parcel area (ha)	Development prompting reassessment	GCGBA rating	2026 Review parcel	2026 Review parcel area (ha)	2026 Review rating
MI1	102.44	Cambridgeshire South Police Station	Very High	MI1A	4.04	Moderate
				MI1B	17.71	Moderate High
				MI1C	80.69	Very High
CH10	9.18	Cottenham Social Housing Rural Exception Site	Low	CH10	9.18	Low
OA10	1545.45	Lords Bridge Solar Farm	Very High	OA10	1545.45	Very High
TR6	52.68	Cambridge South West Travel Hub	High	TR6	52.68	High
HX12	25.24	Cambridge Discovery Campus	High	HX12A	15.77	Low
				HX12B	2.09	High
				HX12C	7.38	Moderate High
GS4	5.99	More's Meadow Almhouses	High	GS4A	1.07	Low
				GS4B	4.92	Moderate High
GS8	72.42	Strawberry Fields Retirement Village	Very High	GS8A	5.33	Low
				GS8B	30.60	High

GCGBA parcel	Parcel area (ha)	Development prompting reassessment	GCGBA rating	2026 Review parcel	2026 Review parcel area (ha)	2026 Review rating
				GS8C	11.81	High
				GS8D	24.69	Very High
SA21	8.83	Sawston Village College redevelopment	Low	SA21	8.83	Low
OA2	1042.08	Cambridge Waste Water Treatment Plant relocation	Very High	OA2	1042.08	Very High



## Chapter 5

### Grey Belt in Greater Cambridge

**5.1** This chapter applies the guidance set out in the PPG, in the context of the Cambridge Green Belt, to identify parcels of grey belt land in South Cambridgeshire and the City of Cambridge. As outlined in the methodology section, the study was undertaken using a minimum parcel size of 1ha. This study does not therefore identify grey belt for areas smaller than this minimum parcel size.

#### Grey belt assessment methodology

**5.2** The PPG (at Paragraph 008b Reference ID: 64-008-20250225) indicates that ‘any assessment area that is not judged to strongly contribute to any one of purposes a, b, or d can be identified as grey belt land, subject to the exclusion of land where the application of the policies relating to the areas or assets in footnote 7 to the NPPF (other than Green Belt) would provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development.’

**5.3** As the 2021 assessment of harm equates to an assessment of contribution to NPPF Purpose D – to preserve the setting and special character of a historic town. The PPG relating to NPPF Purpose D (see paragraphs 3.26-3.30 above), in using the phrase “could be (but [is] not limited to)”, recognises that different circumstances will apply to different historic towns and allows for some judgement as to what might constitute a “considerable contribution to the special character of a historic town” or what factors might weaken contribution. As discussed in Chapter 3, the qualities of Cambridge’s special character and setting identified in studies which informed the wording of the Cambridge Green Belt purposes in the 2003 Structure Plan provided a basis for the GCGBA analysis of setting and special character, so it is only necessary to translate each harm rating (including any amendments set out in Chapter 4 above or noted below) into a strong, moderate, or weak contribution rating in order to identify potential grey belt.

**5.4** Doing this is a question of professional judgement. In translating the 5-point harm rating scale to the 3-point contribution rating scale suggested in the PPG it is logical that ‘low’ harm ratings should equate to a ‘weak contribution’ rating, ‘moderate’ harm ratings should equate to a ‘moderate’ contribution rating, and ‘very high’ and ‘high’ harm ratings should equate to a ‘strong’ contribution rating. The focus of analysis has been on those parcels rated ‘moderate-high’ harm in the GCGBA (and taking into consideration any changes identified in the Greater Cambridge Green Belt Assessment 2021 - Errata Note and in Chapter 4 of this review).

## Grey belt assessment findings

**5.5** LUC has reviewed the ‘moderate-high’ rated parcels and determined that these align best with a ‘moderate’ contribution rating as exemplified in the PPG, as they display characteristics which can be considered to limit their contribution to less than the ‘considerable’ level the PPG suggests is required for a strong contribution to Purpose D.

**5.6** The exception to this is two cases identified in the review where, on reflection, it was felt that parcels should have been rated at ‘high’ harm in the GCGBA assessment, instead of ‘moderate-high’. As a result, contribution to NPPF Purpose D for these parcels should be considered ‘strong’. Revised assessments for these parcels, with tracked changes, are included at Appendix A below, but the changes are summarised below:

- Girton parcel GI2: this lies to the west of Girton, between the settlement and the M11. The GCGBA analysis should’ve identified that development in the parcel would result in a higher level of impact on adjacent Green Belt land as a result of the urbanising containment of land to the south (parcels GI1 and AR1).
- Sawston parcel SA18: this is a small parcel separated from Sawston Business Park by a tree belt (which actually forms the majority of the parcel area). A weaker tree line provides some enclosure, but the parcel has more in common with the broader area between the business park and the River Cam than with the developed area.

**5.7** The review of parcel ratings has also identified three cases where, whilst the assessment analysis is unchanged, the rating given for harm does not correctly reflect the combination of contribution and ‘impact on adjacent Green Belt’ ratings:

- CO7 - this parcel makes a ‘moderate’ contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2 and a ‘relatively limited’ contribution to Purpose 3. With an assessed ‘minor-moderate’ impact of development on adjacent Green Belt, this should have been given a ‘moderate-high’ harm rating in the GCGBA but it was incorrectly stated to be ‘high’. This means that the parcel is identified as grey belt.
- HX7 - this parcel makes a ‘moderate’ contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3 and a ‘relatively limited’ contribution to Purpose 2. With an assessed ‘minor’ impact of development on adjacent Green Belt, this should have been given a ‘moderate’ harm rating in the GCGBA but it was incorrectly stated to be ‘high’. This means that the parcel is identified as grey belt.
- WH12 - this parcel makes a ‘moderate’ contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3 and a ‘relatively limited’ contribution to Purpose 2. With an assessed ‘minor-

moderate' impact of development on adjacent Green Belt, this should have been given a 'moderate-high' harm rating in the GCGBA but it was incorrectly stated to be 'high'. This means that the parcel is identified as grey belt.

**5.8** Lastly there is one case, SA20, where there is a discrepancy between the text under the heading 'distinction between parcel and inset area', which states that there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset area, and text within the contribution assessment which states that there is a strong distinction. The former is correct, which means that contribution to Purpose 2 should have been stated as 'relatively limited' rather than 'moderate', and contribution to Purpose 3 should have been stated as 'limited' rather than 'relatively limited'. This means that overall harm should have been stated as 'low' rather than 'moderate', although both result in the parcel being identified as grey belt.

**5.9** As discussed in Chapter 3 above, areas subject to absolute constraints to development have been discounted as potential grey belt. However, the application of policies relating footnote 7 areas/assets could mean that other areas of land meeting the criteria for grey belt in terms of contribution to the Green Belt purposes should only provisionally be identified as grey belt, subject to consideration of specific development proposals. As that further analysis lies outside the scope of this review, all land not making a strong contribution to Purpose D is deemed 'provisional' grey belt.

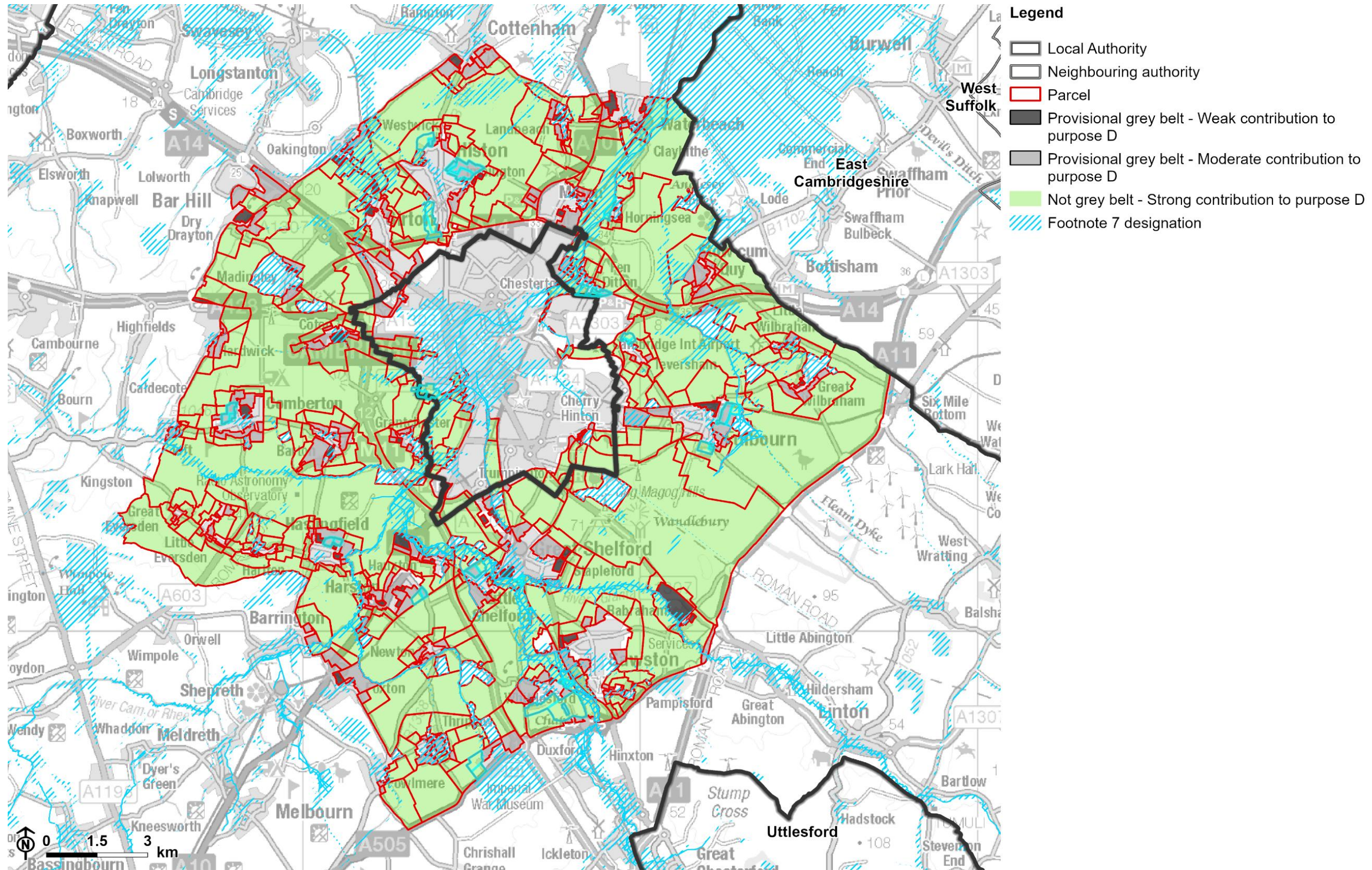
**5.10** Table 5.1 below lists the harm ratings from the GCGBA but with amendments to reflect the impact of developments approved since the original study, as detailed in Chapter 4 above, and the corrections noted in paragraphs 5.6 and 5.7. The equivalent NPPF Purpose D rating is stated for each parcel, along with indication as to whether the parcel can as a result be provisionally considered as grey belt.

**5.11** Figure 5.1 maps grey belt across the Green Belt in Greater Cambridgeshire as a whole. Appendix B includes maps centred on each of the settlements around which parcels were defined in the GCGBA. These are shaded to show whether the parcel is grey belt (making a weak contribution to NPPF Purpose D), grey belt (making a moderate contribution to NPPF Purpose D) or not grey belt (making a strong contribution to NPPF Purpose D).

**5.12** Figure 5.1 and the Appendix B maps also indicate the locations of footnote 7 areas or assets, with the exception of listed buildings which are excluded for reasons of clarity.

**5.13** Where parcels have been subdivided and/or re-rated to reflect developments that have been consented since the GCGBA, those changes are reflected in Table 5.1, Figure 5.1 and the maps in Appendix B.

Figure 5.1: Greater Cambridgeshire grey belt map



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Table 5.1: Harm ratings and grey belt status

Settlement	Parcel Ref	Release Scenario	Area (ha)	Harm	Purpose D Contribution	Provisional Grey Belt?
Abington	AB1	Release of land as an expansion of either Great Abington or Little Abington	16.19	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Babraham	BA1	Release of land as an expansion of Babraham	17.07	High	Strong	No
Babraham	BA2	Release of land as an expansion of Babraham	60.02	Low	Weak	Yes
Babraham	BA3	Release of land as an expansion of Babraham	11.65	High	Strong	No
Babraham	BA4	Release of land as an expansion of Babraham	3.01	Low	Weak	Yes
Babraham	BA5	Release of land as an expansion of Babraham	64.79	Very High	Strong	No
Babraham	BA6	Release of land as an expansion of Babraham	0.91	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Babraham	BA7	Release of land as an expansion of Babraham	7.51	Very High	Strong	No
Babraham	BA8	Release of land as an expansion of Babraham	40.66	High	Strong	No

Bar Hill and Dry Drayton	BH1	Release of land as an expansion of Bar Hill	53.01	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Bar Hill and Dry Drayton	BH2	Release of land as an expansion of Bar Hill	22.26	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Bar Hill and Dry Drayton	BH3	Release of land as an expansion of Bar Hill	28.73	High	Strong	No
Bar Hill and Dry Drayton	BH4	Release of land as an expansion of Dry Drayton	14.65	Low	Weak	Yes
Bar Hill and Dry Drayton	BH5	Release of land as an expansion of Dry Drayton	26.1	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Bar Hill and Dry Drayton	BH6	Release of land as an expansion of Bar Hill/Dry Drayton	109.81	High	Strong	No
Bar Hill and Dry Drayton	BH7	Release of land as an expansion of Dry Drayton	50.75	High	Strong	No
Barrington	BG1	Release of land as an expansion of Barrington	71.66	High	Strong	No
Barrington	BG2	Release of land as an expansion of Barrington	5.22	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Barrington	BG3	Release of land as an expansion of Barrington	10.82	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Barton	BR1	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	8.19	Very High	Strong	No

Barton	BR2	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	9.86	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Barton	BR3	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	40.89	High	Strong	No
Barton	BR4	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	12.39	High	Strong	No
Barton	BR5	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	12.88	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Barton	BR6	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	4.36	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Barton	BR7	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	11.44	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Barton	BR8	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	20.96	High	Strong	No
Barton	BR9	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	54.58	Very High	Strong	No
Barton	BR10	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	35	Very High	Strong	No
Barton	BR11	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	13.56	High	Strong	No
Barton	BR12	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	5.44	Low	Weak	Yes
Barton	BR13	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	41.84	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Barton	BR14	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	19.84	High	Strong	No
Barton	BR15	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	22.96	High	Strong	No

Barton	BR16	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	1.68	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Barton	BR17	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	15.52	High	Strong	No
Barton	BR18	Release of land as an expansion of Barton	29.5	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Arbury and Castle	AR1	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	11.94	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Arbury and Castle	AR2	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	13.98	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Arbury and Castle	AR3	Release of land as an expansion of Girton/Eddington	5.94	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Arbury and Castle	AR4	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Arbury and Castle) or Girton	24.6	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Arbury and Castle	AR5	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Arbury and Castle)	27.14	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Arbury and Castle	AR6	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Arbury and Castle)	7.22	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Arbury and Castle	AR7	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Arbury and Castle)	5.09	High	Strong	No

Cambridge - Arbury and Castle	AR8	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Arbury and Castle)	2.57	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW1	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	17.56	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW2	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	18.12	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW3	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	15.04	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW4	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	8.89	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW5	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	15.88	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW6	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	40.67	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW7	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	10.33	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW8	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	1.28	Low	Weak	Yes

Cambridge - Barnwell	BW9	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	2.32	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW10	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	2.71	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Barnwell	BW11	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Barnwell)	20.27	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Cherry Hinton	CHI1	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge.	9.44	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Cherry Hinton	CHI2	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Cherry Hinton)	48.77	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Cherry Hinton	CHI3	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Cherry Hinton)	5.61	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Cherry Hinton	CHI4	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Cherry Hinton)	2.03	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Cherry Hinton	CHI5	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Cherry Hinton)	35.24	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Cherry Hinton	CHI6	Release of land as an expansion of	23.06	Very High	Strong	No

		Cambridge (Cherry Hinton)				
Cambridge - Cherry Hinton	CHI7	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Cherry Hinton)	14.37	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Cherry Hinton	CHI8	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Cherry Hinton)	15.67	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Cherry Hinton	CHI9	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Cherry Hinton)	126.16	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Chesterton and Cambridge North	CHE1	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Chesterton and Cambridge North)	9.86	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Chesterton and Cambridge North	CHE2	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Chesterton and Cambridge North)	15.69	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Chesterton and Cambridge North	CHE3	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	14.74	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Chesterton and Cambridge North	CHE4	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	16.89	Very High	Strong	No

Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC1	Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington)	8.09	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC2	Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington)	32.29	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC3	Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington)	111.34	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC4	Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington)	14.67	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC5	Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington)	19.53	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC6	Release of the parcel as an expansion of either Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington) or Coton	25.5	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC7	Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington)	9.16	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC8	Release of the parcel as an expansion of	32.76	Very High	Strong	No

		Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington)				
Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC9	Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington)	11.44	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington	HC10	Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge (High Cross and Eddington)	39.98	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Kings Hedges and Orchard Park	KI1	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (King's Hedges and Orchard Park)	9.53	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Kings Hedges and Orchard Park	KI2	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (King's Hedges and Orchard Park)	52.95	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Kings Hedges and Orchard Park	KI3	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (King's Hedges and Orchard Park) or of Milton	15.82	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH1	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	8.82	Very High	Strong	No

Cambridge - Newnham	NH2	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	5.01	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH3	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	5.44	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH4	Release of land out to the western and southwestern edges of the parcel (map areas 1 and 2), as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	40.37	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH4	Release of the land other than the western and south western parts (just map area 2), as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	16.79	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH5	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	3.7	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH6	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	80.3	Very High	Strong	No

		(Newnham) or Granchester				
Cambridge - Newnham	NH7	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	3.28	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH8	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	7.87	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH9	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	6.48	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH10	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	23.57	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH11	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	1.49	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH12	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	17.39	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newnham	NH13	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	7.42	Very High	Strong	No

Cambridge - Newnham	NH14	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newnham)	6.41	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newtown	NE1	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown)	9.59	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newtown	NE2	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown)	1.81	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Newtown	NE3	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown)	5.19	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newtown	NE4	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown/Newnham) or Granchester	112.73	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newtown	NE5	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown)	7.95	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Newtown	NE6	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown)	10.19	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Newtown	NE7	Release of land as an expansion of	45.27	Very High	Strong	No

		Cambridge (Newtown)				
Cambridge - Newtown	NE8	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Newtown)	20.88	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC1	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	3.01	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC2	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	2.49	Low	Weak	Yes
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC3	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	1.35	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC4	Release of the parcel as an expansion of Cambridge	4.59	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC5	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	14.55	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC6	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	44.73	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC7	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	28.7	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC8	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	9.54	Very High	Strong	No

Cambridge - Red Cross	RC9	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	6.17	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC10	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	31.98	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC11	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	19.53	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC12	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge or Great Shelford	147.49	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Red Cross	RC13	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	4.27	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR1	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Trumpington)	53.6	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR2	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Trumpington)	10.78	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR3	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge (Trumpington)	4.49	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR4	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	3.39	High	Strong	No

Cambridge - Trumpington	TR5	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	73.83	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR6	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	52.68	High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR7	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	5.78	Low	Weak	Yes
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR8	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	10.93	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR9	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	7.77	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR10	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	29.06	Very High	Strong	No
Cambridge - Trumpington	TR11	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge	6.13	High	Strong	No
Comberton	CO1	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	17.78	Very High	Strong	No
Comberton	CO2	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	11.09	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Comberton	CO3	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	16.08	Moderate	Moderate	Yes

Comberton	CO4	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	10.16	Low	Weak	Yes
Comberton	CO5	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	43.54	Very High	Strong	No
Comberton	CO6	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	4.83	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Comberton	CO7	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	11.98	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Comberton	CO8	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	7.33	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Comberton	CO9	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	20.77	High	Strong	No
Comberton	CO10	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	22.11	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Comberton	CO11	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	2.7	High	Strong	No
Comberton	CO12	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	37.64	Very High	Strong	No
Comberton	CO13	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	3.88	Moderate	Moderate	Yes

Comberton	CO14	Release of the whole of the parcel (map areas 1 and 2) as an expansion of Comberton	18.7	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Comberton	CO14	Release of only land in the south eastern part of this parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Comberton	2.71	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Comberton	CO15	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	7.78	High	Strong	No
Comberton	CO16	Release of land as an expansion of Comberton	20.62	Very High	Strong	No
Coton	CT1	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	19.94	Very High	Strong	No
Coton	CT2	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	2.44	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Coton	CT3	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	10.9	High	Strong	No
Coton	CT4	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	7.88	Very High	Strong	No
Coton	CT5	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	8.36	High	Strong	No
Coton	CT6	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	1.86	Moderate	Moderate	Yes

Coton	CT7	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	14.16	Very High	Strong	No
Coton	CT8	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	4.24	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Coton	CT9	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	26.21	Very High	Strong	No
Coton	CT10	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	10.4	Low	Weak	Yes
Coton	CT11	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	77.12	High	Strong	No
Coton	CT12	Release of the whole parcel (map areas 1 and 2) as an expansion of Coton	11.49	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Coton	CT12	Release of the eastern part of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Coton	4.72	Low	Weak	Yes
Coton	CT13	Release of land as an expansion of Coton	8.65	Very High	Strong	No
Cottenham	CH1	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	7.71	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cottenham	CH2	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	20.62	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cottenham	CH3	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	23.54	High	Strong	No

Cottenham	CH4	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	5.52	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Cottenham	CH5	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	18.79	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cottenham	CH6	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	13.46	Very High	Strong	No
Cottenham	CH7	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	15.78	High	Strong	No
Cottenham	CH8	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	15.89	Very High	Strong	No
Cottenham	CH9	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	19.93	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Cottenham	CH10	Release of land as an expansion of Cottenham	9.18	Low	Weak	Yes
Fen Ditton	FD1	Release of land as an expansion of Fen Ditton	27.62	Very High	Strong	No
Fen Ditton	FD2	Release of land as an expansion of Fen Ditton	5.15	Very High	Strong	No
Fen Ditton	FD3	Release of land as an expansion of Fen Ditton	7.01	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes

Fen Ditton	FD4	Release of land as an expansion of Fen Ditton	16.42	Very High	Strong	No
Fen Ditton	FD5	Release of land as an expansion of Fen Ditton	56.14	Very High	Strong	No
Fen Ditton	FD6	Release of land as an expansion of Fen Ditton	5.57	High	Strong	No
Fen Ditton	FD7	Release of land extending into the western and southern parts of the parcel (map areas 1 and 2), as an expansion of Fen Ditton	22.08	High	Strong	No
Fen Ditton	FD7	Release of the just the northeastern part of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Fen Ditton	5.65	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Fen Ditton	FD8	Release of land as an expansion of Fen Ditton	15.97	Very High	Strong	No
Fowlmere	FO1	Release of land as an expansion of Fowlmere	6.13	High	Strong	No
Fowlmere	FO2	Release of land as an expansion of Fowlmere	32.89	Very High	Strong	No

Fowlmere	FO3	Release of land as an expansion of Fowlmere	4.46	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Fowlmere	FO4	Release of land as an expansion of Fowlmere	2.91	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Fowlmere	FO5	Release of land as an expansion of Fowlmere	98.1	High	Strong	No
Foxton	FX1	Release of land as an expansion of either Foxton or Barrington	14.27	High	Strong	No
Foxton	FX2	Release of land as an expansion of Foxton	26.88	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Foxton	FX3	Release of land as an expansion of Foxton	22.4	High	Strong	No
Foxton	FX4	Release of land as an expansion of Foxton	43.96	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Foxton	FX5	Release of land as an expansion of Foxton	6.95	Low	Weak	Yes
Foxton	FX6	Release of land as an expansion of Foxton	2.92	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Foxton	FX7	Release of land as an expansion of Foxton	8.95	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Foxton	FX8	Release of land as an expansion of Foxton	36.53	High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU1	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	29.86	Very High	Strong	No

Fulbourn	FU2	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	22.28	Very High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU3	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	14.54	Low	Weak	Yes
Fulbourn	FU4	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	105.8	High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU5	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	19.77	Very High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU6	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	26.33	High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU7	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	16.45	Very High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU8	Release of the whole parcel (map areas 1 and 2) as an expansion of Fulbourn	37.68	High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU8	Release of the western part of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Fulbourn	15.05	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Fulbourn	FU9	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	21.88	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes

Fulbourn	FU10	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	7.86	Very High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU11	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	6.72	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Fulbourn	FU12	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	4.84	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Fulbourn	FU13	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	3.04	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Fulbourn	FU14	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	53.69	High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU15	Release of the whole parcel (map areas 1 and 2) as an expansion of Fulbourn	13.78	High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU15	Release of just the northeastern field (map area 2) as an expansion of Fulbourn	1.51	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Fulbourn	FU16	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	8.37	High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU17	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	17.26	Very High	Strong	No

Fulbourn	FU18	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	43.57	Very High	Strong	No
Fulbourn	FU19	Release of land as an expansion of Fulbourn	16.74	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Girton	GI1	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	25.4	High	Strong	No
Girton	GI2	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	15.19	High	Strong	No
Girton	GI3	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	22.61	Very High	Strong	No
Girton	GI4	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	7.56	Low	Weak	Yes
Girton	GI5	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	5.47	High	Strong	No
Girton	GI6	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	5.49	High	Strong	No
Girton	GI7	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	52.74	Very High	Strong	No
Girton	GI8	Release of the whole parcel (map areas 1 and 2) as an expansion of Girton	10.66	High	Strong	No
Girton	GI8	Release of the eastern part of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Girton	4.41	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes

Girton	GI9	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	5.21	Low	Weak	Yes
Girton	GI10	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	16.29	Very High	Strong	No
Girton	GI11	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	19.25	Very High	Strong	No
Girton	GI12	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	1.74	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Girton	GI13	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	10.28	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Girton	GI14	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	6.39	Very High	Strong	No
Girton	GI15	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	1.88	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Girton	GI16	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	3.34	High	Strong	No
Girton	GI17	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	12.42	Very High	Strong	No
Girton	GI18	Release of land as an expansion of Girton	13.31	Very High	Strong	No
Grantchester	GR1	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	5.33	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Grantchester	GR2	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	13.89	Very High	Strong	No
Grantchester	GR3	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	11.83	High	Strong	No

Grantchester	GR4	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	12.21	Very High	Strong	No
Grantchester	GR5	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	44.8	Very High	Strong	No
Grantchester	GR6	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	3.02	High	Strong	No
Grantchester	GR7	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	72.86	Very High	Strong	No
Grantchester	GR8	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	2.99	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Grantchester	GR9	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	2.29	Low	Weak	Yes
Grantchester	GR10	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	3.15	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Grantchester	GR11	Release of land as an expansion of Grantchester	3.67	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Eversden	GE1	Release of land as an expansion of Great Eversden	29	Very High	Strong	No
Great Eversden	GE2	Release of land as an expansion of Great Eversden	11.71	High	Strong	No

Great Eversden	GE3	Release of land as an expansion of Great Eversden	6	Very High	Strong	No
Great Eversden	GE4	Release of land as an expansion of Great Eversden or Little Eversden	27.91	Very High	Strong	No
Great Eversden	GE5	Release of land as an expansion of Great Eversden	3.34	High	Strong	No
Great Eversden	GE6	Release of land as an expansion of Great Eversden	1.91	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Eversden	GE7	Release of land as an expansion of Great Eversden	16.72	Very High	Strong	No
Great Eversden	GE8	Release of land as an expansion of Great Eversden	2.92	High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS1	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	7.89	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Shelford	GS2	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	5.76	Low	Weak	Yes
Great Shelford	GS3	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	15.39	Very High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS4A	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	1.07	Low	Weak	Yes

Great Shelford	GS4B	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	4.92	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Shelford	GS5	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	18.29	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Shelford	GS6	Release of land as an expansion of either Cambridge or Great Shelford	34.83	Very High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS7	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	12.31	High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS8A	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	5.33	Low	Weak	Yes
Great Shelford	GS8B	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	30.60	High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS8C	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	11.81	High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS8D	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	24.69	Very High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS9	Release of land an expansion of Great Shelford	43.91	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Shelford	GS10	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	10.1	Low	Weak	Yes

Great Shelford	GS11	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	23.63	High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS12	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	20.06	Very High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS13	Release of land as expansion of Great Shelford	8.25	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Shelford	GS14	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	1.56	High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS15	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	4.26	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Shelford	GS16	Release of land as an expansion of Gear Shelford	17.14	Very High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS17	Release of land extending to the south of the River Cam (map areas 1 and 2) as an expansion of Great Shelford	7.31	Very High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS17	Release of land on the north/east side of the River Cam (map area 2) as an expansion of Great Shelford	2.5	High	Strong	No

Great Shelford	GS18	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	12	Very High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS19	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	10.06	Low	Weak	Yes
Great Shelford	GS20	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	3.61	Very High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS21	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	1.61	Low	Weak	Yes
Great Shelford	GS22	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	12.89	High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS23	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	5.43	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Great Shelford	GS24	Release of land as an expansion of Cambridge and Great Shelford	94.97	Very High	Strong	No
Great Shelford	GS25	Release of land as an expansion of Great Shelford	3.78	Low	Weak	Yes
Great Wilbraham	GW1	Release of land as an expansion of Great Wilbraham	7.13	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Great Wilbraham	GW2	Release of land as an expansion of Great Wilbraham	120.66	High	Strong	No

Great Wilbraham	GW3	Release of land as an expansion of Great Wilbraham	17.28	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Wilbraham	GW4	Release of land as an expansion of Great Wilbraham	52.84	High	Strong	No
Great Wilbraham	GW5	Release of land as an expansion of Great Wilbraham	14.67	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Great Wilbraham	GW6	Release of land as an expansion of Great Wilbraham	59.89	Very High	Strong	No
Great Wilbraham	GW7	Release of land as an expansion of Great Wilbraham	16.03	High	Strong	No
Great Wilbraham	GW8	Release of land as an expansion of Great Wilbraham	2.83	Low	Weak	Yes
Hardwick	HA1	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	5.25	Low	Weak	Yes
Hardwick	HA2	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	56.45	High	Strong	No
Hardwick	HA3	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	25	Very High	Strong	No
Hardwick	HA4	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	47.11	High	Strong	No

Hardwick	HA5	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	4.14	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Hardwick	HA6	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	9	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Hardwick	HA7	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	17.33	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Hardwick	HA8	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	38.99	High	Strong	No
Hardwick	HA9	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	29.98	Very High	Strong	No
Hardwick	HA10	Release of land as an expansion of Hardwick	19.41	High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR1	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	3.74	High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR2	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	16.14	Very High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR3	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	5.33	Very High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR4	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	2.77	Low	Weak	Yes
Harlton	HR5	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	1.17	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Harlton	HR6	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	35.83	Very High	Strong	No

Harlton	HR7	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	6.79	Very High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR8	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton or Little Eversden	11.22	Very High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR9	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	5.82	High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR10	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	22.57	High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR11	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	18.42	Very High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR12	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	6.12	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Harlton	HR13	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	36.85	Very High	Strong	No
Harlton	HR14	Release of land as an expansion of Harlton	16.5	High	Strong	No
Harston	HS1	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	3.01	High	Strong	No
Harston	HS2	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	14.36	Very High	Strong	No
Harston	HS3	Release of part of parcel alongside London Road (map area 1) as an expansion of Harston	7.39	High	Strong	No

Harston	HS3	Release of land in the west of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Harston	4.2	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Harston	HS4	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	9.77	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Harston	HS5	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	2.49	Low	Weak	Yes
Harston	HS6	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	9.45	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Harston	HS7	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	2.59	Low	Weak	Yes
Harston	HS8	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	14.94	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Harston	HS9	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	15.09	High	Strong	No
Harston	HS10	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	38.73	High	Strong	No
Harston	HS11	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	9.46	High	Strong	No
Harston	HS12	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	2.29	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Harston	HS13	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	4.81	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Harston	HS14	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	6.55	Very High	Strong	No
Harston	HS15	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	1.23	Low	Weak	Yes

Harston	HS16	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	5.65	High	Strong	No
Harston	HS17	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	10.22	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Harston	HS18	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	2.94	Low	Weak	Yes
Harston	HS19	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	2.83	High	Strong	No
Harston	HS20	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	10.75	Very High	Strong	No
Harston	HS21	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	18.78	High	Strong	No
Harston	HS22	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	8.78	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Harston	HS23	Release of land as an expansion of Harston	4.69	High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL1	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	5.03	Low	Weak	Yes
Haslingfield	HL2	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	21.45	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Haslingfield	HL3	Release of the eastern field of the parcel (map area 1) as an expansion of Haslingfield	4.25	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes

Haslingfield	HL3	Release of just the western field of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Haslingfield	6.08	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Haslingfield	HL4	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	2.11	Low	Weak	Yes
Haslingfield	HL5	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	17.21	Very High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL6	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	16.6	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Haslingfield	HL7	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	3.32	Low	Weak	Yes
Haslingfield	HL8	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	2.44	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Haslingfield	HL9	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	22.76	Very High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL10	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	7.21	Very High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL11	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	7.23	Very High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL12	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	7.16	Very High	Strong	No

Haslingfield	HL13	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	11.68	Very High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL14	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	11.07	High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL15	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	61.17	Very High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL16	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	3.91	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Haslingfield	HL17	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	3.54	High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL18	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	2.59	Very High	Strong	No
Haslingfield	HL19	Release of land as an expansion of Haslingfield	4.75	High	Strong	No
Hauxton	HX1	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	5.94	Very High	Strong	No
Hauxton	HX2	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	9.39	High	Strong	No
Hauxton	HX3	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	4.3	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Hauxton	HX4	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	5.33	High	Strong	No
Hauxton	HX5	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	2.46	Very High	Strong	No

Hauxton	HX6	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	24.58	Very High	Strong	No
Hauxton	HX7	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	3.56	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Hauxton	HX8	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	27.33	Very High	Strong	No
Hauxton	HX9	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	2.97	Low	Weak	Yes
Hauxton	HX10	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	5.6	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Hauxton	HX11	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	27.14	Very High	Strong	No
Hauxton	HX12A	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	15.77	Low	Weak	Yes
Hauxton	HX12B	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	2.09	High	Strong	No
Hauxton	HX12C	Release of land as an expansion of Hauxton	7.38	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Heathfield	HE1	Release of land as an expansion of Heathfield	36.72	Very High	Strong	No
Heathfield	HE2	Release of land as an expansion of Heathfield	26.68	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Heathfield	HE3	Release of land as an expansion of Heathfield	14.52	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Heathfield	HE4	Release of land as an expansion of Heathfield	4.22	High	Strong	No

Heathfield	HE5	Release of land within the northern part of the parcel (map area 1) as an expansion of Heathfield	15.69	Very High	Strong	No
Heathfield	HE5	Release of land within the southern part of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Heathfield	10.75	High	Strong	No
Heathfield	HE6	Release of land as an expansion of Heathfield	45.31	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI1	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	10.27	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI2	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	34.77	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI3	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	1.65	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI4	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	1.6	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI5	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	9.01	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI6	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	13.91	High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI7	Release of land as an expansion of Impington	42.4	Very High	Strong	No

Histon and Impington	HI8	Release of land beyond the smaller hedged fields on the inset settlement edge (map areas 1 and 2), as an expansion of Impington	57.87	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI8	Release of land within the smaller hedged fields on the inset settlement edge (map area 2) as an expansion of Impington	17.94	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI9	Release of land as an expansion of Impington	1.66	Low	Weak	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI10	Release of land as an expansion of Impington	8.32	High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI11	Release of land as an expansion of Impington	37.23	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI12	Release of land as an expansion of Impington	4.23	Low	Weak	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI13	Release of land as an expansion of Impington	35.34	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI14	Release of land as an expansion of Impington	18.12	Moderate	Moderate	Yes

Histon and Impington	HI15	Release of land as an expansion of Impington	16.1	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI16	Release of land as an expansion of Impington or Cambridge	8.95	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI17	Release of land as an expansion of Impington	1.37	Low	Weak	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI18	Any release of any land extending into the western part of the parcel (map areas 1 and 2), as an expansion of Impington	47.52	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI18	Any release of land limited to the eastern part of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Impington	17.14	High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI19	Release of land as an expansion of Impington or Girton	63.13	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI20	Release of land as an expansion of Histon or Girton	76.03	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI21	Release of land as an expansion of Histon and Impington	3.63	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes

Histon and Impington	HI22	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	5.46	High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI23	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	15.16	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI24	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	8.27	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI25	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	82.91	Very High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI26	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	12.23	High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI27	Release of land beyond the southeastern field (map areas 1 and 2) within the parcel as an expansion of Histon	20.68	High	Strong	No
Histon and Impington	HI27	Release of land in the south eastern field (map area 2) within the parcel as an expansion of Histon	2.83	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI28	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	3.28	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Histon and Impington	HI29	Release of land as an expansion of Histon	6.93	High	Strong	No
Horningsea	HO1	Release of land as an expansion of Horningsea	17.93	High	Strong	No

Horningsea	HO2	Release of land as an expansion of Horningsea	15.91	High	Strong	No
Horningsea	HO3	Release of land as an expansion of Horningsea	150.86	High	Strong	No
Horningsea	HO4	Release of land as an expansion of Horningsea	1.72	Low	Weak	Yes
Horningsea	HO5	Release of land as an expansion of Horningsea	1.13	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Horningsea	HO6	Release of land as an expansion of Horningsea	8.48	High	Strong	No
Horningsea	HO7	Release of land as an expansion of Horningsea	5.73	Very High	Strong	No
Horningsea	HO8	Release of land as an expansion of Horningsea	1.5	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Horningsea	HO9	Release of the southern part of the parcel (map area 1) as an expansion of Horningsea	1.63	Very High	Strong	No
Horningsea	HO9	Any release of land within map area 2 (excluding map area 1 - the southernmost field) as an expansion of Horningsea	6.38	High	Strong	No

Horningsea	HO10	Release of land as an expansion of Horningsea	1.18	Low	Weak	Yes
Landbeach	LA1	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	39.03	Very High	Strong	No
Landbeach	LA2	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	5.92	High	Strong	No
Landbeach	LA3	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	114.76	Very High	Strong	No
Landbeach	LA4	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	6.3	Very High	Strong	No
Landbeach	LA5	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	3.61	High	Strong	No
Landbeach	LA6	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	46.07	Very High	Strong	No
Landbeach	LA7	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	47.88	High	Strong	No
Landbeach	LA8	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	9.03	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Landbeach	LA9	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	4.87	Low	Weak	Yes

Landbeach	LA10	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	10.83	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Landbeach	LA11	Release of land as an expansion of Landbeach	108.44	High	Strong	No
Little Eversden	LE1	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	27.77	Very High	Strong	No
Little Eversden	LE2	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	16.49	High	Strong	No
Little Eversden	LE3	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	43.09	High	Strong	No
Little Eversden	LE4	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	6.64	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Little Eversden	LE5	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	34.07	Very High	Strong	No
Little Eversden	LE6	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	28.15	Very High	Strong	No
Little Eversden	LE7	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	1.39	Low	Weak	Yes
Little Eversden	LE8	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	1.97	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes

Little Eversden	LE9	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	6.02	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Little Eversden	LE10	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	4.87	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Little Eversden	LE11	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	10.07	Very High	Strong	No
Little Eversden	LE12	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	16.3	Very High	Strong	No
Little Eversden	LE13	Release of land as an expansion of Little Eversden	3.08	High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS1	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	3.5	High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS2	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	7.76	Very High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS3	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	9.01	High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS4	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	1.06	Low	Weak	Yes
Little Shelford	LS5	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	11.92	High	Strong	No

Little Shelford	LS6	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	25.68	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Little Shelford	LS7	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	42.28	High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS8	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	7.01	Very High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS9	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	3.69	High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS10	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	9.86	Very High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS11	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	39.31	Very High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS12	Release of the eastern part of the parcel (map area 1) as an expansion of Little Shelford	7.41	High	Strong	No
Little Shelford	LS12	Release of the west of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Little Shelford	9.55	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Little Shelford	LS13	Release of land as an expansion of Little Shelford	14.98	Very High	Strong	No

Little Wilbraham	LW1	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	91.68	High	Strong	No
Little Wilbraham	LW2	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	146.52	Very High	Strong	No
Little Wilbraham	LW3	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	17	High	Strong	No
Little Wilbraham	LW4	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	7.03	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Little Wilbraham	LW5	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	25.98	Very High	Strong	No
Little Wilbraham	LW6	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	2.26	Very High	Strong	No
Little Wilbraham	LW7	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	7.48	High	Strong	No
Little Wilbraham	LW8	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	9.53	High	Strong	No
Little Wilbraham	LW9	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	2.78	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Little Wilbraham	LW10	Release of land as an expansion of Little Wilbraham	30.44	High	Strong	No

Madingley	MA1	Release of land as an expansion of Madingley	12.37	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Madingley	MA2	Release of land as an expansion of Madingley	2.29	Low	Weak	Yes
Madingley	MA3	Release of land as an expansion of Madingley	1.99	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Madingley	MA4	Release of land as an expansion of Madingley	14.26	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Madingley	MA5	Release of land as an expansion of Madingley	6.47	Very High	Strong	No
Madingley	MA6	Release of land as an expansion of Madingley	30.35	Very High	Strong	No
Milton	MI1A	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	4.04	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Milton	MI1B	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	17.71	Moderate high	Moderate	Yes
Milton	MI1C	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	80.69	Very High	Strong	No
Milton	MI2	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	6.89	High	Strong	No
Milton	MI3	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	4.02	Very High	Strong	No
Milton	MI4	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	35.02	Very High	Strong	No

Milton	MI5	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	11.26	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Milton	MI6	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	1.62	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Milton	MI7	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	0.77	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Milton	MI8	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	16.91	Very High	Strong	No
Milton	MI9	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	5.02	Very High	Strong	No
Milton	MI10	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	35.98	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Milton	MI11	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	3.44	Low	Weak	Yes
Milton	MI12	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	2.11	Low	Weak	Yes
Milton	MI13	Release of land as an expansion of Milton	3.39	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Newton	NW1	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	16.9	High	Strong	No
Newton	NW2	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	7.43	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Newton	NW3	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	31.89	Very High	Strong	No
Newton	NW4	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	56.08	High	Strong	No
Newton	NW5	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	29.95	High	Strong	No

Newton	NW6	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	20.78	High	Strong	No
Newton	NW7	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	4.79	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Newton	NW8	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	6.37	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Newton	NW9	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	14.84	High	Strong	No
Newton	NW10	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	7.66	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Newton	NW11	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	14.08	High	Strong	No
Newton	NW12	Release of land as an expansion of Newton	3.1	High	Strong	No
Oakington	OK1	Release of land as an expansion of Oakington	14.68	Very High	Strong	No
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Oakington	OK3	Release of land as an expansion of Oakington	3.4	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Oakington	OK4	Release of land as an expansion of Oakington	28.69	Very High	Strong	No
Oakington	OK5	Release of land as an expansion of Oakington	6.3	High	Strong	No

Oakington	OK6	Release of land as an expansion of Oakington	21.89	High	Strong	No
Oakington	OK7	Release of land as an expansion of Oakington	1.61	Low	Weak	Yes
Oakington	OK8	Release of land as an expansion of Oakington	5.39	Low	Weak	Yes
Oakington	OK9	Release of land as an expansion of Oakington	18.97	High	Strong	No
Pampisford	PA1	Release of land as an expansion of Pampisford	24.26	High	Strong	No
Pampisford	PA2	Release of land as an expansion of Pampisford	16.9	High	Strong	No
Pampisford	PA3	Release of land as an expansion of Pampisford	21.09	Very High	Strong	No
Pampisford	PA4	Release of land as an expansion of Pampisford	7.38	Very High	Strong	No
Pampisford	PA5	Release of land as an expansion of Pampisford	10.69	High	Strong	No
Pampisford	PA6	Release of land as an expansion of Pampisford	6.84	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes

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Sawston	SA2	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	69.22	High	Strong	No
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Sawston	SA11	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	10.32	Very High	Strong	No
Sawston	SA12	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	11.23	Very High	Strong	No
Sawston	SA13	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	9.84	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Sawston	SA14	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	19.89	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Sawston	SA15	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	42.01	Very High	Strong	No
Sawston	SA16	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	7.4	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Sawston	SA17	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	43.27	Very High	Strong	No
Sawston	SA18	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	1.84	High	Strong	No
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Sawston	SA20	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	4.45	Low	Low	Yes

Sawston	SA21	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	8.83	Low	Weak	Yes
Sawston	SA22	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	50.14	High	Strong	No
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Sawston	SA24	Release of land as an expansion of Sawston	11.92	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
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Stow-cum-Quy	SQ3	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	8.77	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Stow-cum-Quy	SQ4	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	16.35	High	Strong	No
Stow-cum-Quy	SQ5	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	108.46	Very High	Strong	No
Stow-cum-Quy	SQ6	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	19.91	High	Strong	No

Stow-cum-Quy	SQ7	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	36.13	Very High	Strong	No
Stow-cum-Quy	SQ8	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	13.35	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
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Stow-cum-Quy	SQ10	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	30.41	Very High	Strong	No
Stow-cum-Quy	SQ11	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	11.77	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Stow-cum-Quy	SQ12	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	1.89	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Stow-cum-Quy	SQ13	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	23.89	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Stow-cum-Quy	SQ14	Release of land as an expansion of Stow-cum-Quy	94.64	High	Strong	No
Teversham	TE1	Release of land as an expansion of either Teversham or Cambridge	29.45	Very High	Strong	No
Teversham	TE2	Release of the whole parcel (maps areas 1 and 2) as an	12.38	Very High	Strong	No

		expansion of Teversham				
Teversham	TE2	Release of the southern part of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Teversham	3.68	High	Strong	No
Teversham	TE3	Release of land as an expansion of Teversham	15.43	High	Strong	No
Teversham	TE4	Release of land as an expansion of Teversham	11.27	Very High	Strong	No
Teversham	TE5	Release of land as an expansion of Teversham	3.92	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Teversham	TE6	Release of land as an expansion of Teversham	20.77	Very High	Strong	No
Teversham	TE7	Release of land as an expansion of Teversham	10.31	Very High	Strong	No
Teversham	TE8	Release of land as an expansion of Teversham	19.9	Very High	Strong	No
Teversham	TE9	Release of land as an expansion of Teversham	2.29	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Thriplow	TH1	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	56.94	High	Strong	No

Thriplow	TH2	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	1.25	Low	Weak	Yes
Thriplow	TH3	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	14.76	High	Strong	No
Thriplow	TH4	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	31.39	Very High	Strong	No
Thriplow	TH5	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	47	Very High	Strong	No
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Thriplow	TH7	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	4.56	High	Strong	No
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Thriplow	TH12	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	3.81	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
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Thriplow	TH14	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	8.82	High	Strong	No
Thriplow	TH15	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	52.11	High	Strong	No

Thriplow	TH16	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	2.25	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Thriplow	TH17	Release of land as an expansion of Thriplow	13.66	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Toft	TO1	Release of land as an expansion of Toft	16.7	Very High	Strong	No
Toft	TO2	Release of land as an expansion of Toft	2.49	High	Strong	No
Toft	TO3	Release of land as an expansion of Toft	3.94	High	Strong	No
Toft	TO4	Release of land as an expansion of Toft	14.54	Very High	Strong	No
Toft	TO5	Release of land as an expansion of Toft	3.03	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Toft	TO6	Release of land as an expansion of Toft	7.74	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Toft	TO7	Release of land as an expansion of Toft	21.71	High	Strong	No
Waterbeach	WA1	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	3.56	Low	Weak	Yes
Waterbeach	WA2	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	10.27	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Waterbeach	WA3	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	1.78	Low	Weak	Yes
Waterbeach	WA4	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	52.1	High	Strong	No

Waterbeach	WA5	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	9.76	High	Strong	No
Waterbeach	WA6	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	1.57	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Waterbeach	WA7	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	1.69	Low	Weak	Yes
Waterbeach	WA8	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	2.4	Low	Weak	Yes
Waterbeach	WA9	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	4.08	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Waterbeach	WA10	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	17.17	High	Strong	No
Waterbeach	WA11	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	24.1	High	Strong	No
Waterbeach	WA12	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	8.93	High	Strong	No
Waterbeach	WA13	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	8.66	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Waterbeach	WA14	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	16.21	Low	Weak	Yes

Waterbeach	WA15	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	5.06	High	Strong	No
Waterbeach	WA16	Release of land as an expansion of Waterbeach	30.86	Very High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH1	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	16.04	Very High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH2	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	10.83	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Whittlesford	WH3	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	1.66	Low	Weak	Yes
Whittlesford	WH4	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	12.21	High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH5	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	6.68	Very High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH6	Release of the whole parcel (map areas 1 and 2) as an expansion of Whittlesford	7.28	High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH6	Release of only the western part of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Whittlesford	1.72	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes

Whittlesford	WH7	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	5.99	Moderate	Moderate	Yes
Whittlesford	WH8	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	4.61	Very High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH9	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford Bridge	27.02	Very High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH10	Release of the whole parcel (map areas 1 and 2) as an expansion of either Whittlesford or Whittlesford Bridge	109.63	Very High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH10	Release of the northern part of the parcel (map area 2) as an expansion of Whittlesford	26.3	High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH11	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford Bridge	3.72	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Whittlesford	WH12	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford Bridge	2.3	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Whittlesford	WH13	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	2.15	Moderate	Moderate	Yes

Whittlesford	WH14	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford Bridge	53.36	Very High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH15	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	48.19	Very High	Strong	No
Whittlesford	WH16	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	16.71	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Whittlesford	WH17	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	2.28	Low	Weak	Yes
Whittlesford	WH18	Release of land as an expansion of Whittlesford	26.04	Moderate High	Moderate	Yes
Outer Areas	OA1	Expansion of any inset or Green Belt outer edge settlement into the parcel	969.34	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA2	Expansion of any inset or Green Belt outer edge settlement into the parcel	1042.08	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA3	Expansion of any inset or Green Belt outer edge settlement into the parcel	569.44	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA4	Expansion of any inset settlement into the parcel	1314.27	Very High	Strong	No

Outer Areas	OA5	Expansion of any inset settlement into the parcel	1645.76	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA6	Expansion of any inset settlement into the parcel	621.32	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA7	Expansion of any inset or Green Belt outer edge settlement into the parcel	814.46	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA8	Expansion of any inset or Green Belt outer edge settlement into the parcel	689.08	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA9	Expansion of any inset settlement into the parcel	440.62	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA10	Expansion of any inset or Green Belt outer edge settlement into the parcel	1545.45	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA11	Expansion of any inset or Green Belt outer edge settlement into the parcel	1375.13	Very High	Strong	No
Outer Areas	OA12	Expansion of any inset or Green Belt outer edge settlement into the parcel	636.71	Very High	Strong	No

## Chapter 6

### Next Steps

**6.1** This chapter sets out the key issues that the Councils will need to consider when reviewing the findings of this report, and if they decide to proceed with the release of any land from the Green Belt.

### Exceptional Circumstances

**6.2** In considering the potential release of Green Belt land, whether identified as grey belt or otherwise, the Councils will need to weigh a number of interrelated factors to ensure decisions are both robust and consistent with national policy.

**6.3** For plan-making purposes, the first step will be to consider whether exceptional circumstances exist to justify changes to Green Belt boundaries. Paragraph 147 of the NPPF states that:

“Before concluding that exceptional circumstances exist to justify changes to Green Belt boundaries, the strategic policy-making authority should be able to demonstrate that it has examined fully all other reasonable options for meeting its identified need for development.”

**6.4** This includes considering: a) the prioritisation of brownfield sites and underutilised land outside of the Green Belt; b) optimisation of the density of development; and c) having discussion with neighbouring authorities about whether they could accommodate any of the identified need for development.

### Prioritisation

**6.5** Should it be considered that exceptional circumstances are justified then priority should be given to Green Belt land in the following order:

- Previously developed land (PDL), including land that is grey belt;
- Grey belt which is not previously developed land;
- Other Green Belt locations.

**6.6** PDL, by definition, generally makes a more limited contribution to the purposes of the Green Belt and is generally regarded as being more suitable for development,

subject to detailed considerations. Where PDL is not available or insufficient to meet identified needs, attention may then focus on other areas of grey belt.

**6.7** Any assessment of the impact of releasing sites for development will also need to:

- Consider whether the application of policies relating to the areas or assets in footnote 7 would provide a strong reason for restricting development. This may require further analysis. It is noted that the proposed NPPF reforms published for consultation in December 2025 include a change to the definition of grey belt to remove the need to consider impact on footnote 7 areas or assets in order to determine whether land can be identified as grey belt. This change, if it goes ahead, does not negate the need to consider the impact of specific development proposals on footnote 7 areas and assets alongside wider sustainability considerations. The guidance note describing the proposed reforms states that the revised definition “seeks to enable grey belt to be identified with greater certainty, whilst continuing to ensure that these areas receive the same level of protection as elsewhere in the Framework.”
- Consider, where sites are smaller than the 1ha minimum parcel size that was applied in this assessment process, whether contribution to the Green Belt purposes might be less as a result of factors applicable to the smaller site area.
- Address the potential for the purposes of the Green Belt to be fundamentally undermined across the plan area as a whole. For a local plan, this will require the cumulative effect of any proposed allocations to be considered: while the incremental release of individual sites may appear limited the combined impact could be significantly greater. The Councils should, therefore, take a broad strategic perspective when identifying potential allocations.

## Sustainability

**6.8** Notwithstanding the above hierarchy of Green Belt land, in all instances the need to promote sustainable development in accordance with paragraphs 110 and 115 of the NPPF is determinative. In short, where land is not in a location that is, or can reasonably be made, sustainable, its release for development would be inappropriate. The question of sustainability should be judged in relation to local context and the characteristics of the site or proposed development (particularly if development is “significant”), though authorities are expected to maximise opportunities for sustainable transport solutions in line with NPPF paragraphs 110 and 115 (albeit whilst acknowledging these opportunities will vary between urban and rural areas).

**6.9** It is important to recognise that despite grey belt policy seeking to unlock more Green Belt locations for development, in practice the Council is still required to meet its development needs in a sustainable way. This is explicit in paragraph 148 of the NPPF which concludes:

“Strategic policy-making authorities should consider the consequences for sustainable development of channelling development towards urban areas inside the Green Belt boundary, towards towns and villages inset within the Green Belt or towards locations beyond the outer Green Belt boundary”.

**6.10** Where identified need cannot be met through PDL and grey belt land alone, and other Green Belt locations are required, using the Sustainability Appraisal underpinning the Local Plan Evidence Base alongside this assessment will allow for the identification of alternative site options in a manner that likely achieves the sustainable development objectives sought by paragraphs 110, 115 and 148 of the NPPF.

**6.11** Finally, should the Councils conclude that Green Belt release is necessary, close attention must be given to the redefinition of Green Belt boundaries. Paragraph 149 of the NPPF makes clear that new boundaries must be defined clearly, using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent. Establishing clear and defensible boundaries is central to ensuring the long-term integrity of the Green Belt.

## Definition of Green Belt Boundaries

**6.12** NPPF paragraph 149 requires Green Belt boundaries to be defined clearly, “using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent”.

**6.13** Boundary treatment can help to limit the impact of development on remaining Green Belt land, and so if any areas were being considered for release the following should be considered:

- Using landscape to help integrate a new Green Belt boundary with the existing edge, aiming to maximise consistency over a longer distance. This can help to maintain a sense of separation between urban and open land. A boundary that is relatively homogeneous over a relatively long distance, such as a main road, is likely to be stronger than one which has more variation.
- Strengthening boundaries at weak points – for example where ‘breached’ by roads. This can help reduce opportunities for sprawl. The use of buildings and landscaping can create strong ‘gateways’ to strengthen settlement-edge function.

- Defining Green Belt edges using strong, natural elements which form a visual barrier – for example a woodland belt. This can help to reduce the perception of urbanisation and may also screen residents from intrusive landscape elements within the Green Belt (for example major roads). Boundaries that create visual and movement barriers can however potentially have detrimental effects on the character of the enclosed urban areas and the amenity of residents so this needs to be carefully considered.
- The ownership and management of landscape elements which contribute to Green Belt purposes. Control of boundary features can help to ensure the permanence of Green Belt: trees and hedgerows require management to maintain their value in Green Belt terms, and the visual screening value that can be attributed to them is more limited if they are under private control (for example within back gardens).
- Use of sustainable drainage features to define/enhance separation between settlement and countryside. This can help to strengthen the separation between urban and open land. It is important however to determine if local topography and ground conditions are suitable.

## Enhancement of Green Belt

**6.14** Paragraph 151 of the NPPF states that local planning authorities should plan positively to enhance the beneficial uses of the Green Belt. Aligned with this, the ‘Golden Rules’ (set out in NPPF paragraph 156) are applicable where land is released for development through plan preparation or review:

“Where major development involving the provision of housing is proposed on land released from the Green Belt through plan preparation or review<sup>58</sup>, or on sites in the Green Belt subject to a planning application<sup>59</sup>, the following contributions (‘Golden Rules’) should be made:

- a. affordable housing which reflects either: (i) development plan policies produced in accordance with paragraphs 67-68 of this Framework; or (ii) until such policies are in place, the policy set out in paragraph 157 below;
- b. necessary improvements to local or national infrastructure; and
- c. the provision of new, or improvements to existing, green spaces that are accessible to the public. New residents should be able to access good quality green spaces within a short walk of their home, whether through onsite provision or through access to offsite spaces.”

**6.15** The ‘Golden Rules’ are supported by the NPPG which suggests the following considerations:

- New residents and the wider public should be able to access good quality green spaces which are safe; visually stimulating and attractive; well-designed; sustainably managed and maintained; and seek to meet the needs of the communities which they serve.
- Accessible green spaces are areas of vegetation set within a landscape or townscape, often including blue space, which are available for public use free of charge and with limited time restrictions.
- Where possible access to green spaces should include safe active travel routes and should be served by public transport, which also means providing the necessary infrastructure (such as footpaths and bridleways).
- Proposals should consider how the creation or enhancement of existing green spaces can contribute to the priorities for nature recovery set out within the relevant Local Nature Recovery Strategies, providing greater benefit to nature and contributing to the delivery of wider environmental outcomes.
- Where appropriate, authorities should consider the use of conditions or planning obligations. The Community Infrastructure Levy can also be used to fund improvements to existing greenspaces or the provision of new ones. Local authorities should consider arrangements for the long-term maintenance of green spaces.

**6.16** It is therefore important that the Council considers where and how the district's Green Belt can be enhanced, particularly the relationship between the Council's preferred sustainable pattern of development and the designations' potential for new and improved appropriate uses. Introducing or enhancing uses of Green Belt land that add to its value will strengthen the case for that land's future protection. Some examples are provided in the list below:

- Improving access. Enhancing the coverage and condition of the rights of way network and increasing open space provision is a key enhancement opportunity.
- Providing locations for outdoor sport. Some outdoor sports can represent an urbanising influence; an emphasis on activities which do not require formal facilities is less likely to harm Green Belt purposes.
- Landscape and visual enhancement. Using landscape character assessment as guidance, intrusive elements can be reduced and positive characteristics reinforced.
- Increasing biodiversity. Most Green Belt land has potential for increased biodiversity value – for example the management of hedgerows and agricultural field margins, provision of habitat connectivity and planting of woodland. There

may also be opportunities to link enhancements with requirements to deliver 'biodiversity net gain' associated with development proposals.

- Improving damaged and derelict land. Giving land a functional, economic value is a key aspect in avoiding damage and dereliction through lack of positive management, but this needs to be achieved with minimum harm to characteristics/qualities which help it contribute to Green Belt purposes.

**6.17** Beneficial uses could be achieved through planning conditions, section 106 obligations and/or the Community Infrastructure Levy.

# Appendix A

## Revised Parcel Assessments

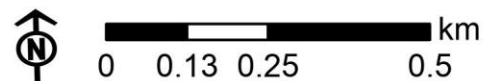
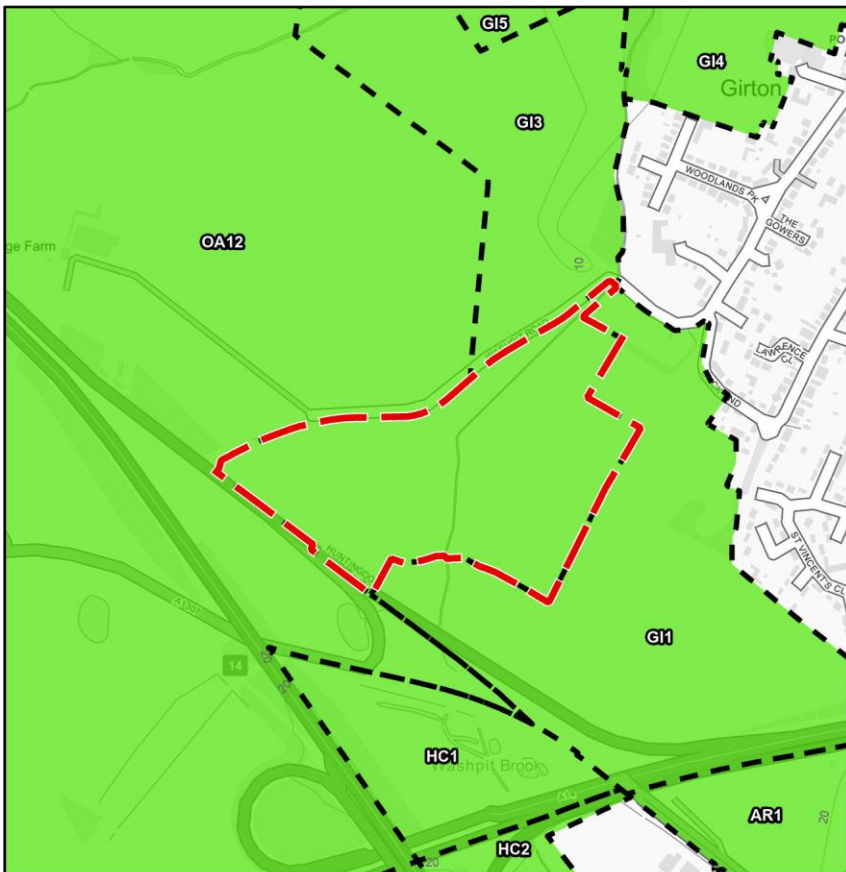
**A.1** Amended outputs for parcels GI2 and SA18, showing changes made to the original GCGBA assessment text, are set out below.

**A.2** Revised assessments, showing changes made to the original GCGBA assessment text, are also to be added to Appendix A for other parcels noted in Chapters 4 and 5 above as being subject to change.

# GI2



-  GI2
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt



# GI2

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 15.19ha

The parcel is located to the west of Girton and is comprised of agricultural land to the north of the A14. Washpit Lane lies to the north of the parcel.

Land is open. There is no development within the parcel.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The field boundary and intervening land in the adjacent parcel to the east provide a moderate degree of separation between the parcel and the inset area of Girton. The parcel is not contained by inset development and there is little urbanising visual influence within the parcel. Although the landform and land cover within the parcel do not create any additional distinction from the inset area, overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

# GI2

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Relatively significant

Land is open and is close to Girton, which is nearly contiguous with Cambridge but which retains some distinction from the main City area. The parcel has strong distinction from the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as diminishing Cambridge's compact character. Overall, the parcel makes a relatively significant contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: Moderate

Land comprises open agricultural land that has a strong distinction from the edge of Girton, meaning it has a strong rural character. It contributes to the rural landscape setting experienced when approaching the wider city along the A1307 (Huntingdon Road) from the north-west, creating positive perceptions of the city on arrival. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land lies in a wide gap between Girton and Bar Hill, with the A14 acting as a significant separating feature. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# GI2

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Girton:

Rating: Minor-~~moderate~~

The release of this land would increase urbanising visual impacts on land to the north of Washpit Lane. The main roads to the west provide a strong boundary and would prevent impacts on land in this direction in the event of a release.

~~Land to the southeast does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm. Development would also increase urbanising containment around open land to the southeast, reducing any sense of there being an open corridor extending north from Girton College.~~





## Overall harm of Green Belt release

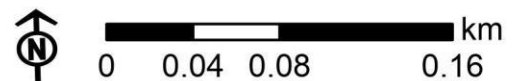
- Parcel GI2 makes a relatively significant contribution to preserving Cambridge's compact character, a moderate contribution to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting, and a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with each other. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-~~moderate~~. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Girton, would be ~~moderate-~~high.

~~Moderate~~ High

# SA18



-  SA18
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Site of Special Scientific Interest



# SA18

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.84ha

The parcel is located to the west of Sawston and to the north of Sawston Business Park. It is comprised of a small arable field and an area of woodland. The River Cam is located to the west and Dernford Fen is located to the north.

Land is open. There is no development of a scale, character or form that has an impact on Green Belt openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is in close proximity to Sawston Business Park and there is some limited containment by the inset area to the south, ~~so there is some urbanising visual influence~~. However, the woodland belt ~~to the east is a moderate boundary feature between the parcel and alongside~~ Sawston Business Park ~~forms a substantial part of the parcel and the tree cover within the parcel is relatively prominent, reducing urbanising influence and increasing its association with the countryside which provides some distinction from the settlement~~. Overall, there is ~~moderate~~ strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area.

# SA18

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Cambridge Purpose 1 - to preserve the unique character of Cambridge as a compact, dynamic city with a thriving historic centre:

Contribution: Limited/No contribution

Land is not close enough to the main urban area of Cambridge to be associated with it; the land is closely associated with the settlement of Sawston. It therefore makes no contribution to Cambridge Purpose 1.

- Cambridge Purpose 2 - to maintain and enhance the quality of Cambridge's setting:

Contribution: ~~Relatively limited~~ Moderate

Land comprises open farmland and tree cover that has ~~a moderate~~ strong distinction from the edge of Sawston Business Park meaning it has ~~some relationship with the inset area~~ a strong rural character. ~~However, it comprises open farmland and woodland meaning it has some rural character. In screening the business park it contributes to the character of adjacent land forming the rural setting to the River Cam. Land contains no features/aspects that contribute specifically to the quality of Cambridge's setting.~~ Overall the parcel makes a ~~relatively limited~~ moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 2.

- Cambridge Purpose 3 - to prevent communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging into one another and with the city:

Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and lies in a moderate gap between Sawston Business Park and Little Shelford, but there are some significant separating features including woodland belts. The parcel has strong distinction ~~from some relationship with~~ the inset area, ~~but also a degree of distinction from it~~. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to Cambridge Purpose 3.

# SA18

## Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

- Release of land as an expansion of Sawston:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The release and development of land within this parcel would increase urbanising visual impact on land to the west from the settlement due to the removal of tree cover, which is also an important separating feature within the moderate settlement gap between Sawston Business Park and Great Shelford.

## Overall harm of Green Belt release

- Parcel SA18 makes a moderate contribution to preventing communities in the environs of Cambridge from merging with one another, and ~~a relatively limited contribution~~ to maintaining and enhancing the quality of Cambridge's setting. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the parcel would be minor-moderate. Therefore, the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Sawston, would be ~~moderate~~ high.

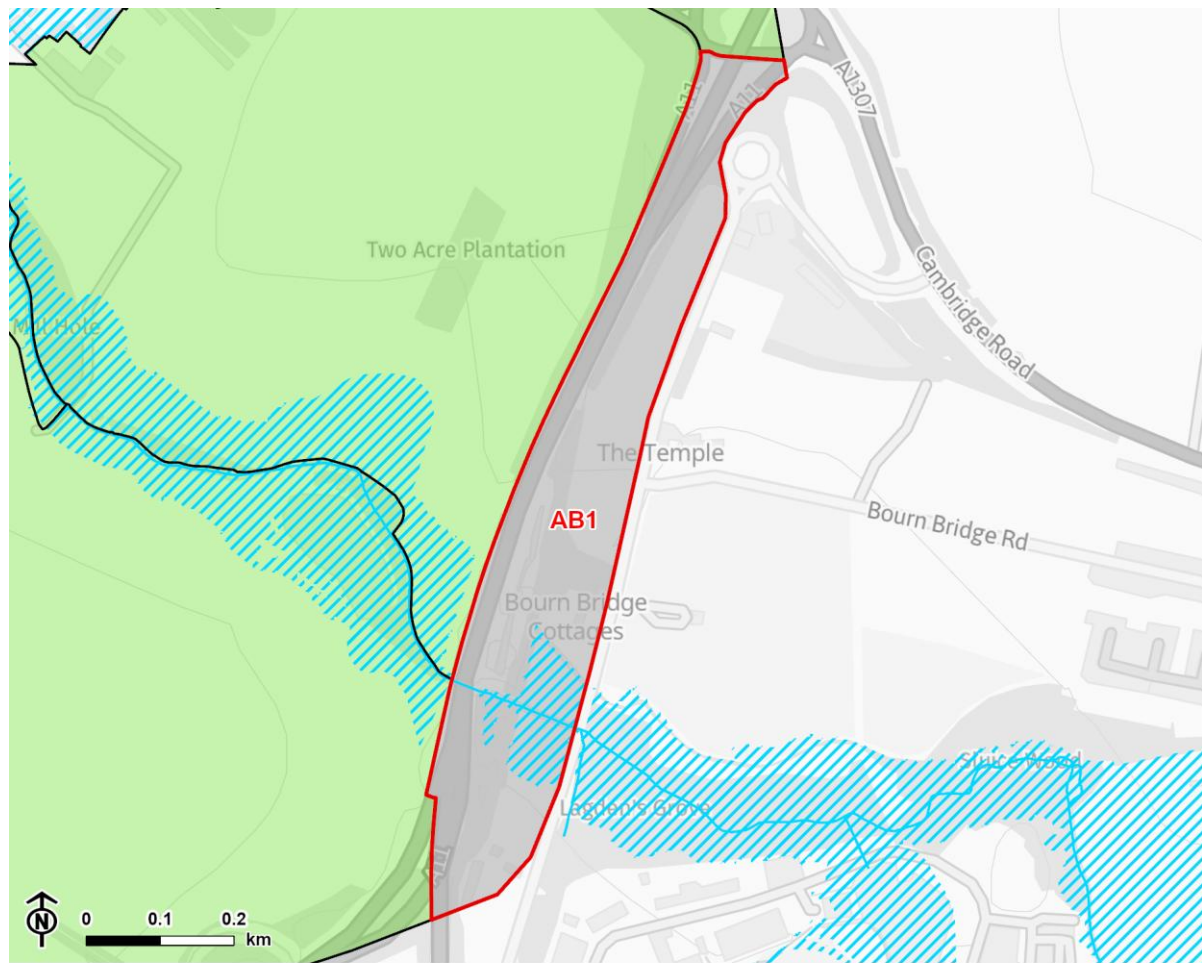
**Moderate-High**

# Appendix B

## Grey Belt Maps

**B.1** Figures B.1 to B.52 below are shaded to indicate grey belt status around each of the inset (non-Green Belt) settlements in and bordering the Green Belt in the City of Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire, and in the 'outer areas' further from those settlements. The presence of footnote 7 areas/assets is also indicated.

Figure B.1: Abington grey belt map



- Abington
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

- Provisional grey belt - Weak contribution to purpose D
- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

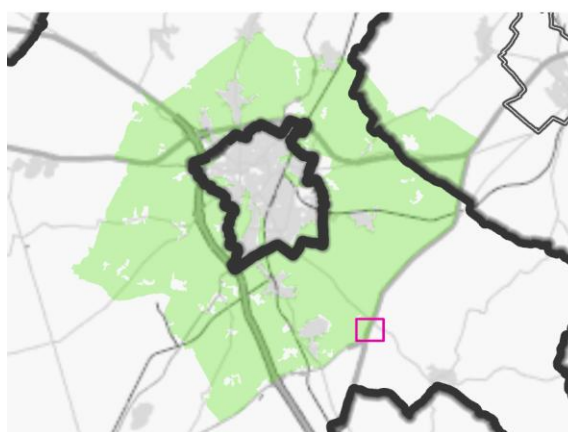
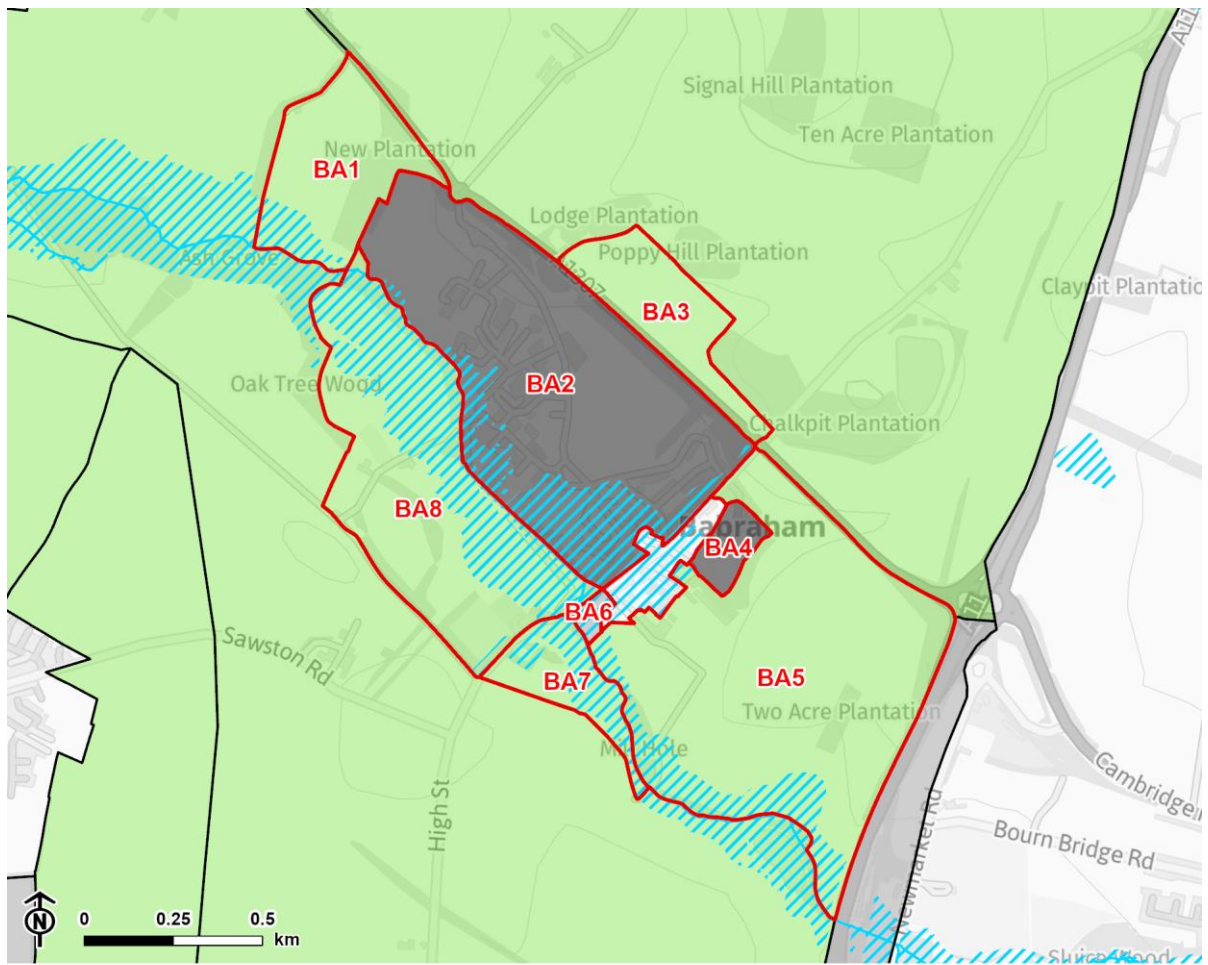


Figure B.2: Babraham grey belt map



- Babraham
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
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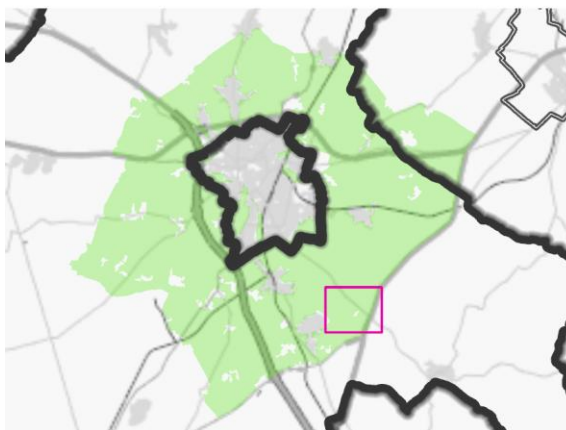
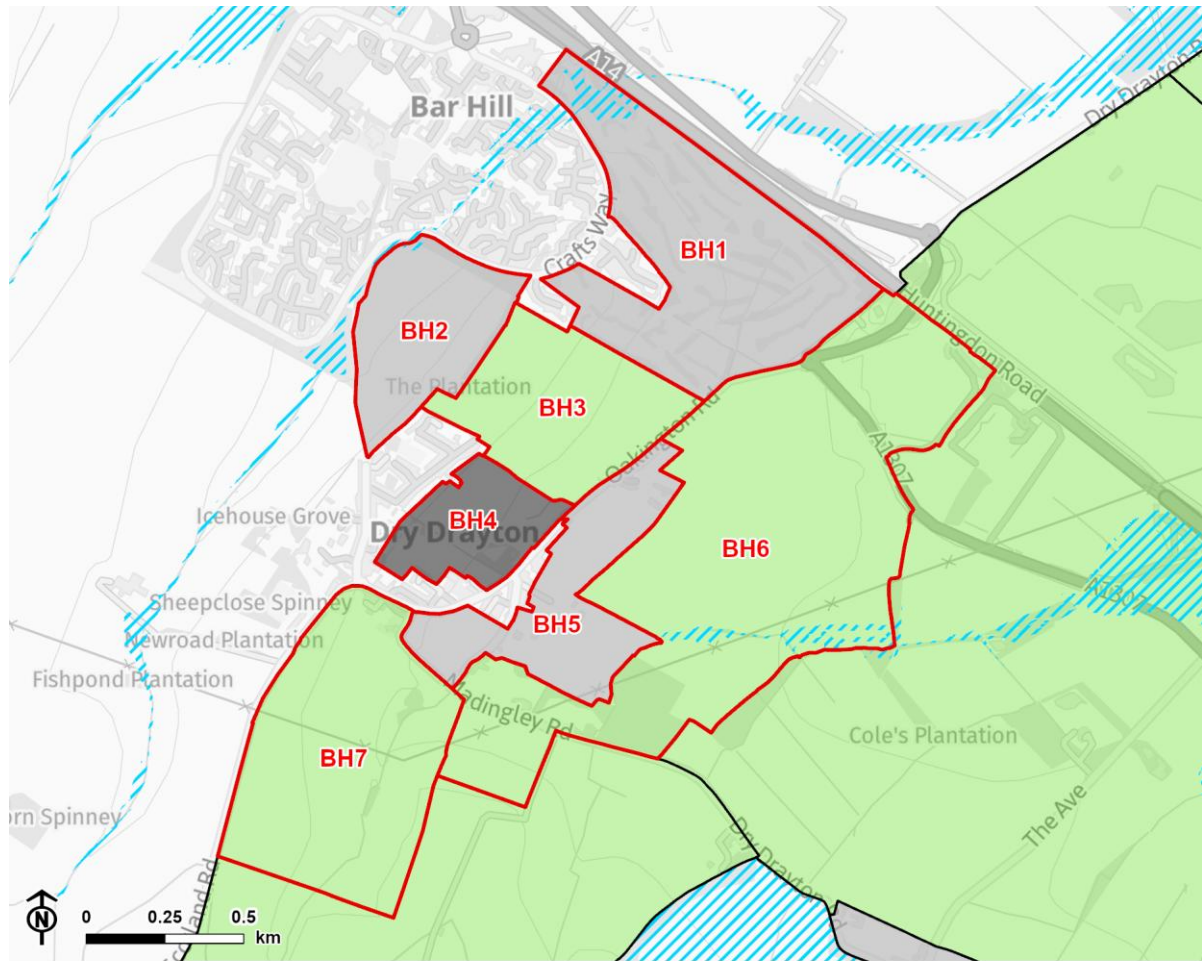






Figure B.3: Bar Hill grey belt map



-  Bar Hill
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority
-  Neighbouring authority

- Grey belt**
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  -  Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
  -  Footnote 7 designation

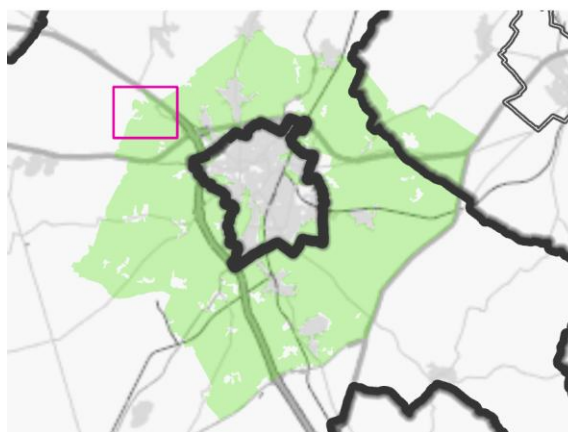
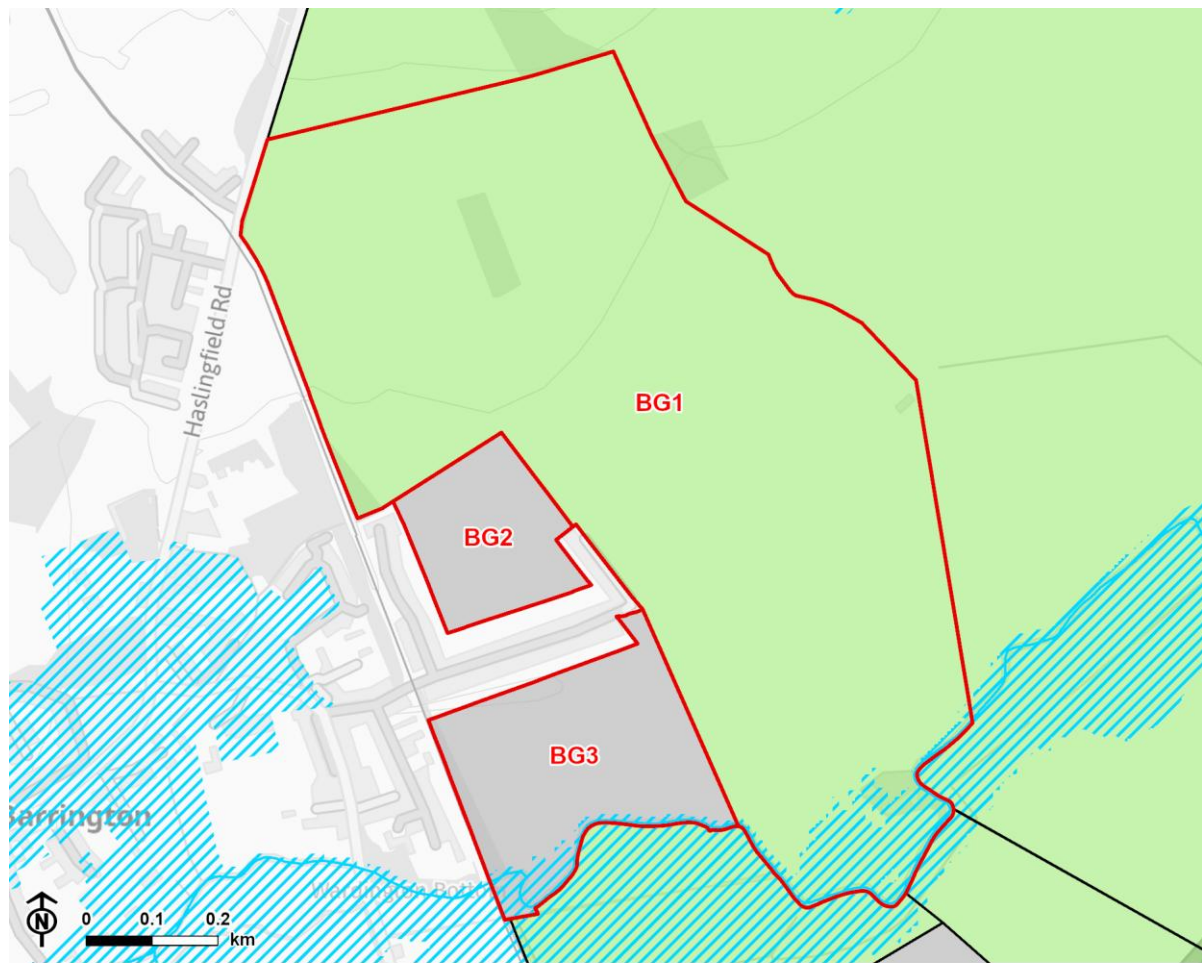


Figure B.4: Barrington grey belt map



- Barrington
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

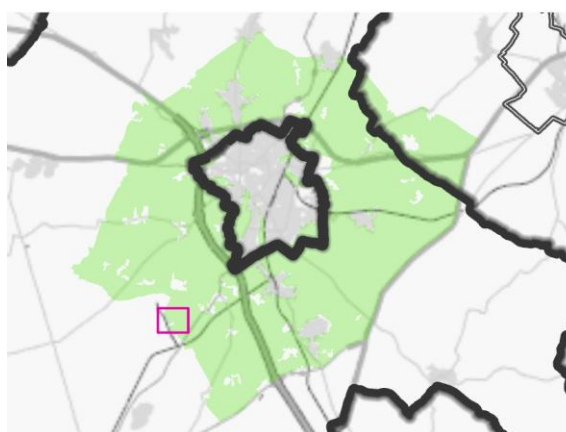
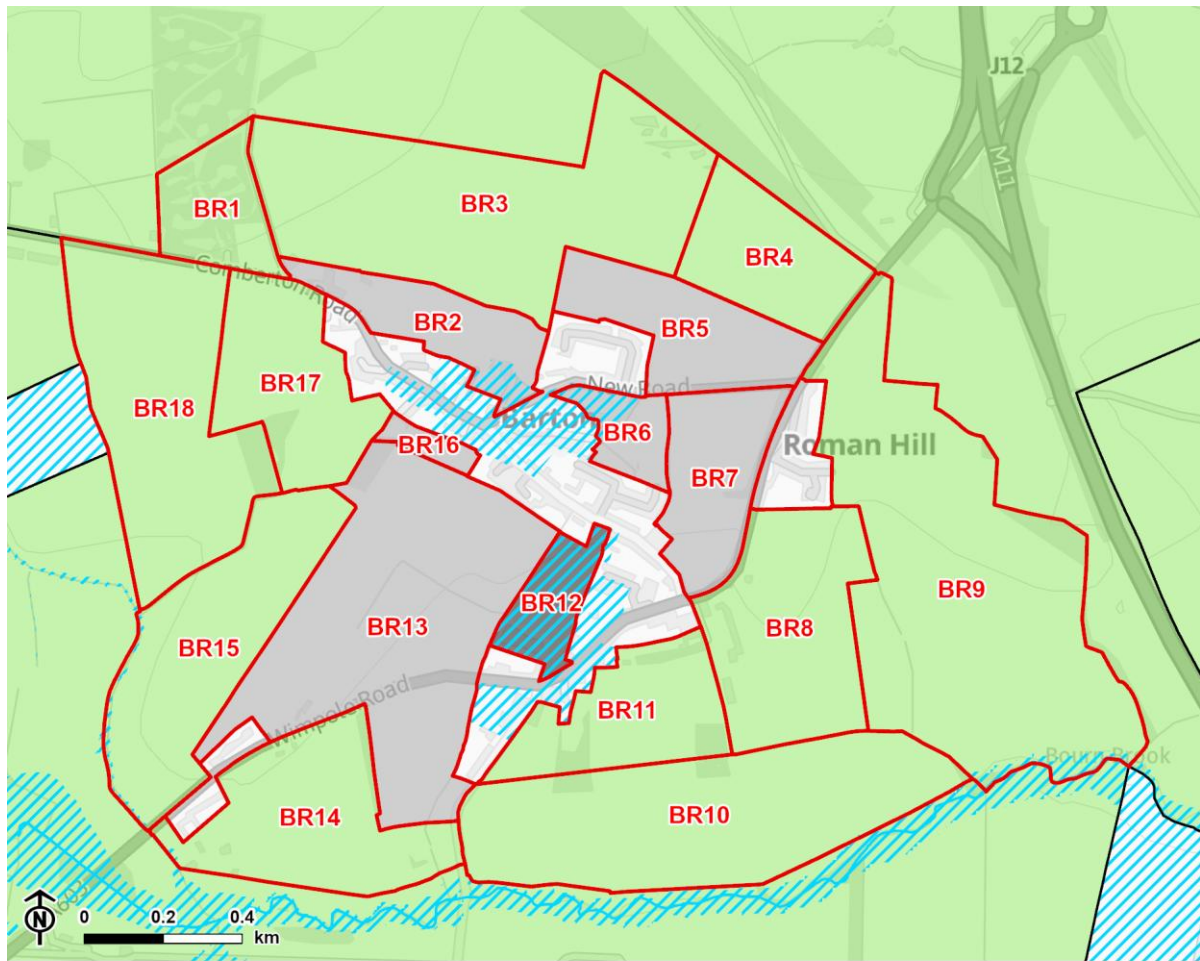


Figure B.5: Barton grey belt map



- Barton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

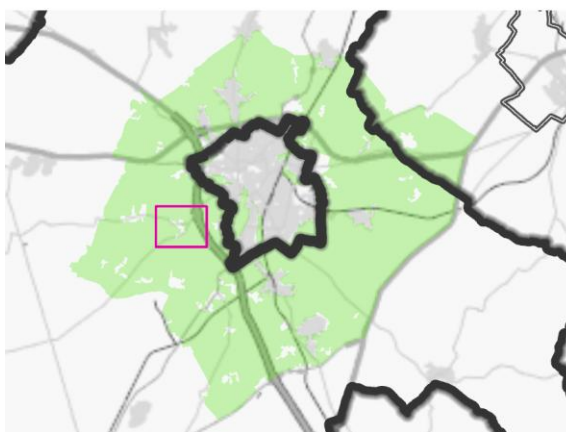
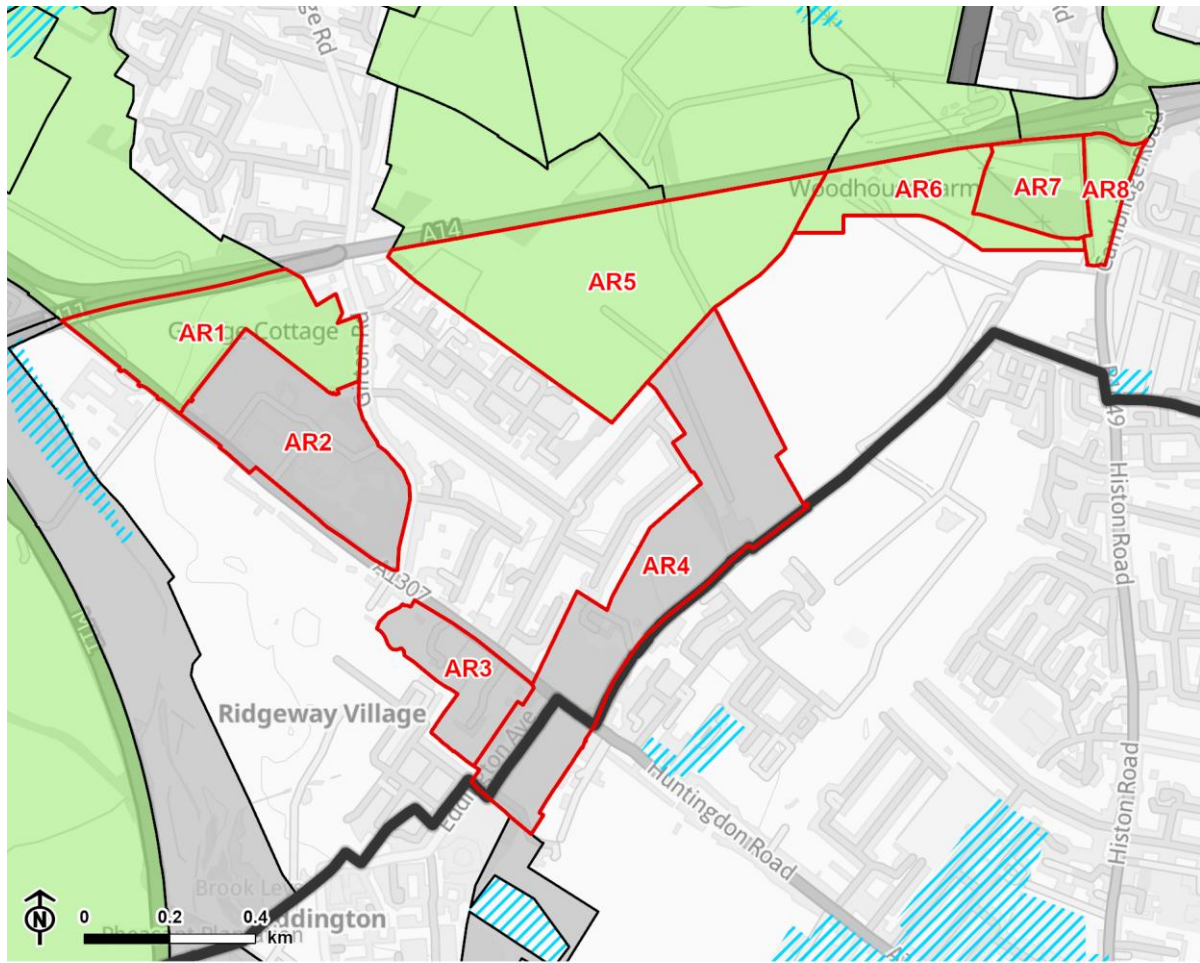


Figure B.6: Cambridge - Arbury and Castle grey belt map



- Cambridge - Arbury and Castle
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

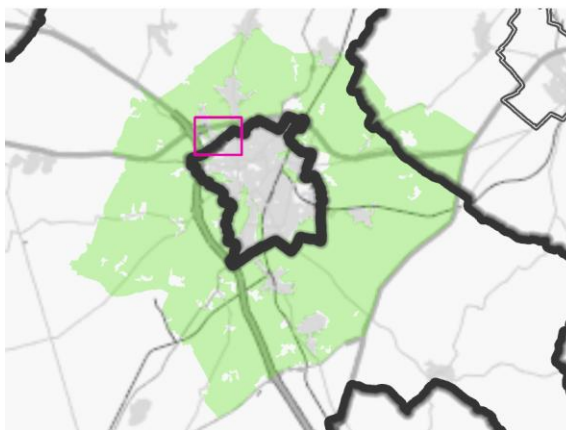
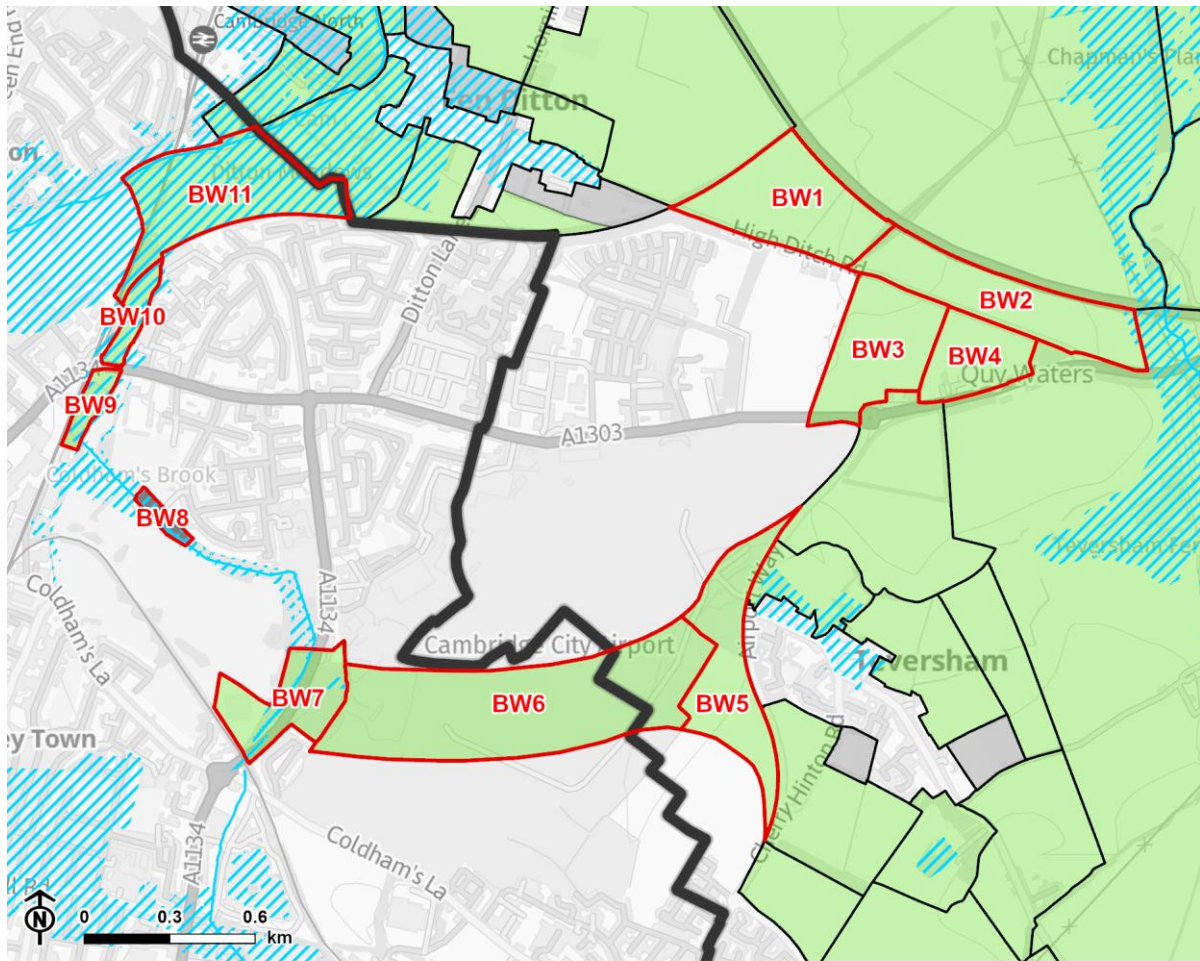


Figure B.7: Cambridge - Barnwell grey belt map



- Cambridge - Barnwell
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

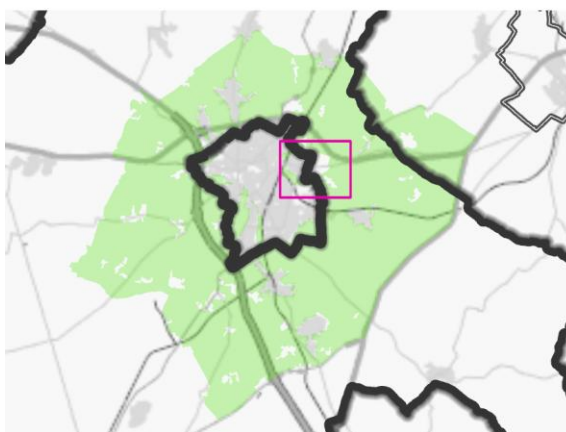
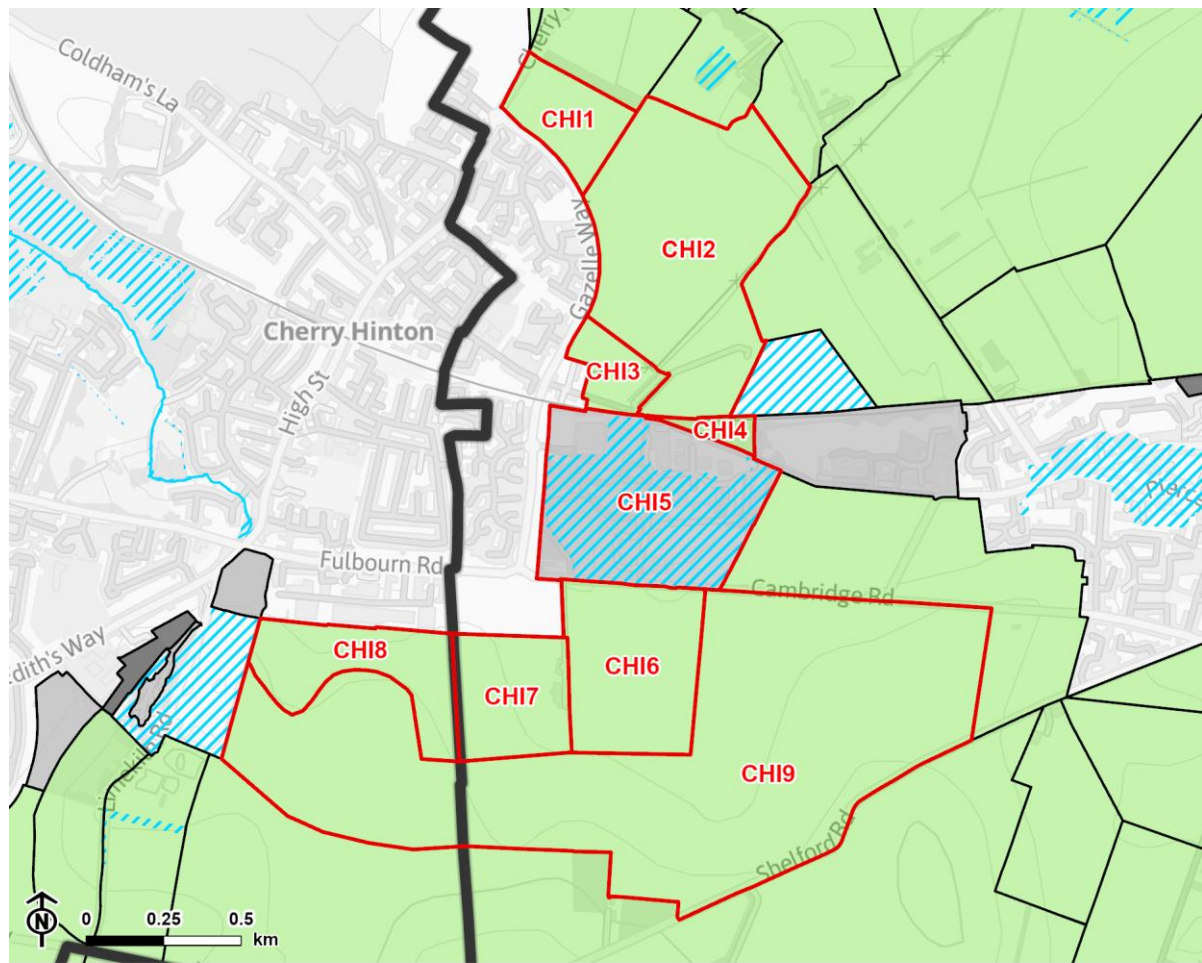


Figure B.8: Cambridge - Cherry Hinton grey belt map



- Cambridge - Cherry Hinton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

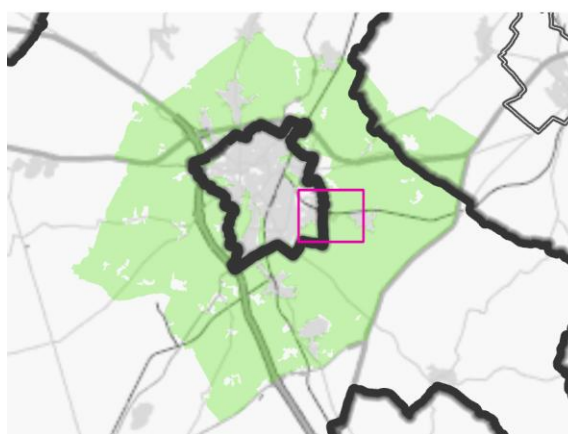
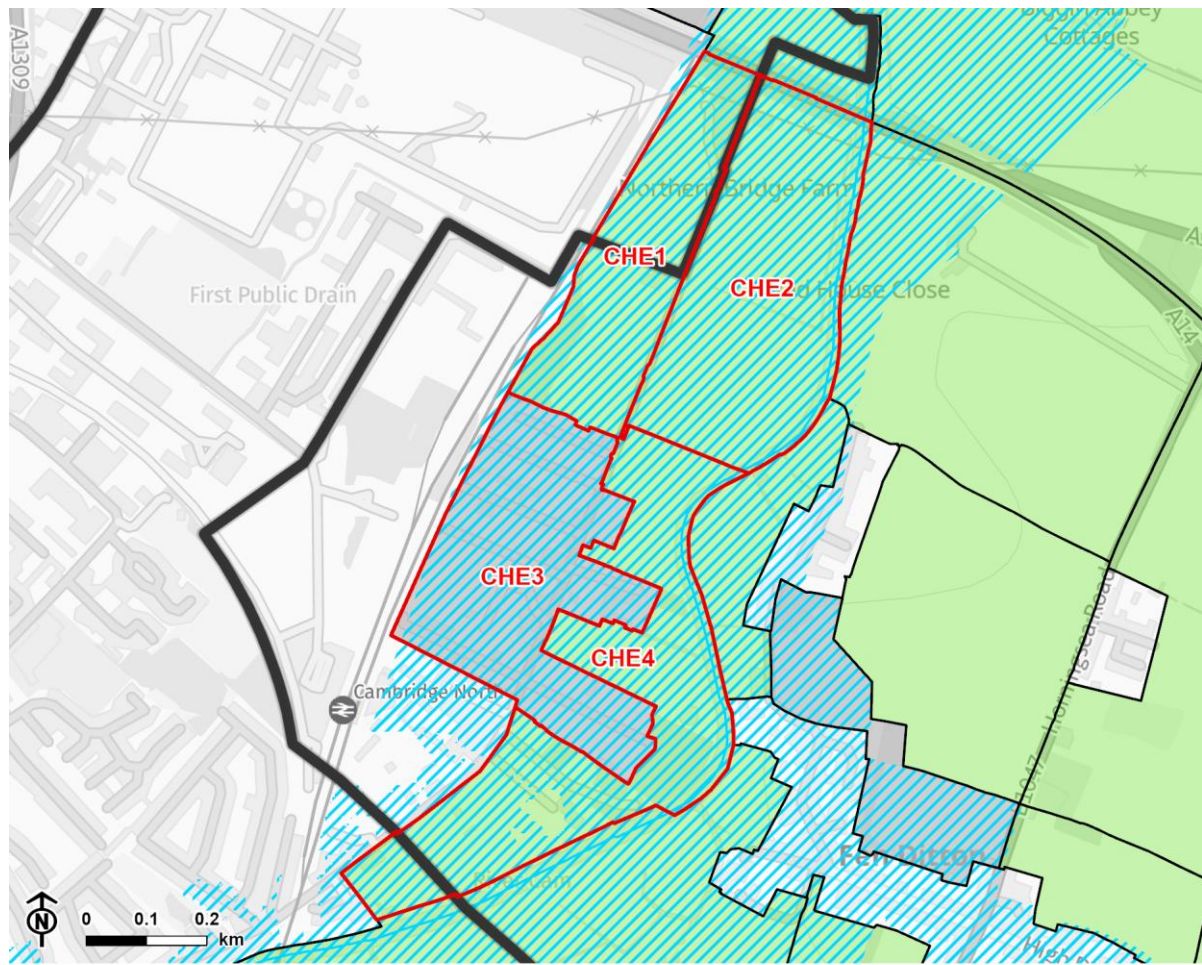


Figure B.9: Cambridge - Chesterton and Cambridge North grey belt map



- Cambridge - Chesterton and Cambridge North
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

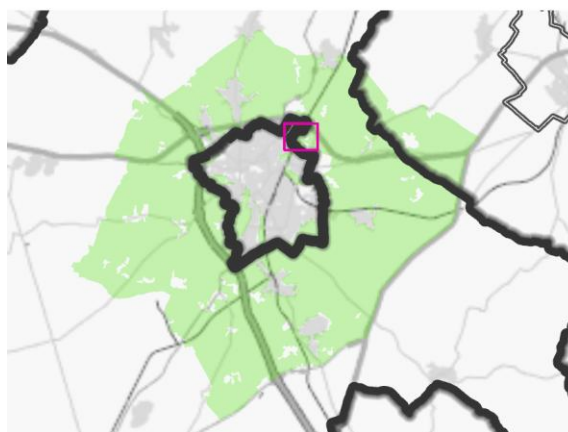
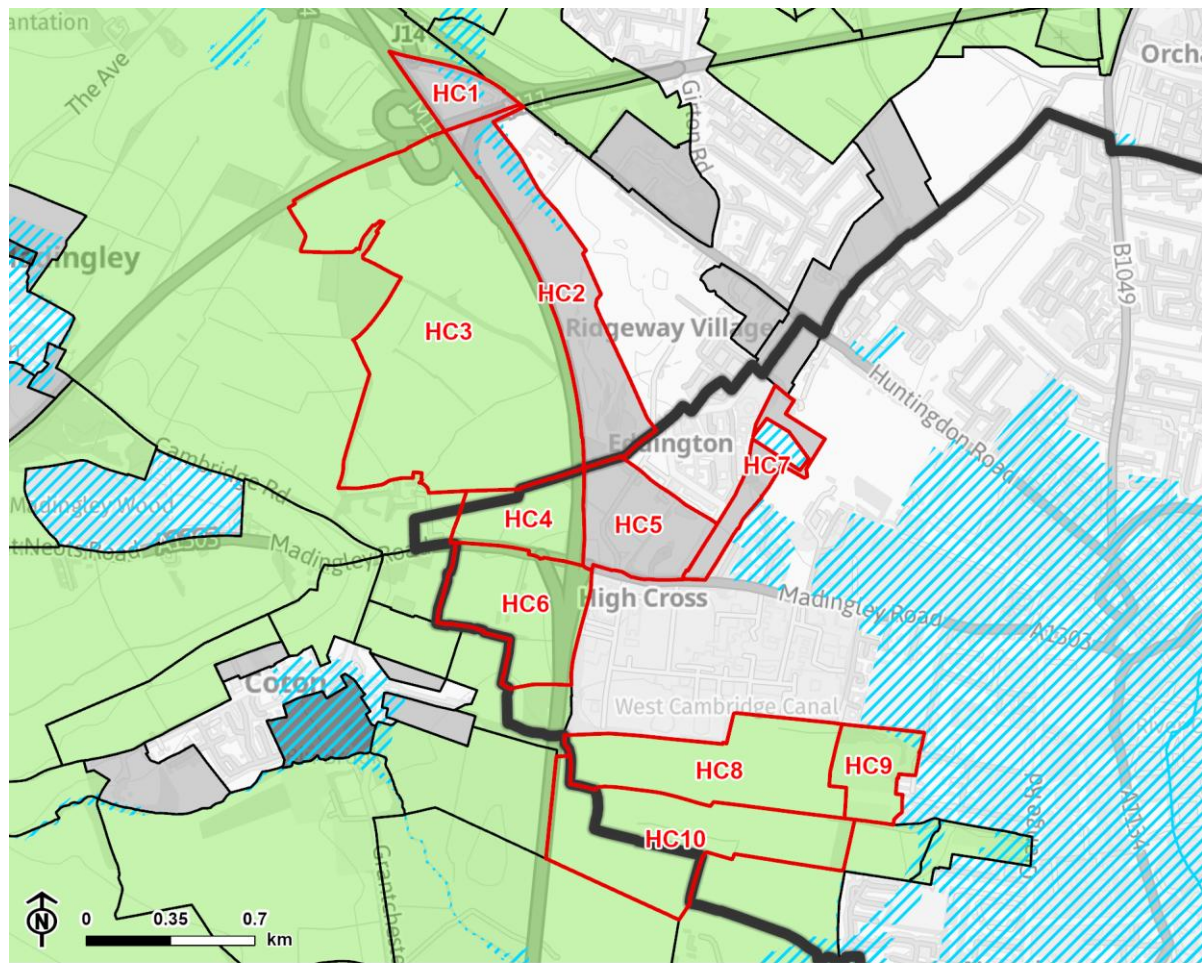


Figure B.10: Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington grey belt map



- Cambridge - High Cross and Eddington
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

- Grey belt**
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  - Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
  - Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
  - Footnote 7 designation

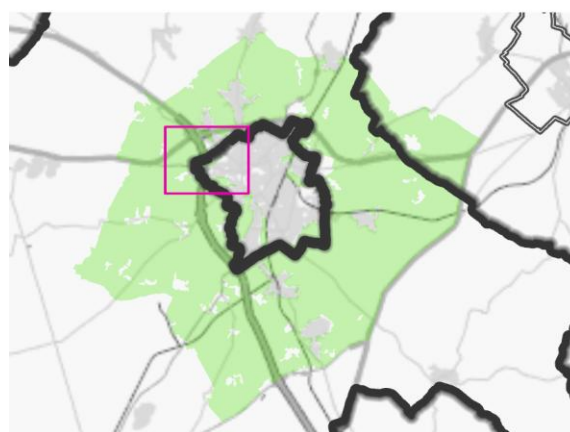
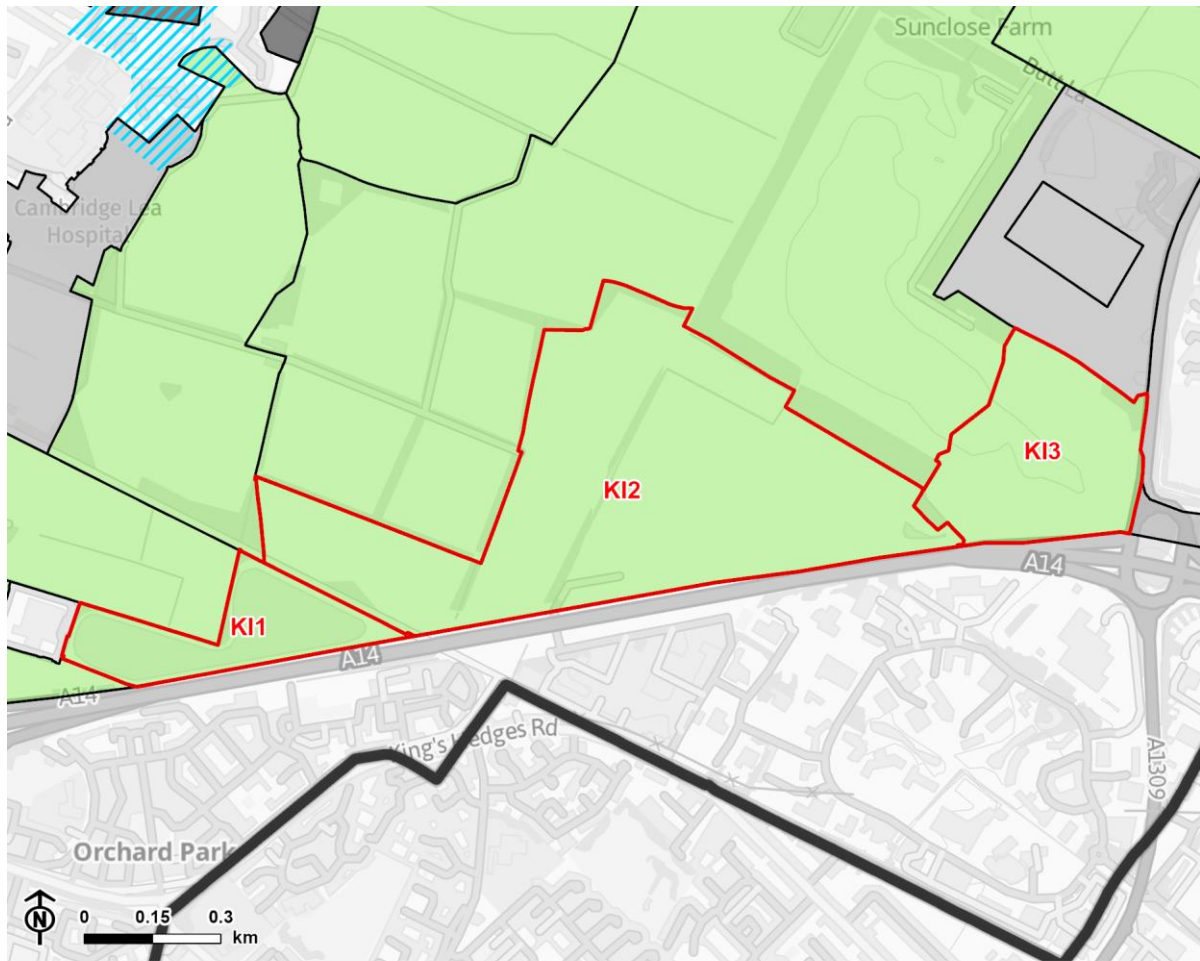


Figure B.11: Cambridge - Kings Hedges and Orchard Park grey belt map



- Cambridge - Kings Hedges and Orchard Park
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

- Provisional grey belt - Weak contribution to purpose D
- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

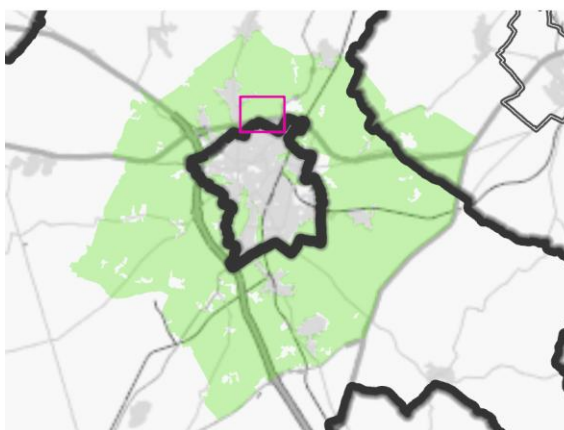
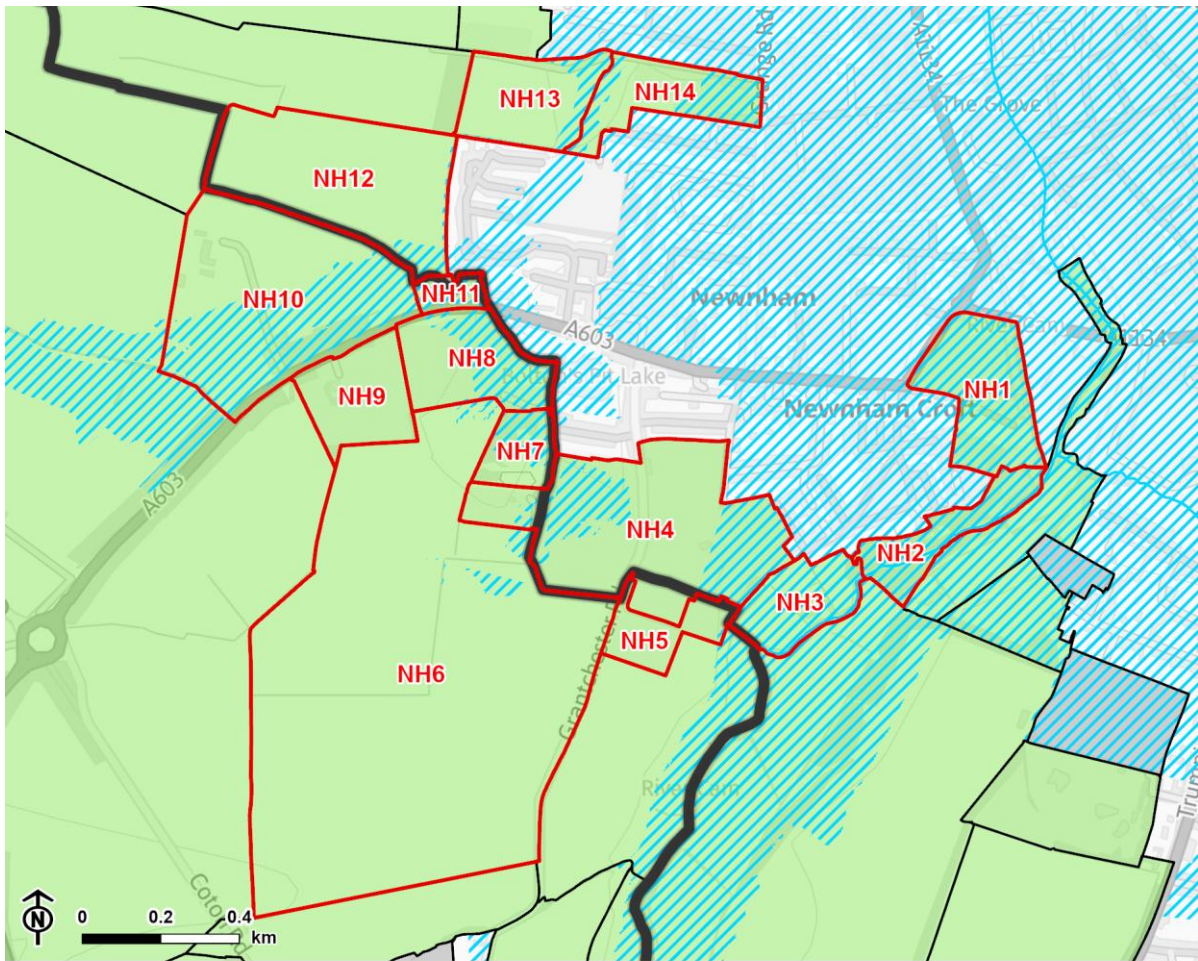


Figure B.12: Cambridge - Newnham grey belt map



- Cambridge - Newnham
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

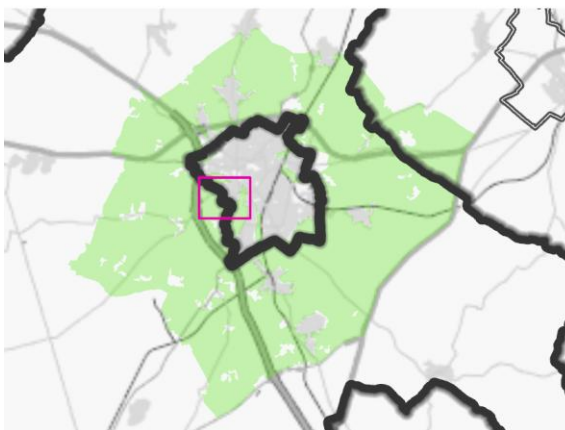
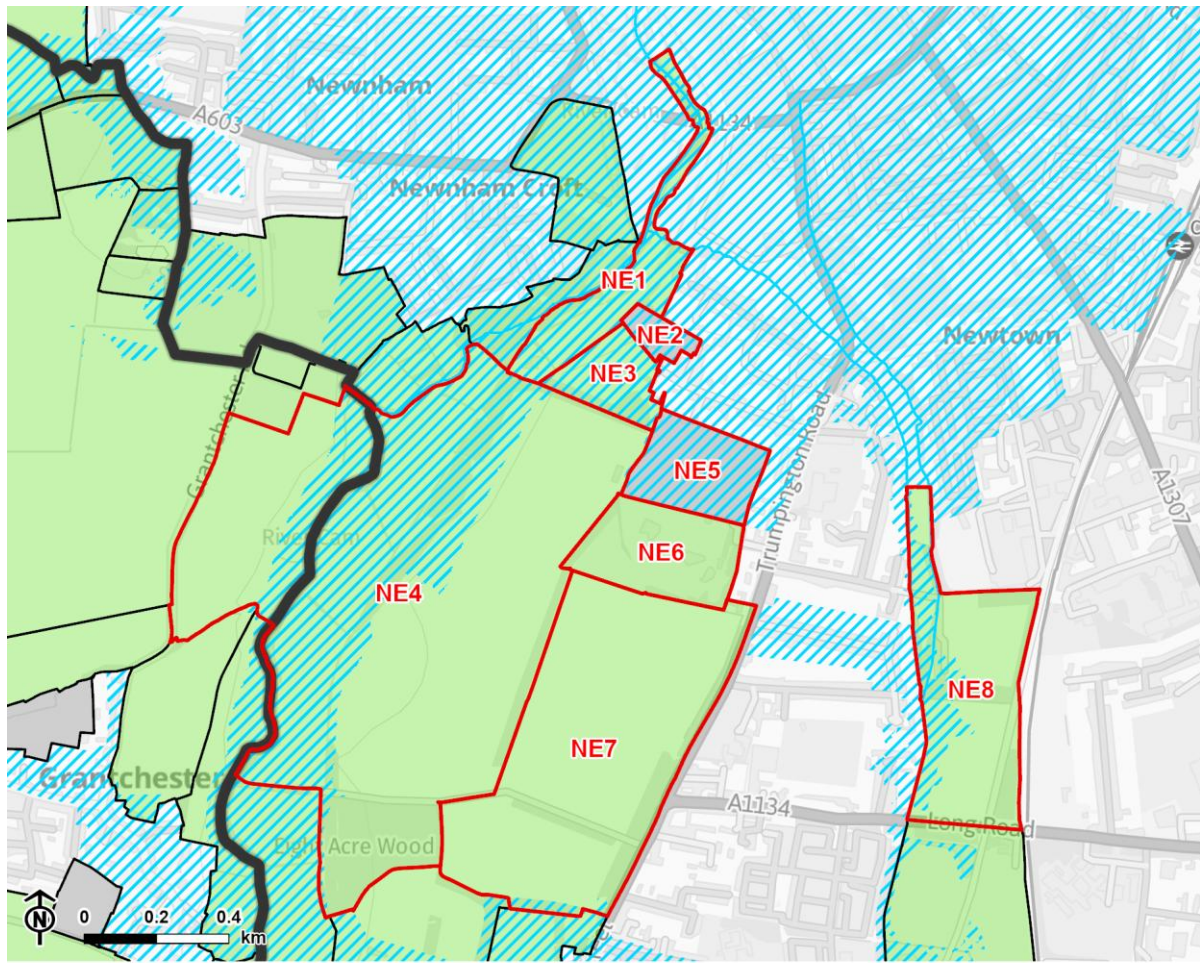


Figure B.13: Cambridge - Newtown grey belt map



- Cambridge - Newtown
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

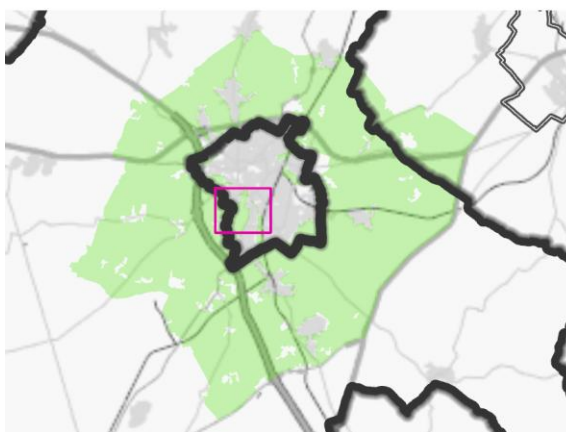
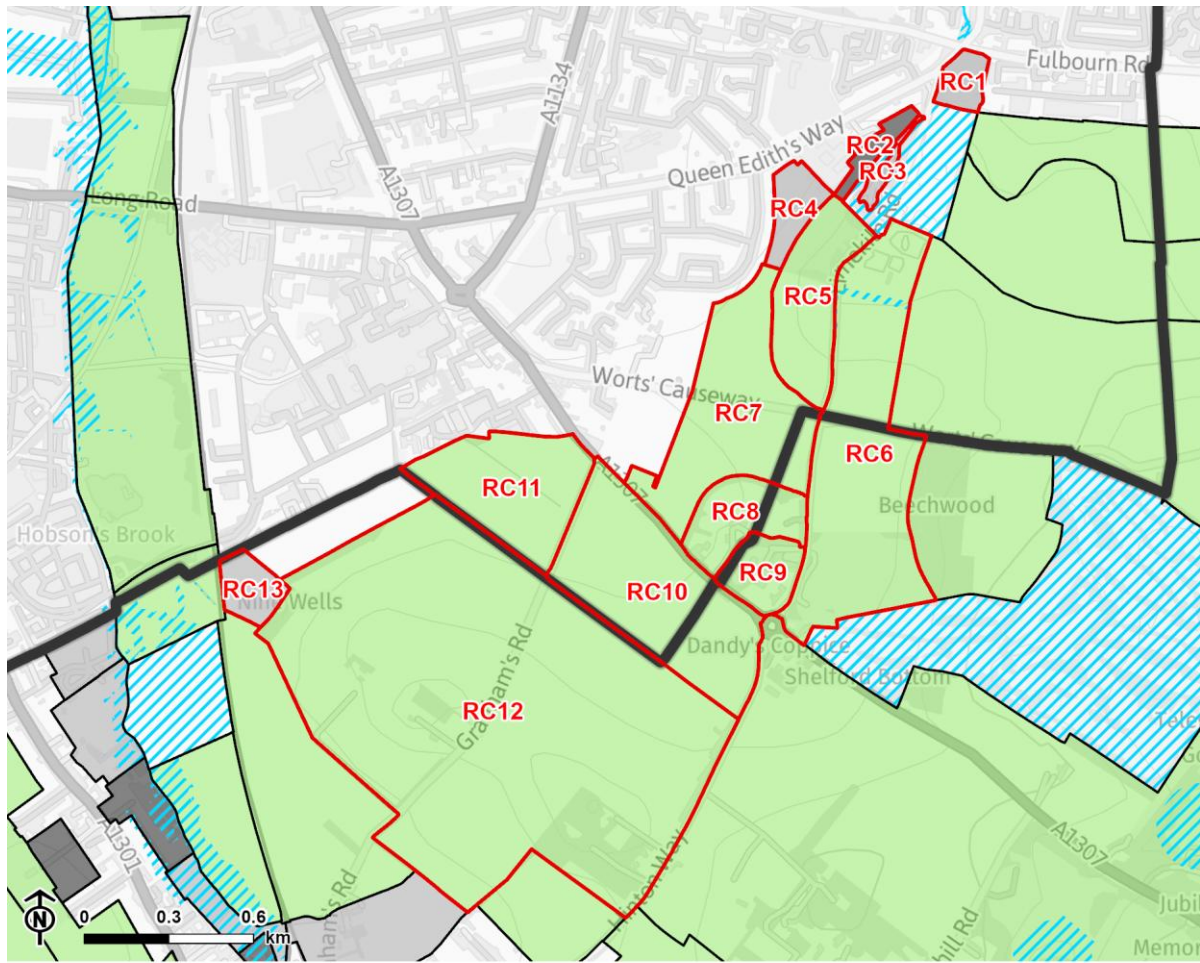


Figure B.14: Cambridge - Red Cross grey belt map



- Cambridge - Red Cross
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

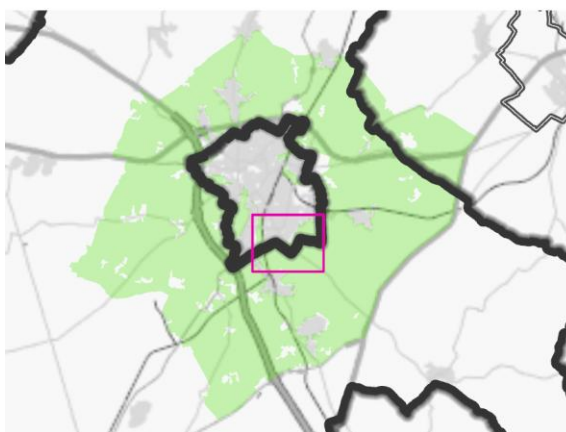
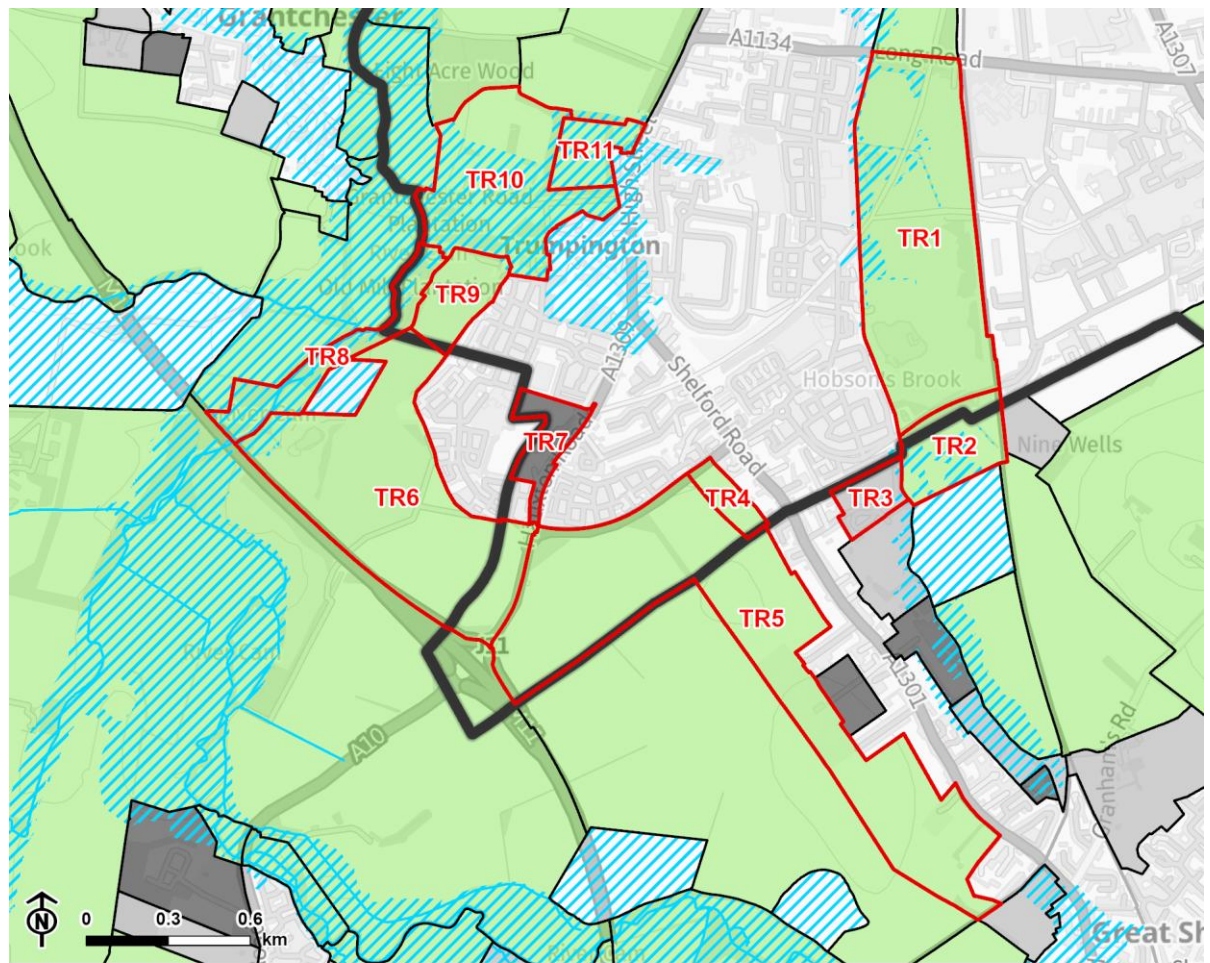


Figure B.15: Cambridge - Trumpington grey belt map



- Cambridge - Trumpington
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
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- Footnote 7 designation

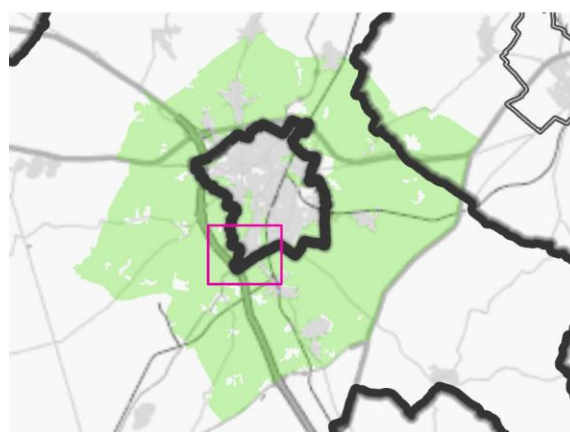
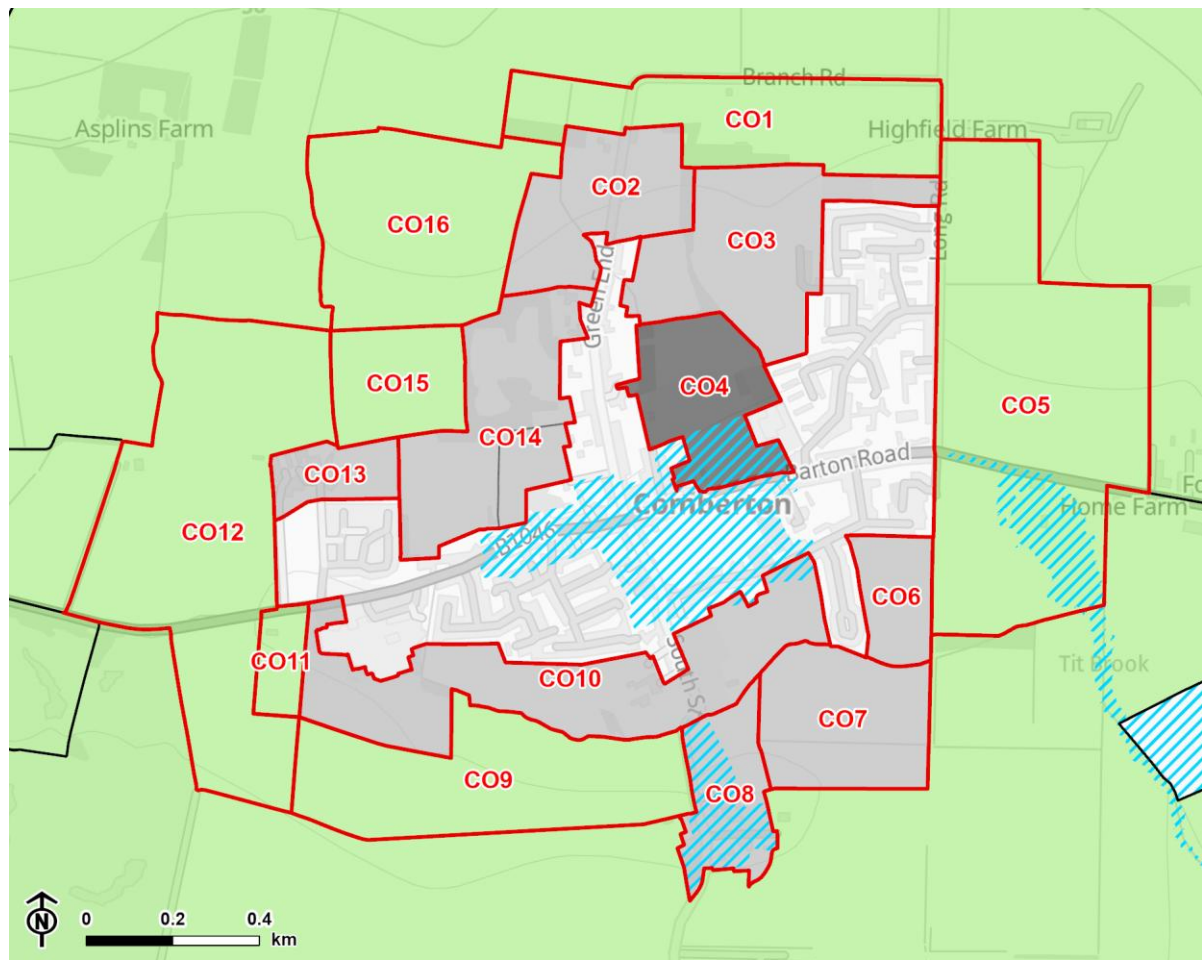


Figure B.16: Comberton grey belt map



- Comberton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

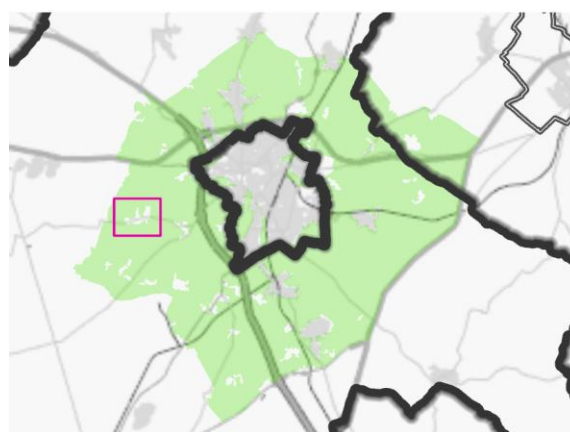
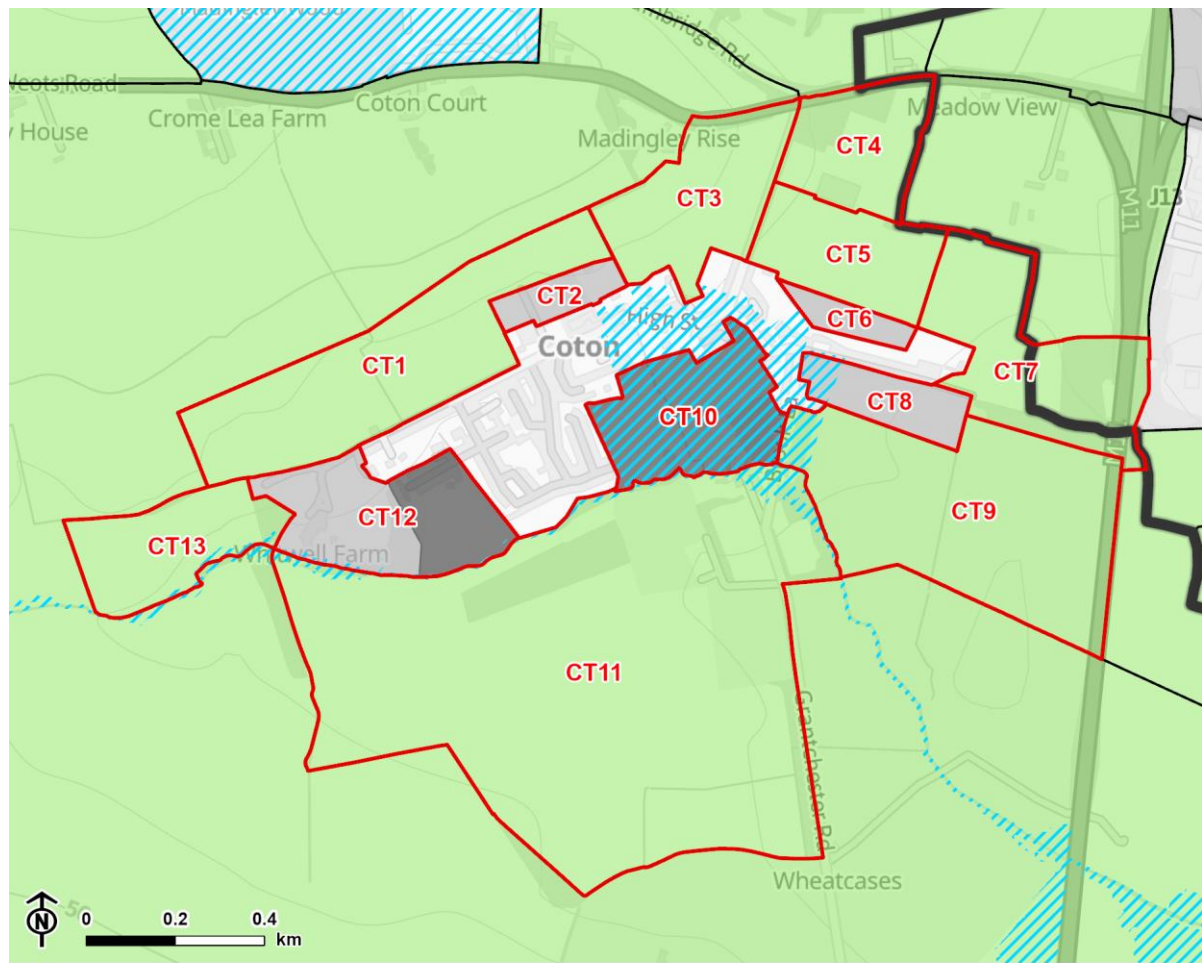


Figure B.17: Coton grey belt map



- Coton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

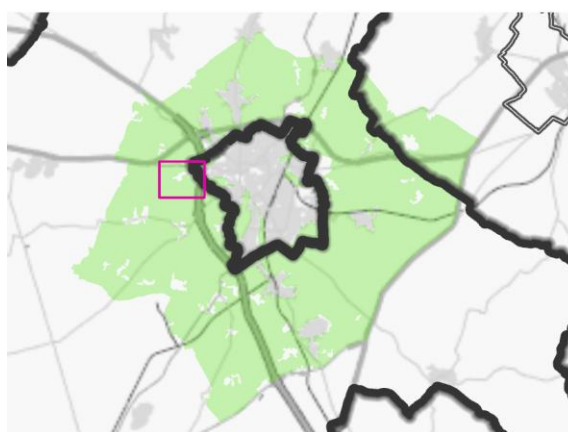
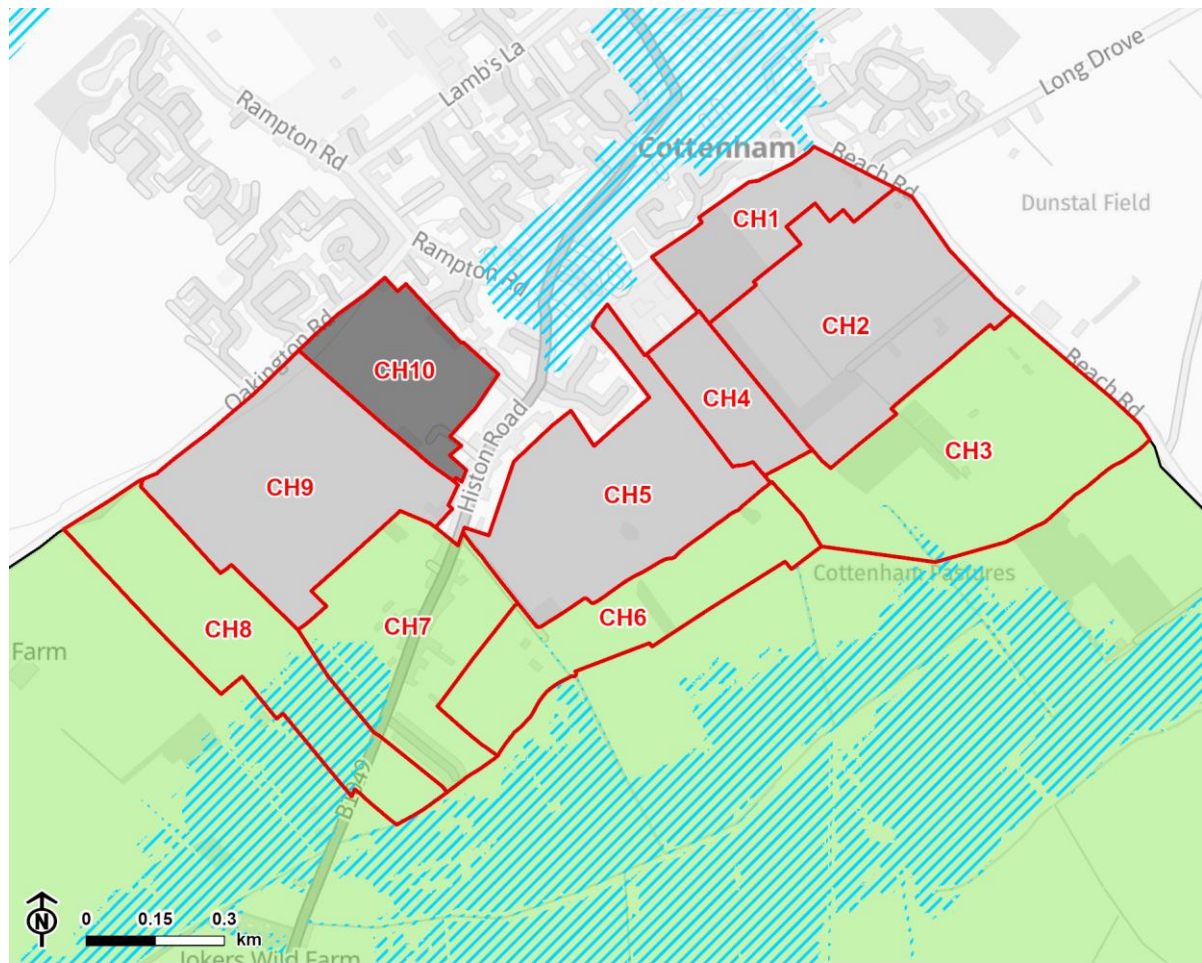


Figure B.18: Cottenham grey belt map



- Cottenham
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

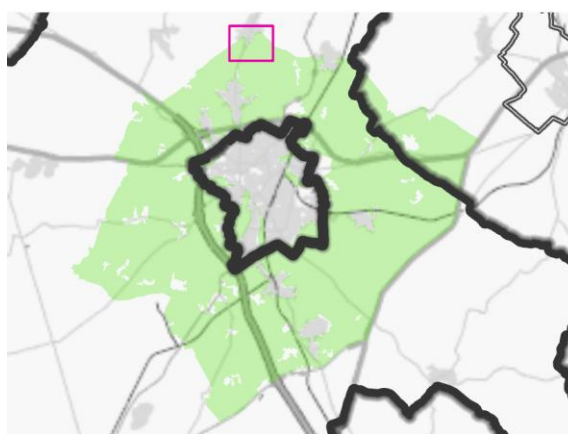
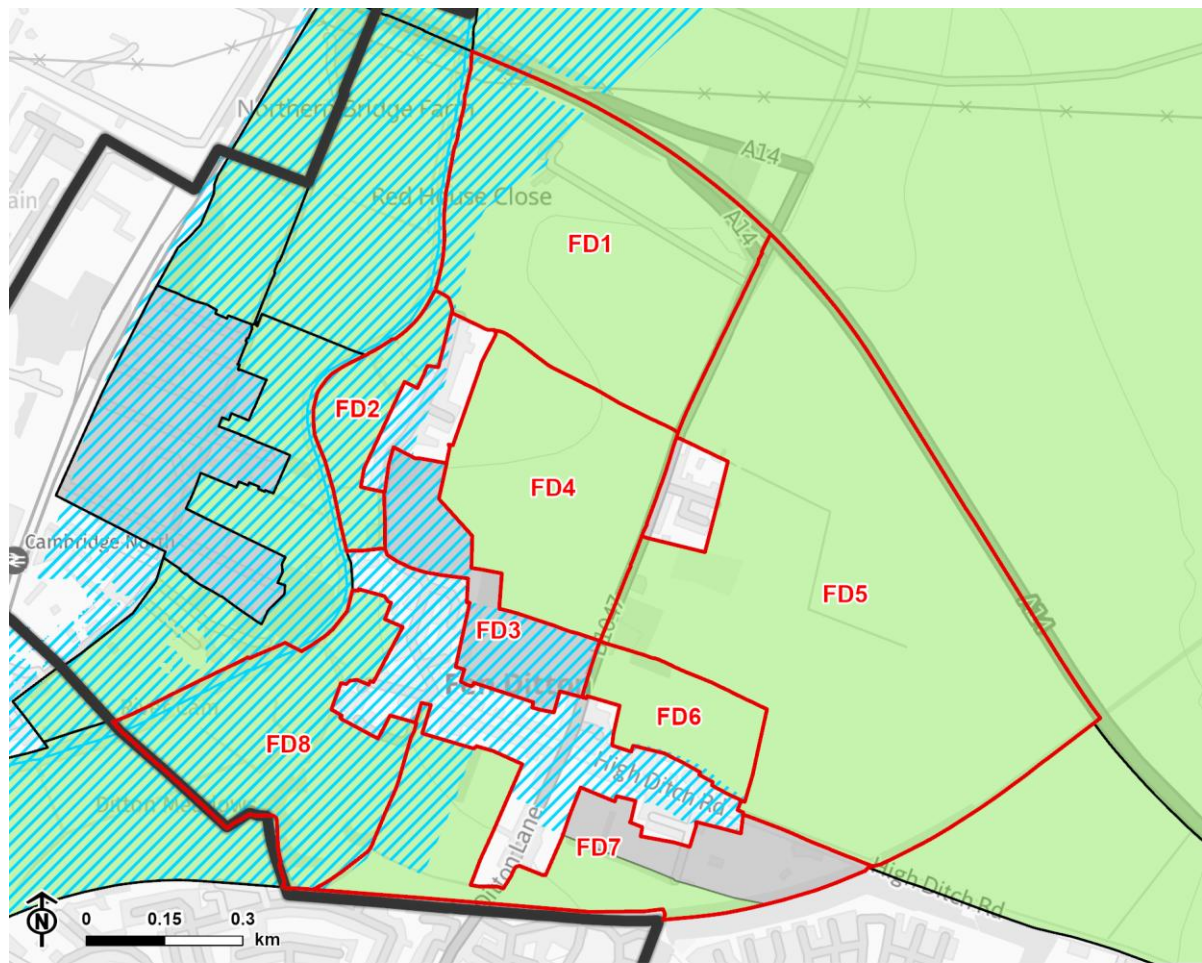


Figure B.19: Fen Ditton grey belt map



- Fen Ditton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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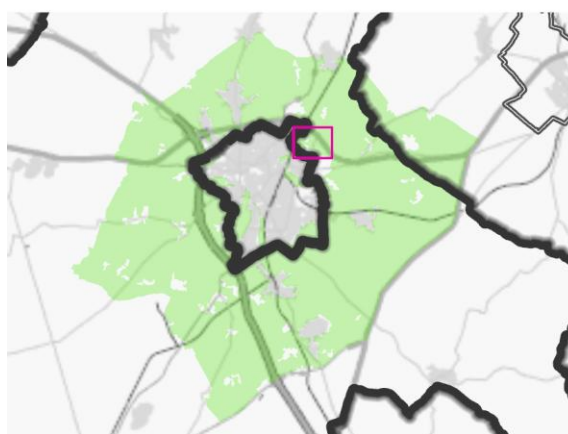
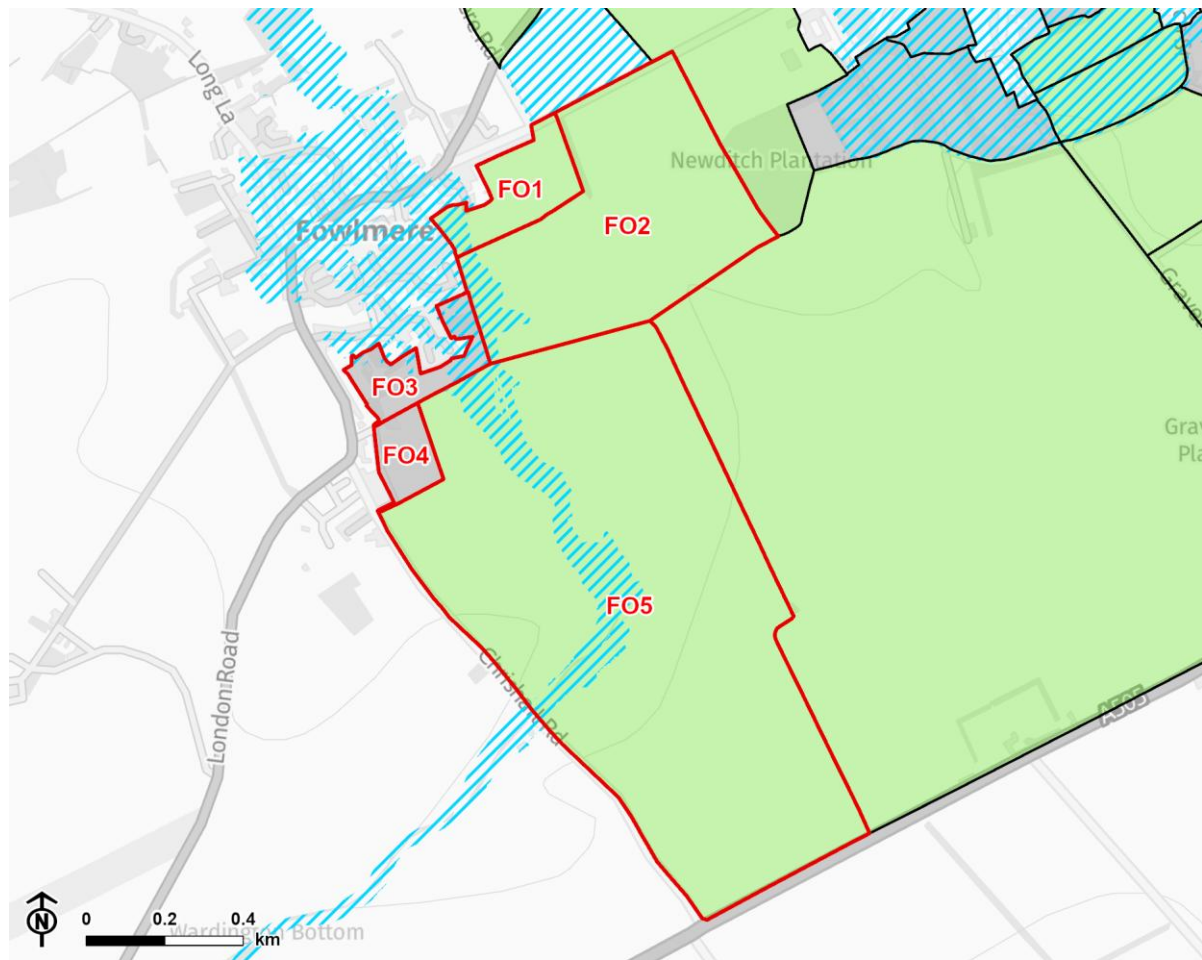


Figure B.20: Fowlmere grey belt map



- Fowlmere
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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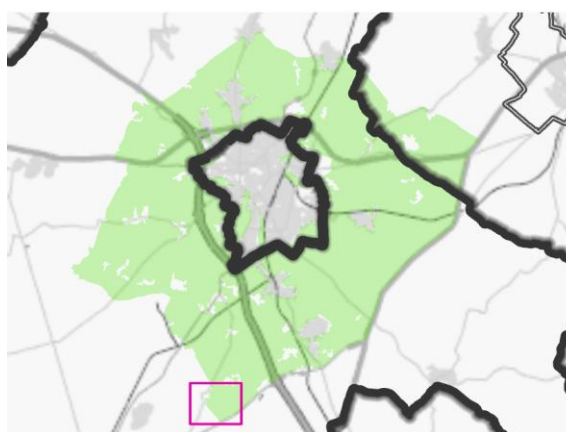
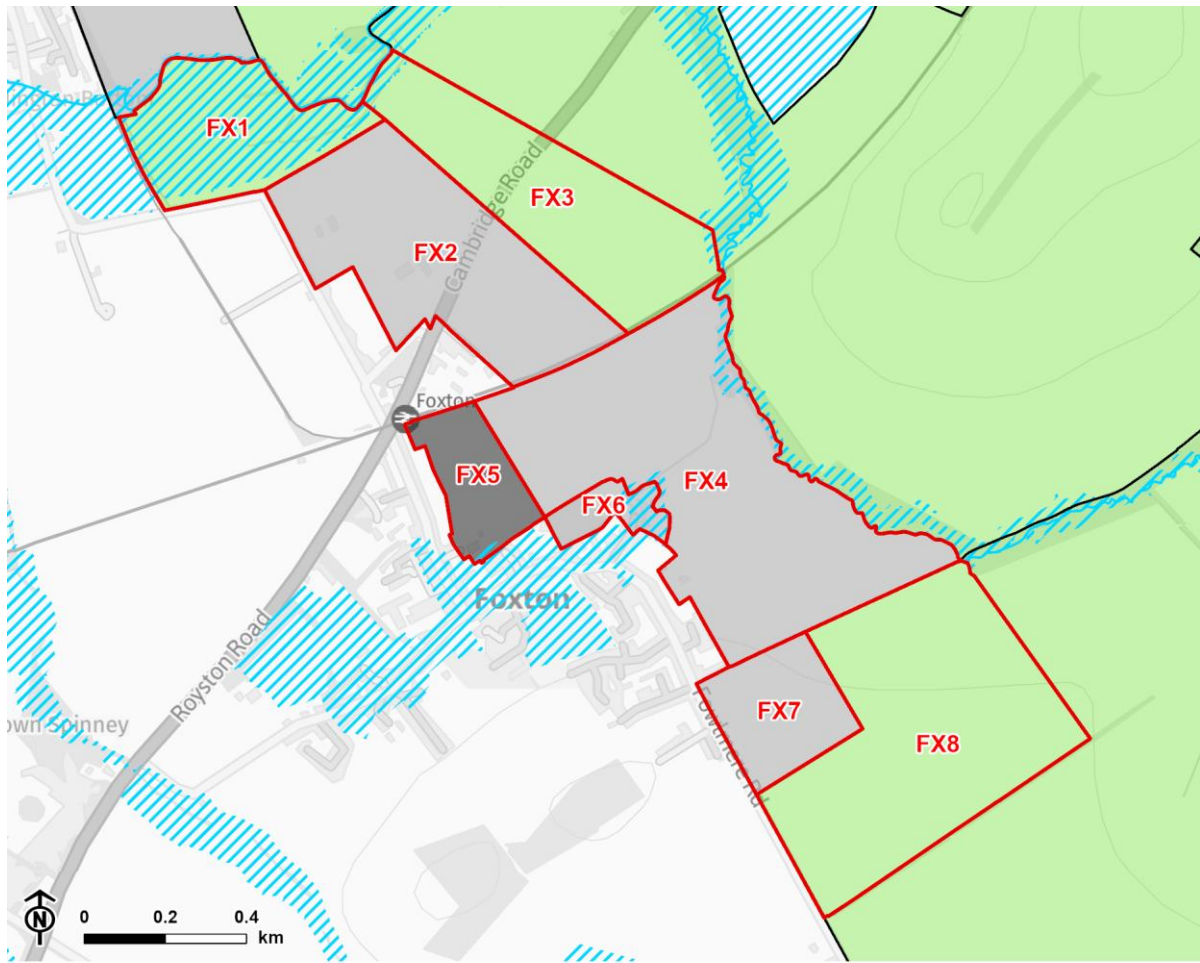


Figure B.21: Foxtton grey belt map



- Foxtton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

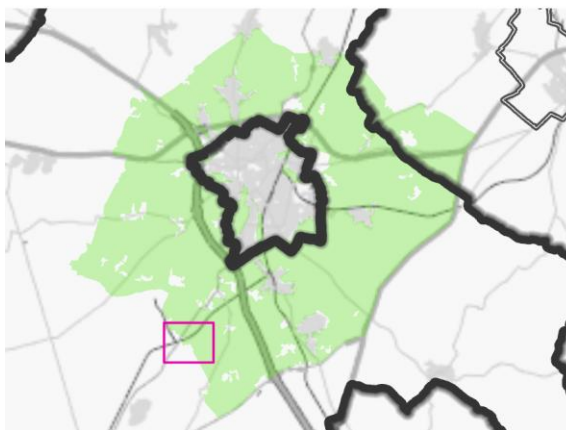
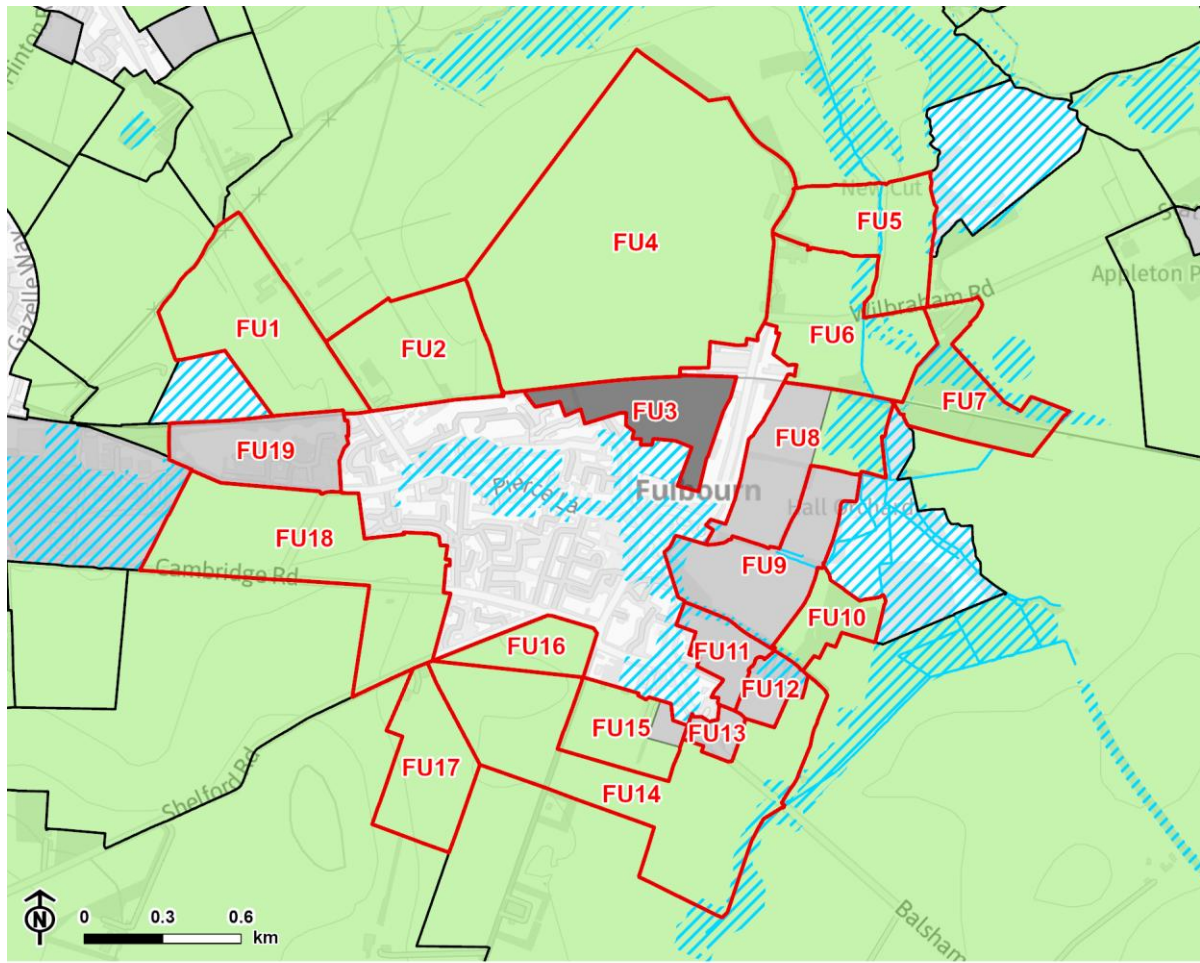


Figure B.22: Fulbourn grey belt map



- Fulbourn
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

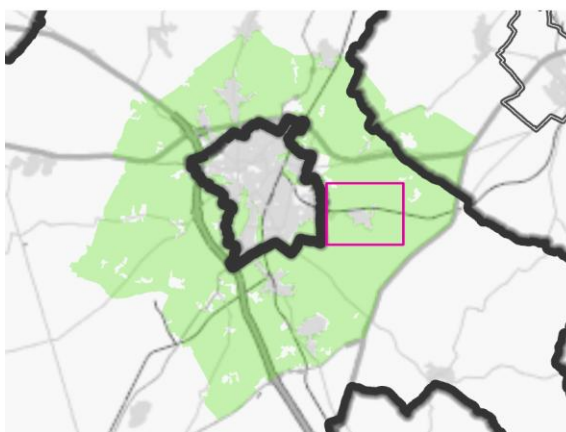
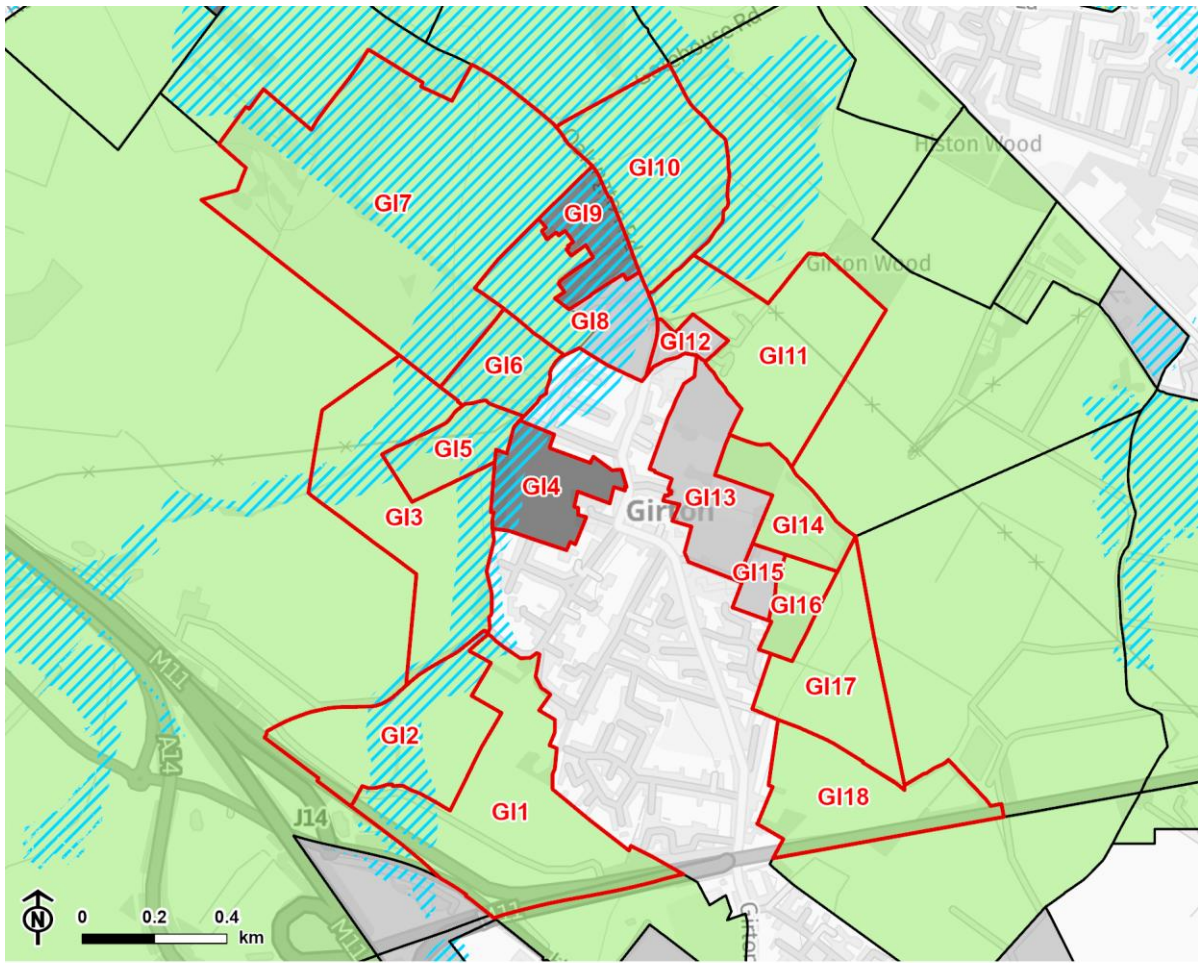


Figure B.23: Girton grey belt map



- Girton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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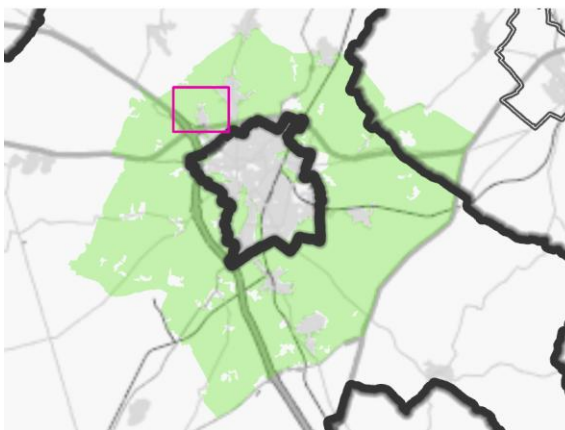
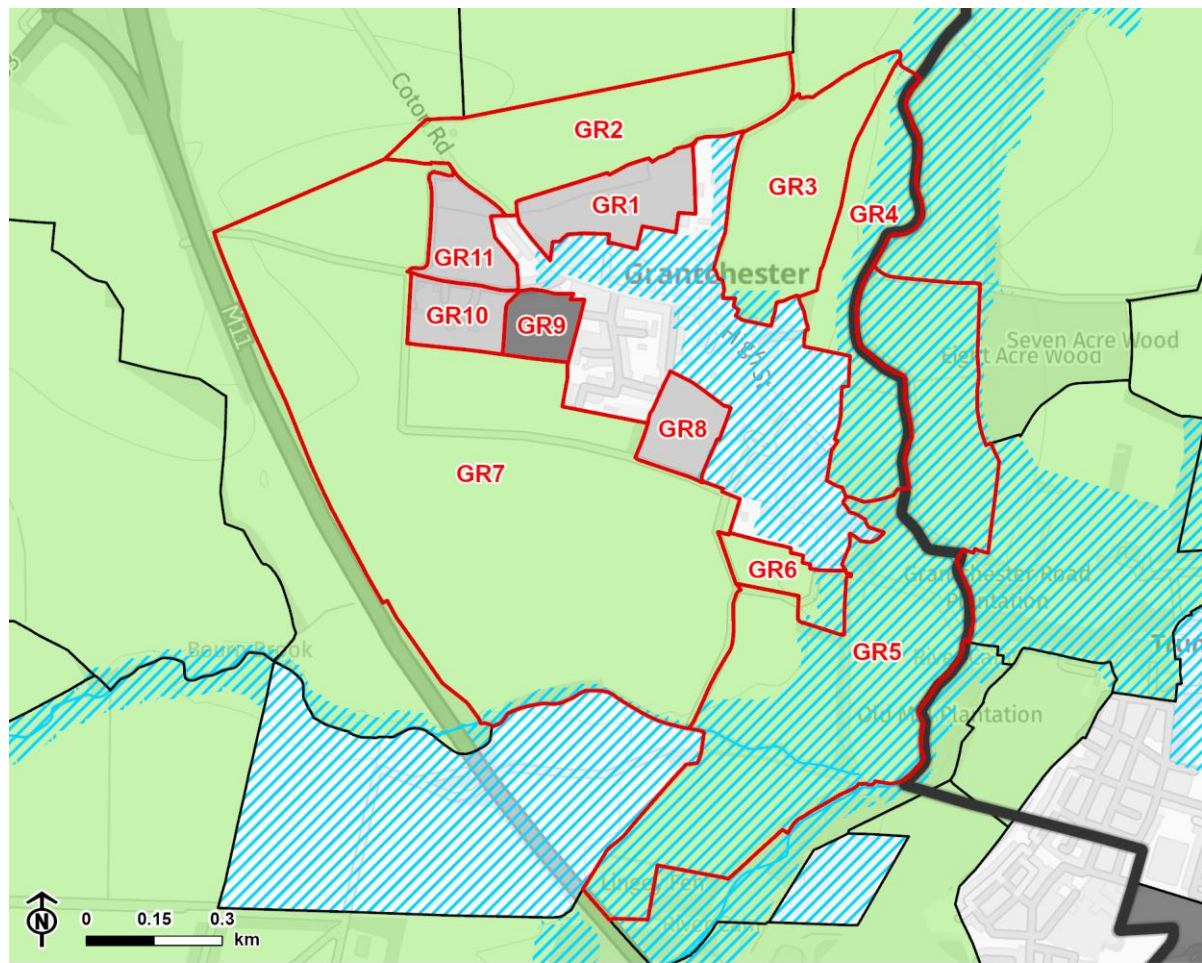


Figure B.24: Grantchester grey belt map



- Grantchester
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
- Footnote 7 designation

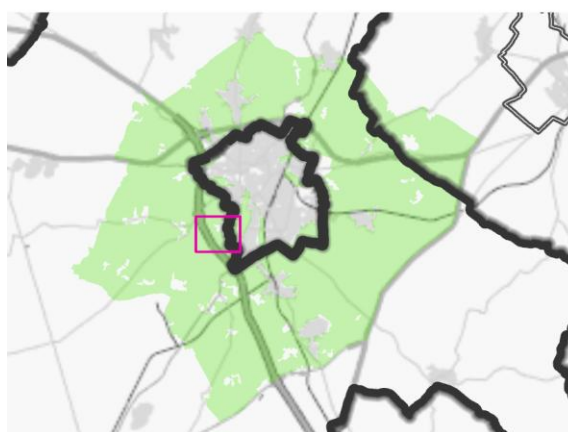
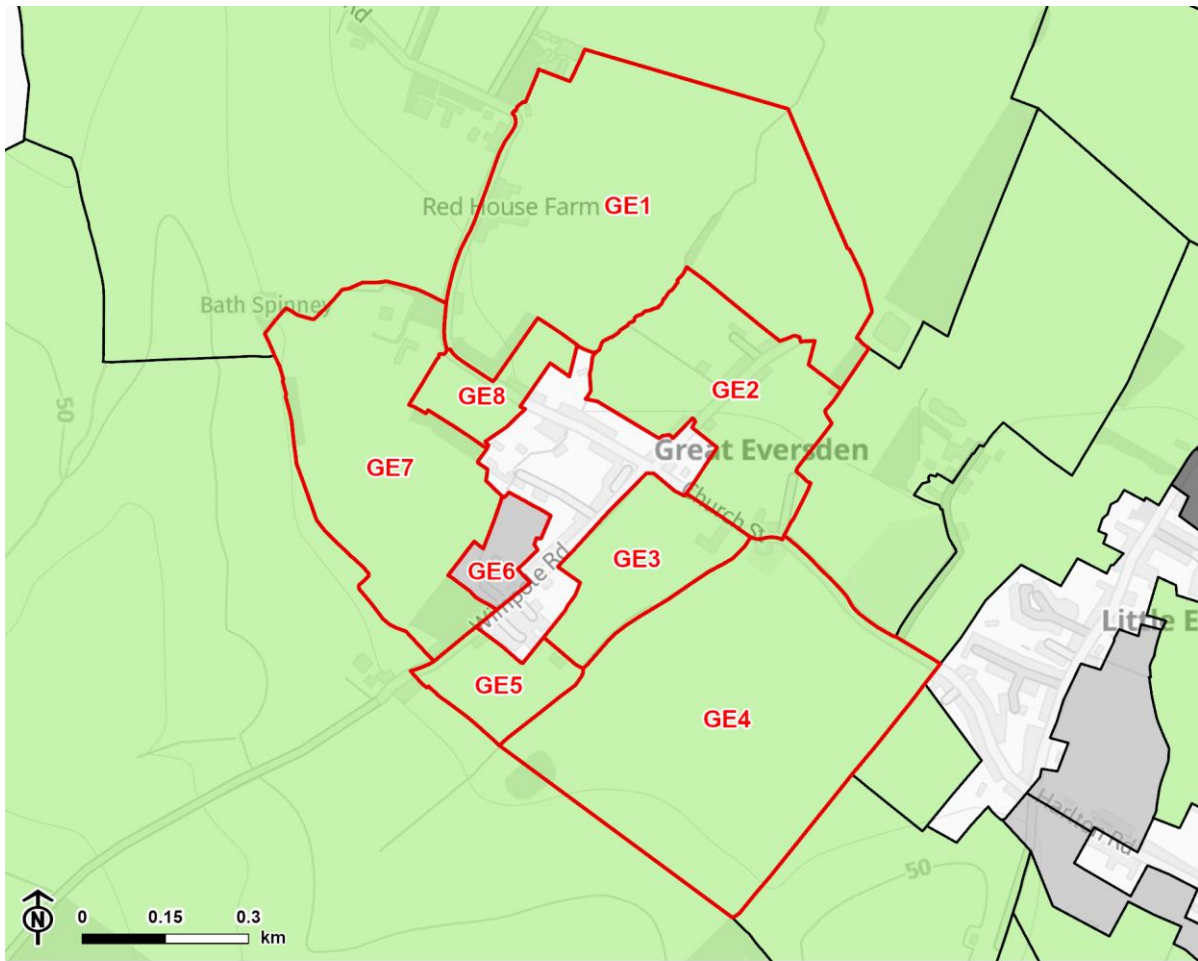


Figure B.25: Great Eversden grey belt map



- Great Eversden
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
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- Footnote 7 designation

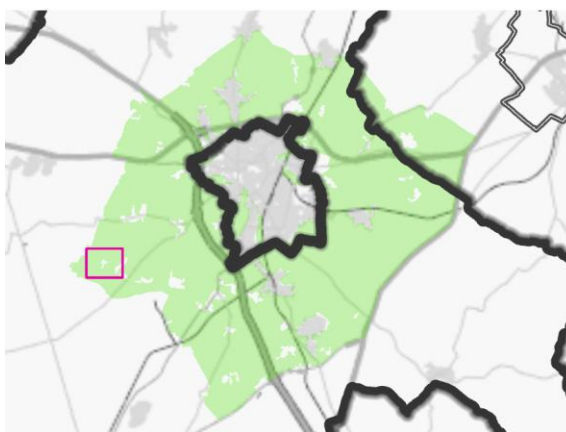
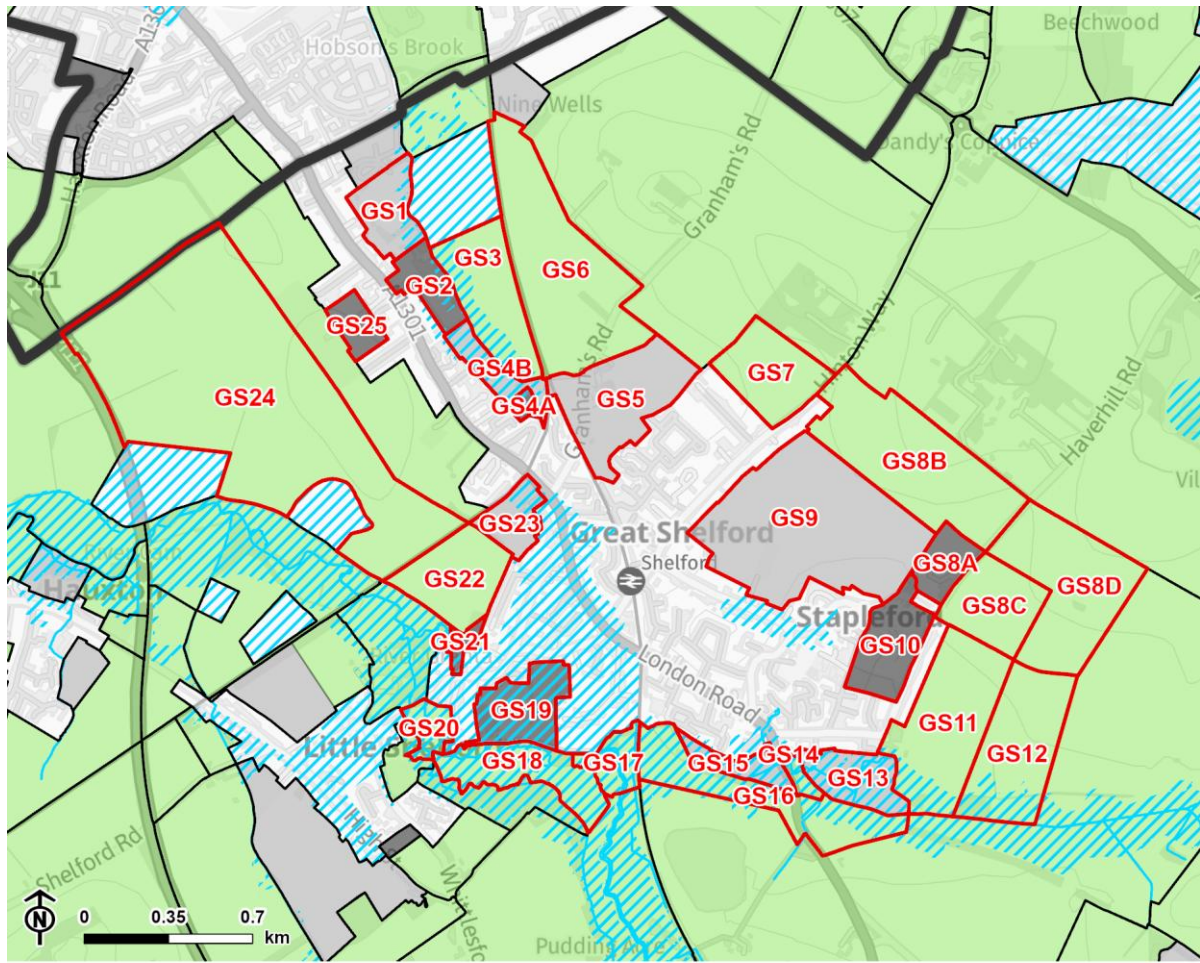


Figure B.26: Great Shelford grey belt map



- Great Shelford
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

- Grey belt**
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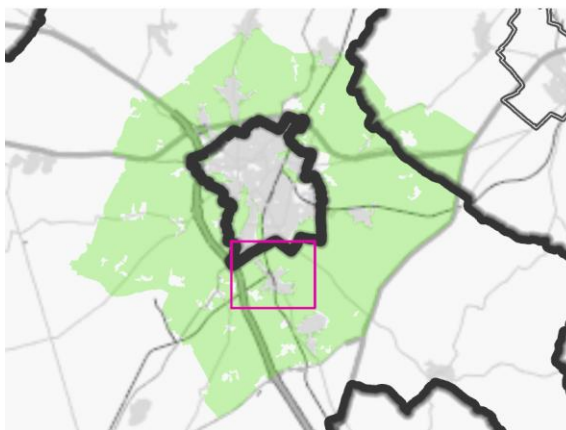
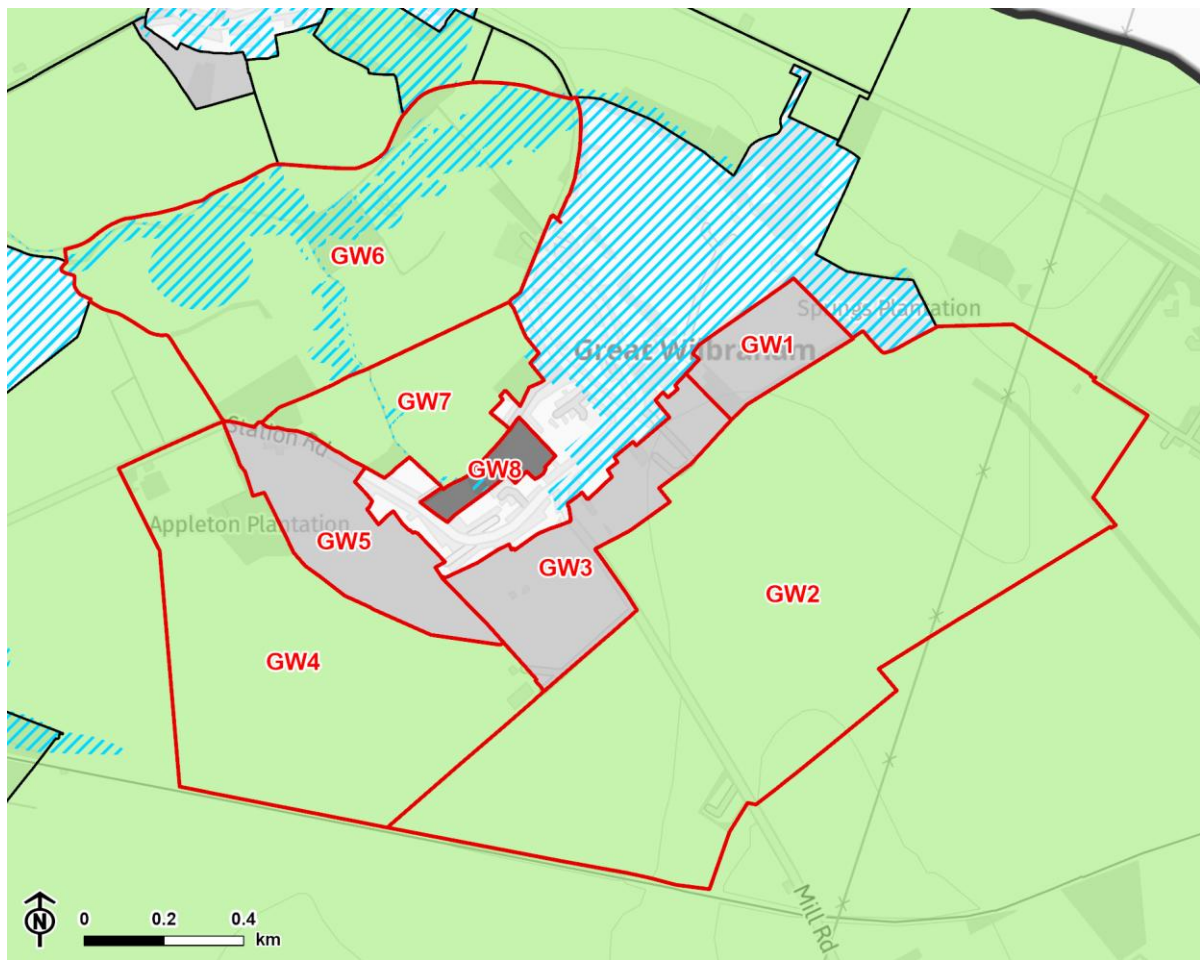


Figure B.27: Great Wilbraham grey belt map



- Great Wilbraham
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

- Provisional grey belt - Weak contribution to purpose D
- Provisional grey belt - Moderate contribution to purpose D
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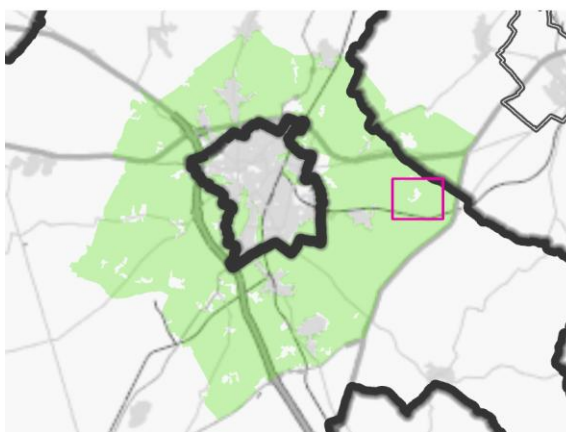
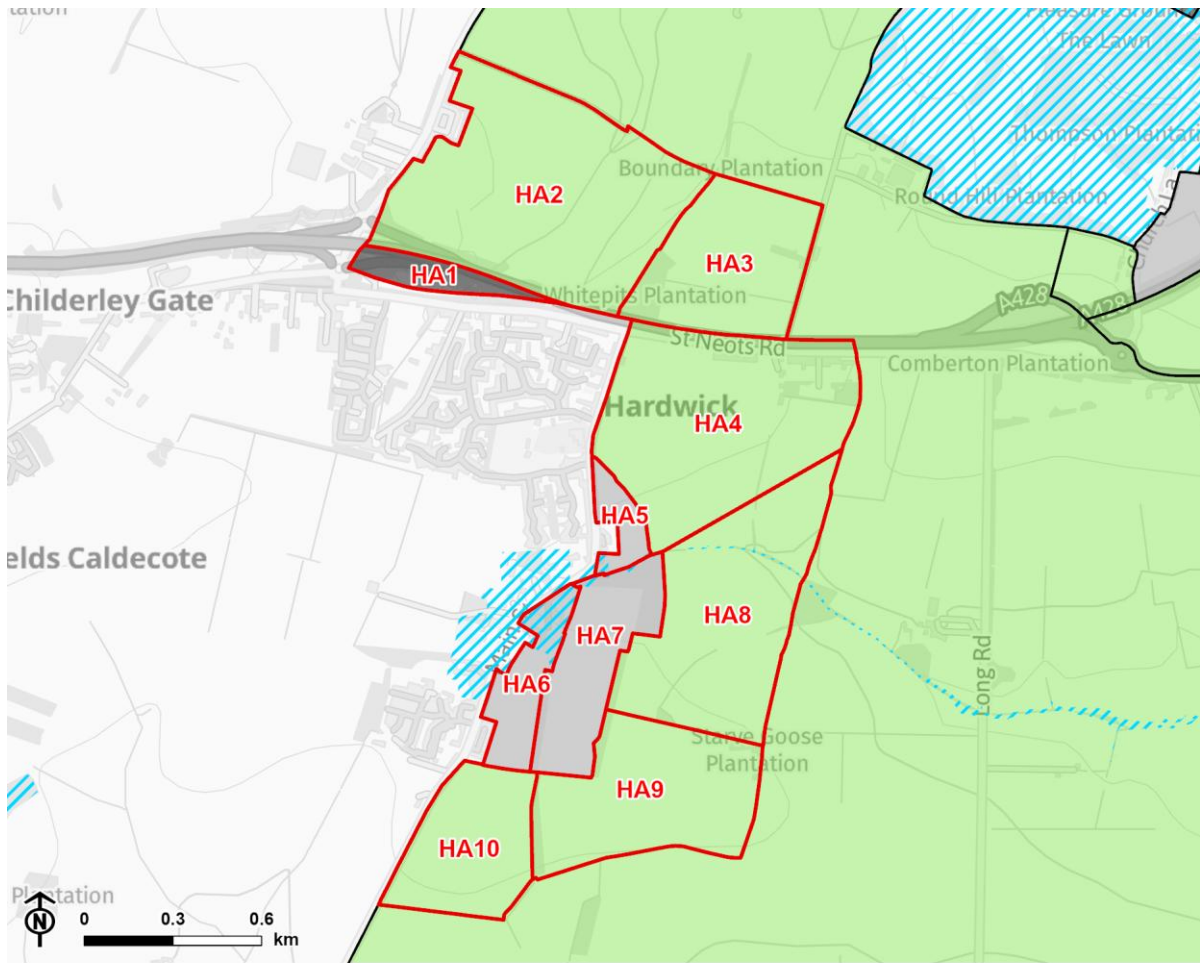


Figure B.28: Hardwick grey belt map



- Hardwick
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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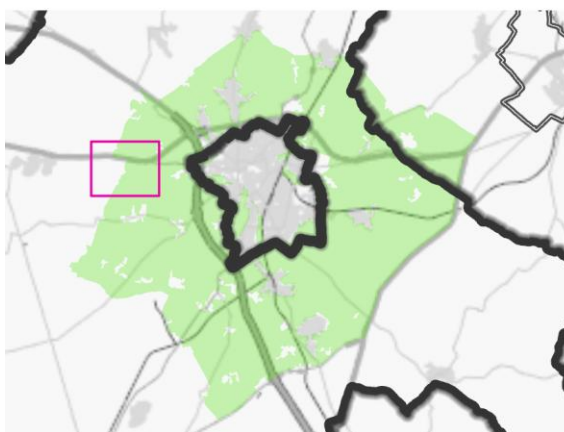
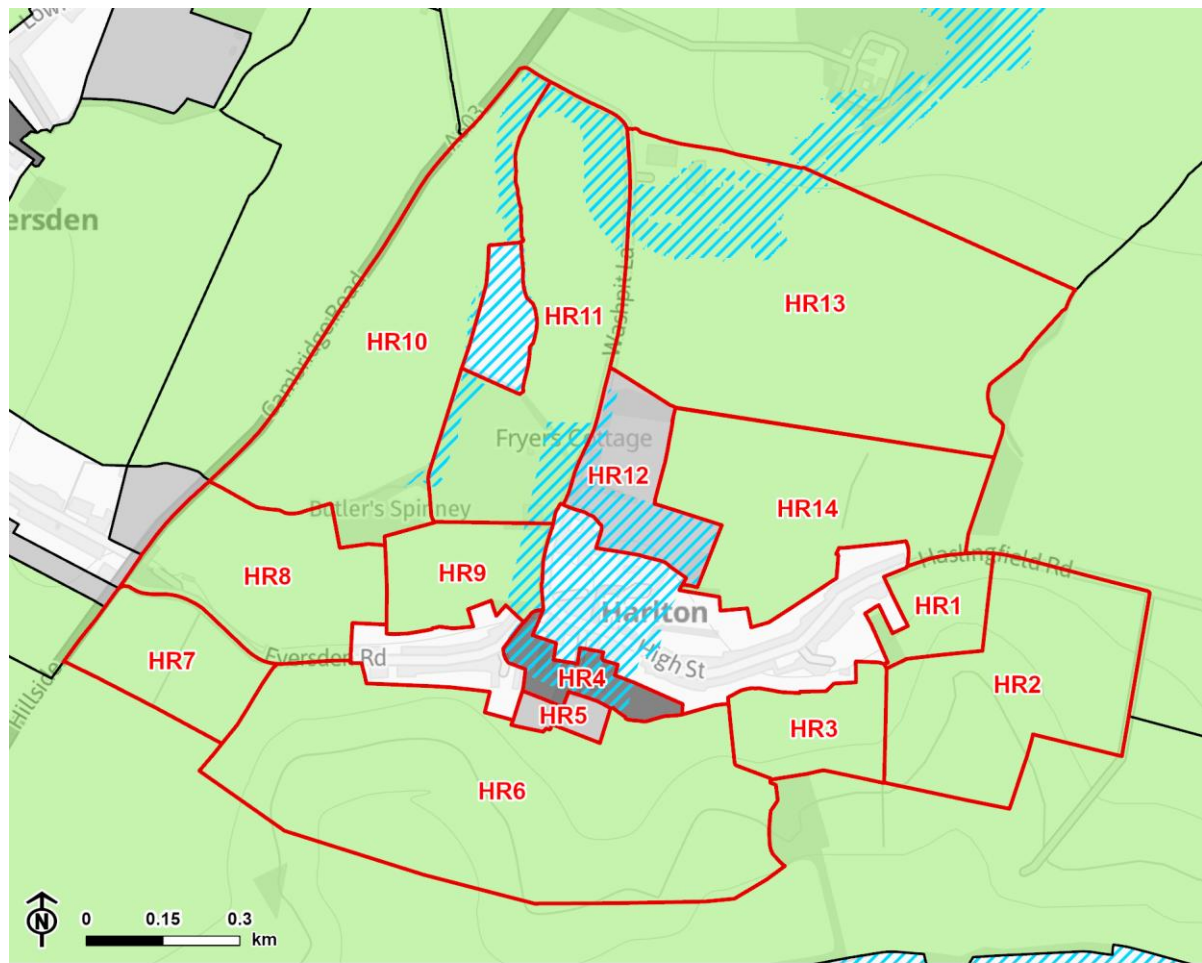


Figure B.29: Harlton grey belt map



- Harlton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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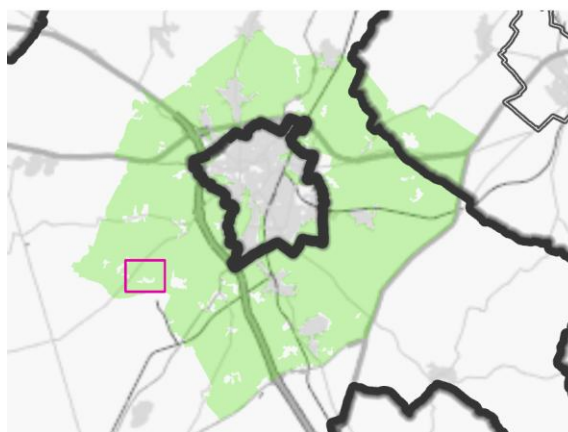
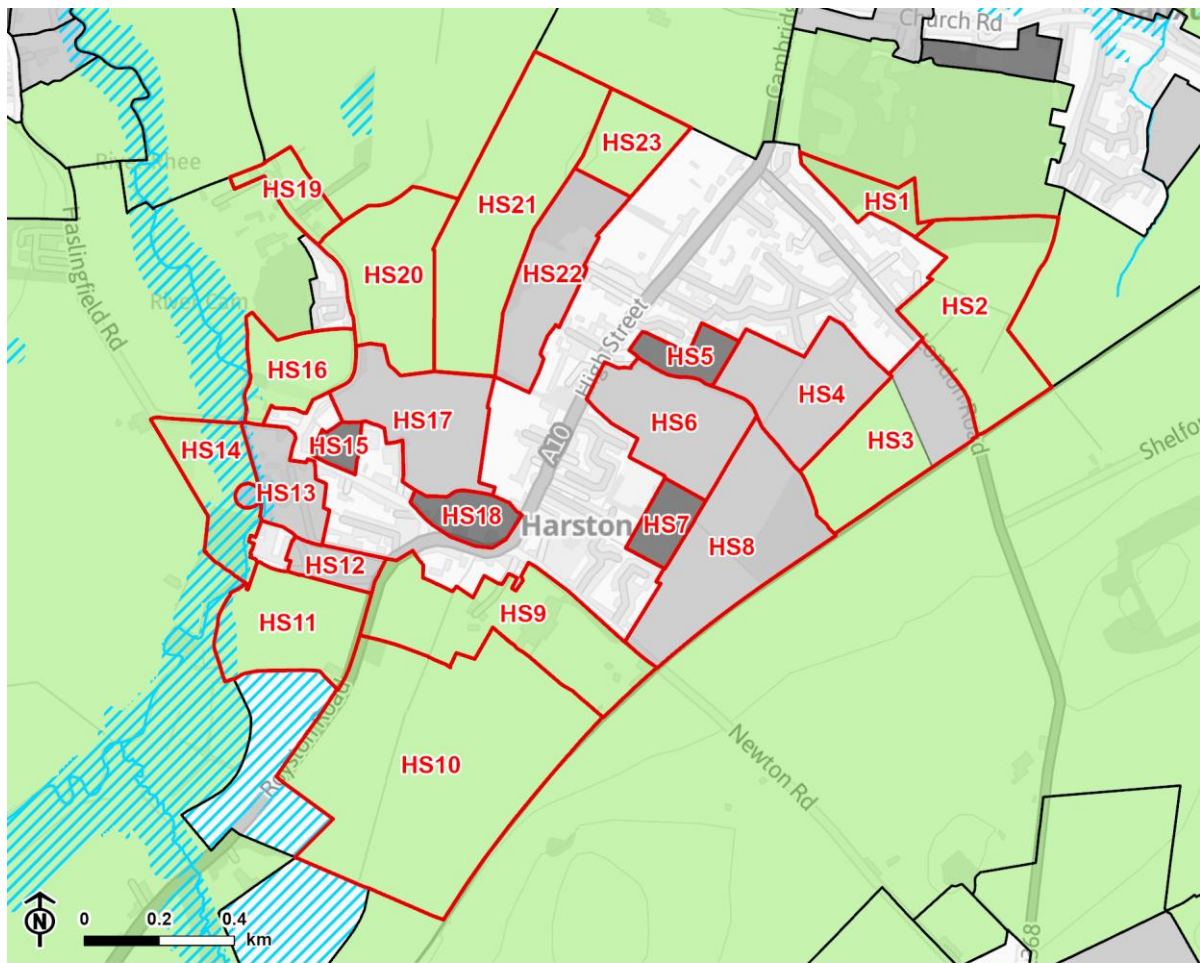


Figure B.30: Harston grey belt map



- Harston
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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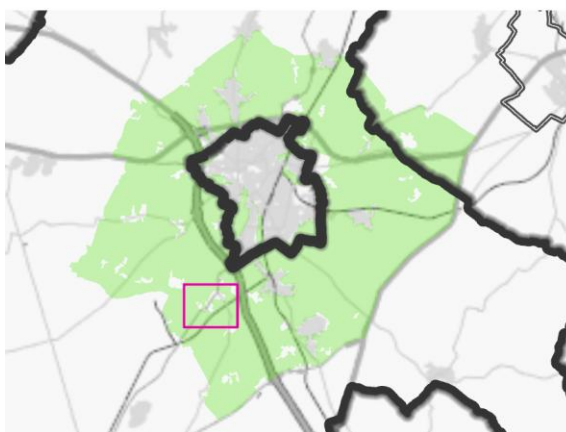
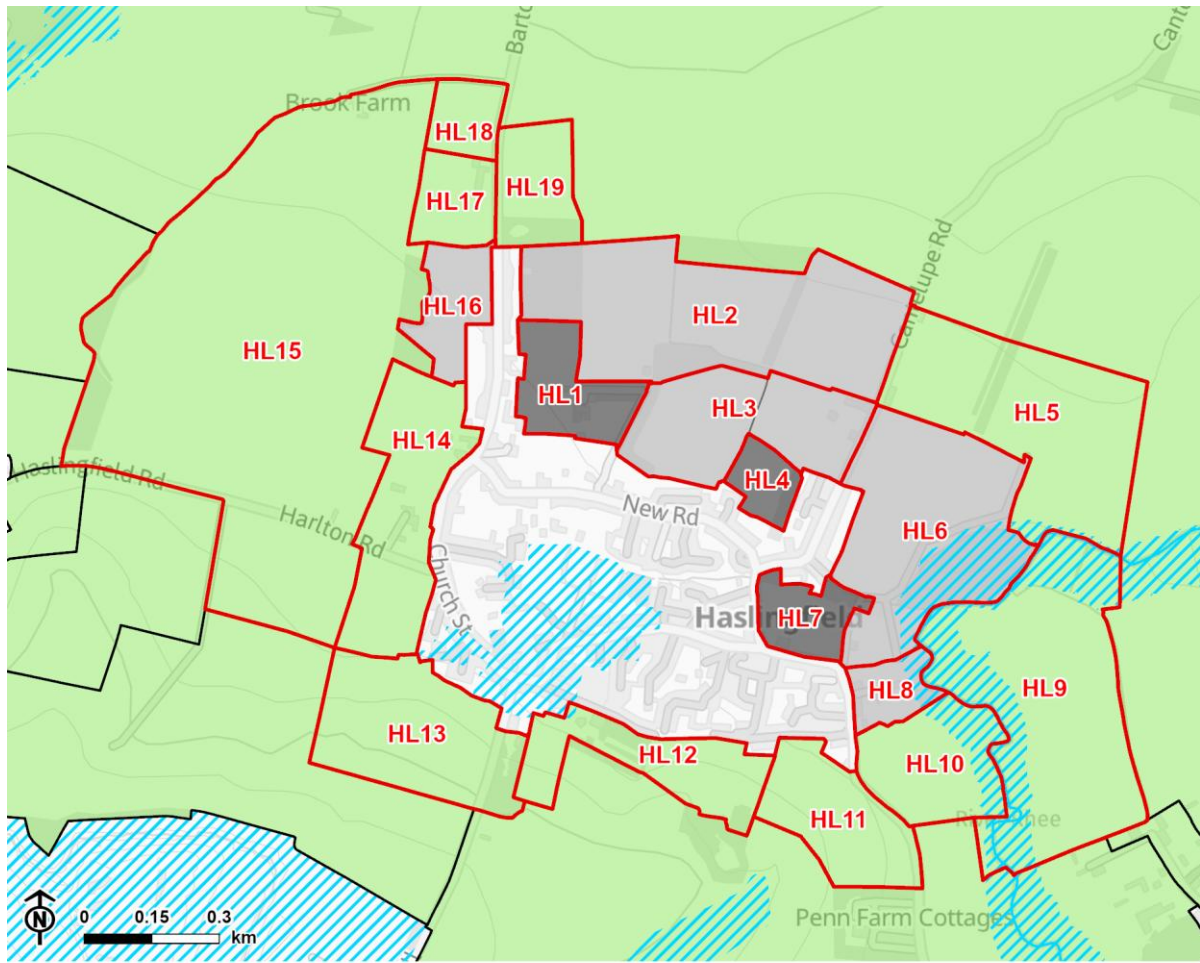


Figure B.31: Haslingfield grey belt map



- Haslingfield
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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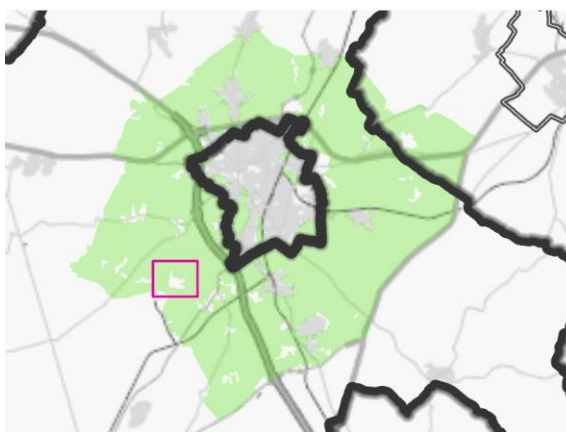
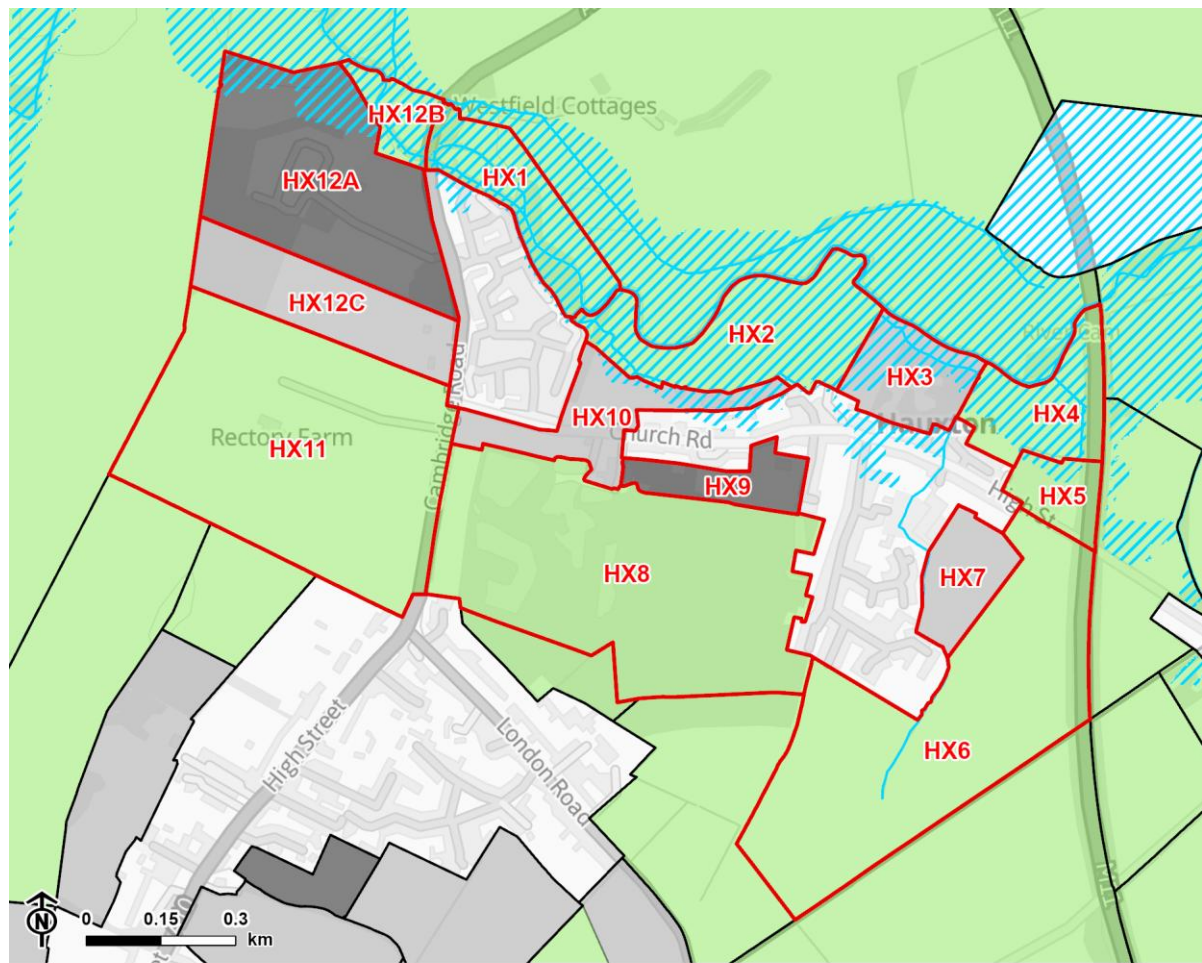


Figure B.32: Hauxton grey belt map



- Hauxton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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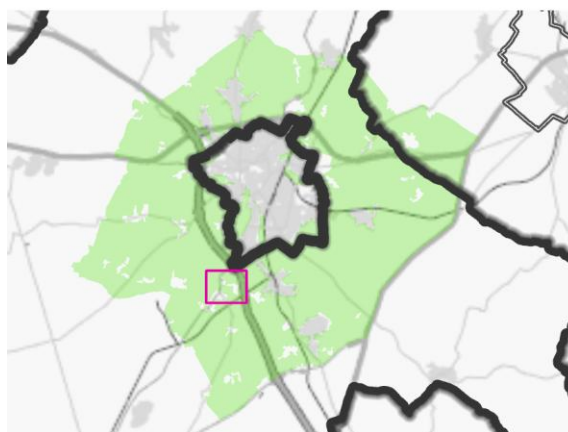
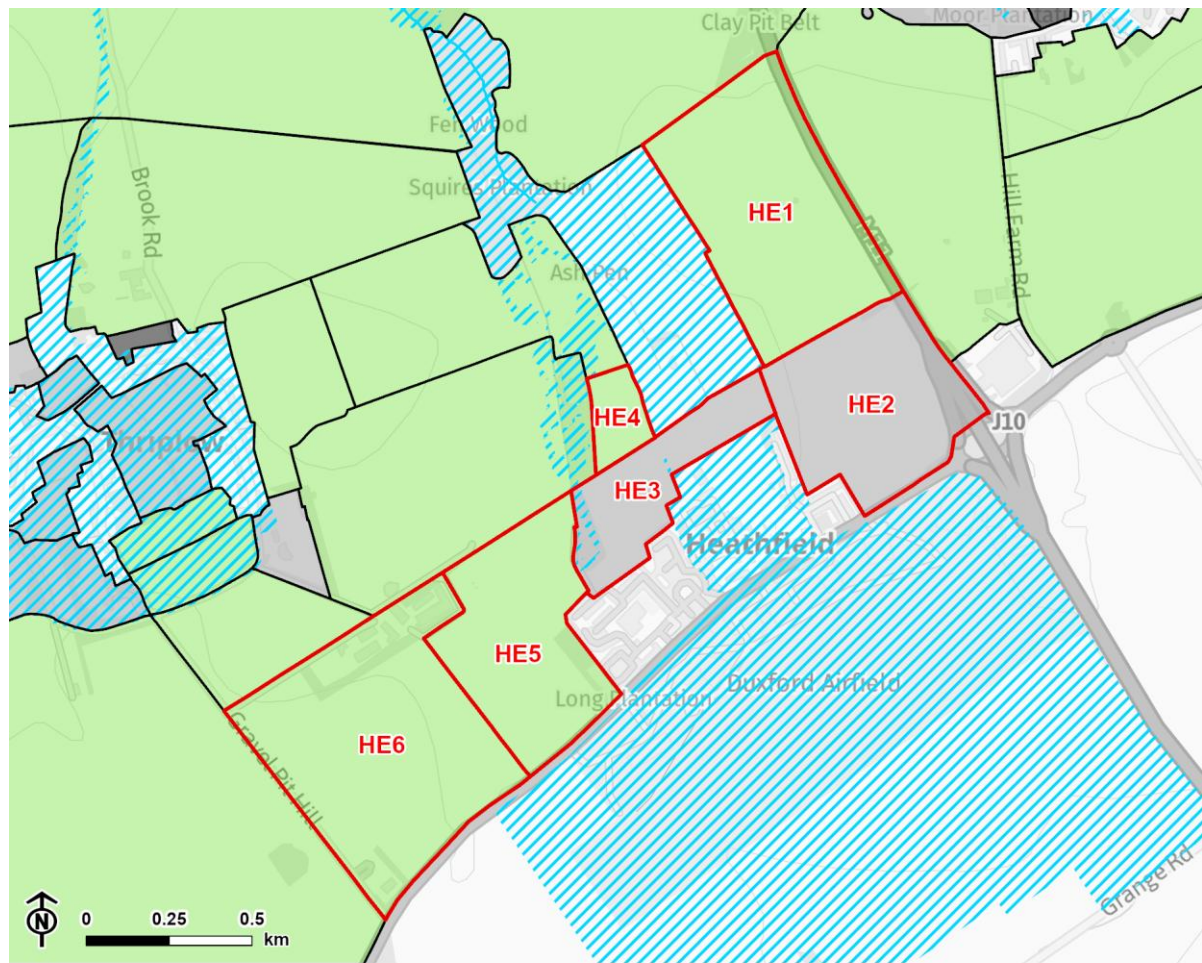


Figure B.33: Heathfield grey belt map



- Heathfield
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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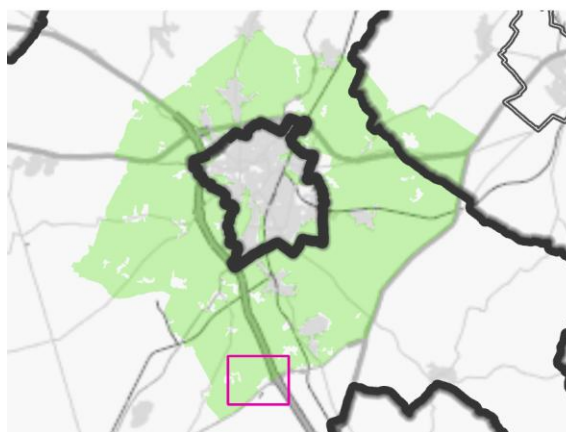
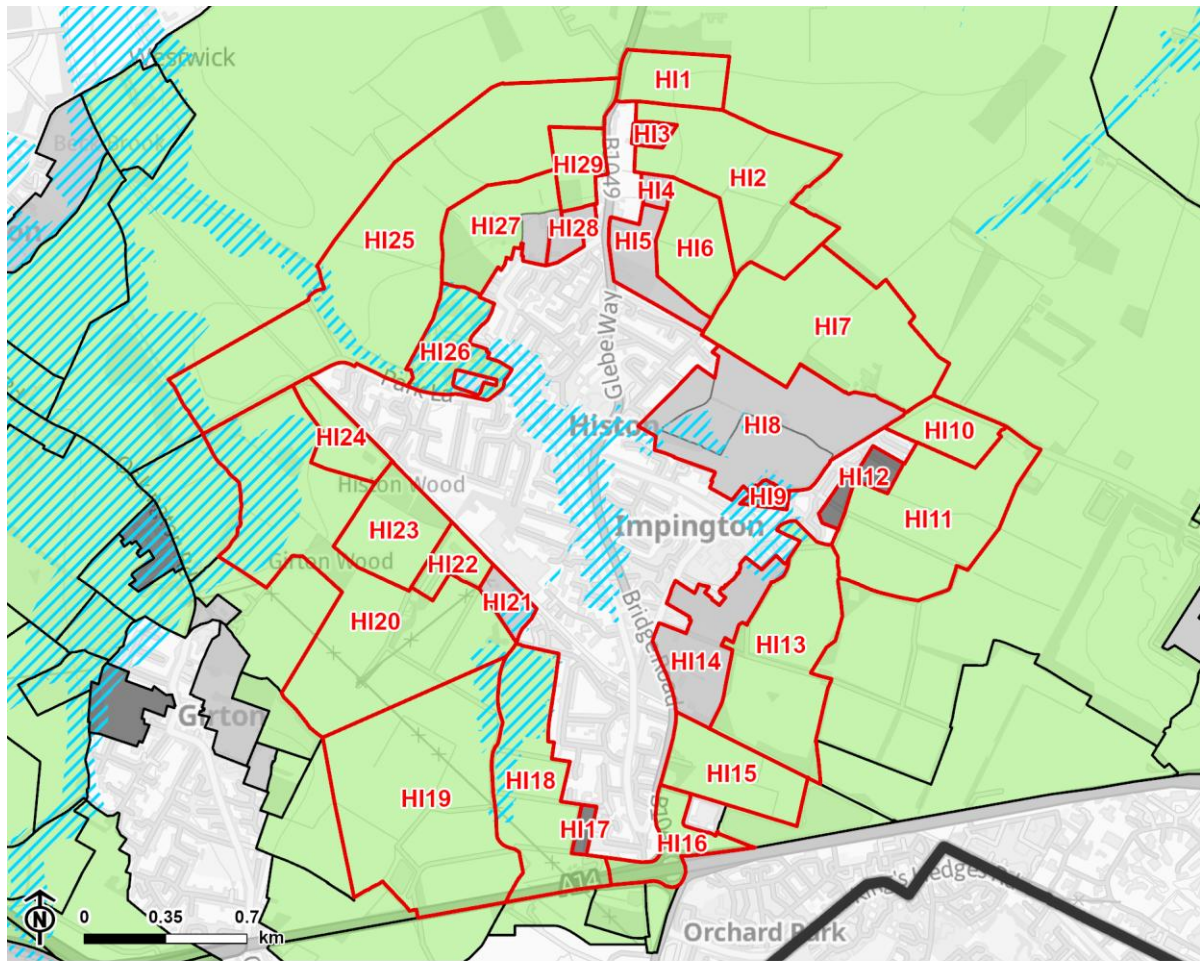


Figure B.34: Histon and Impington grey belt map



- Histon and Impington
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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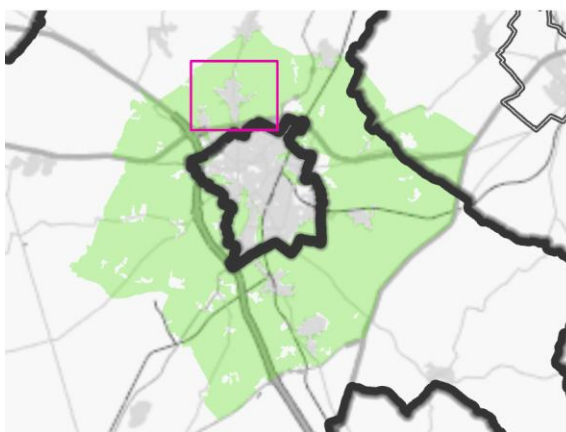
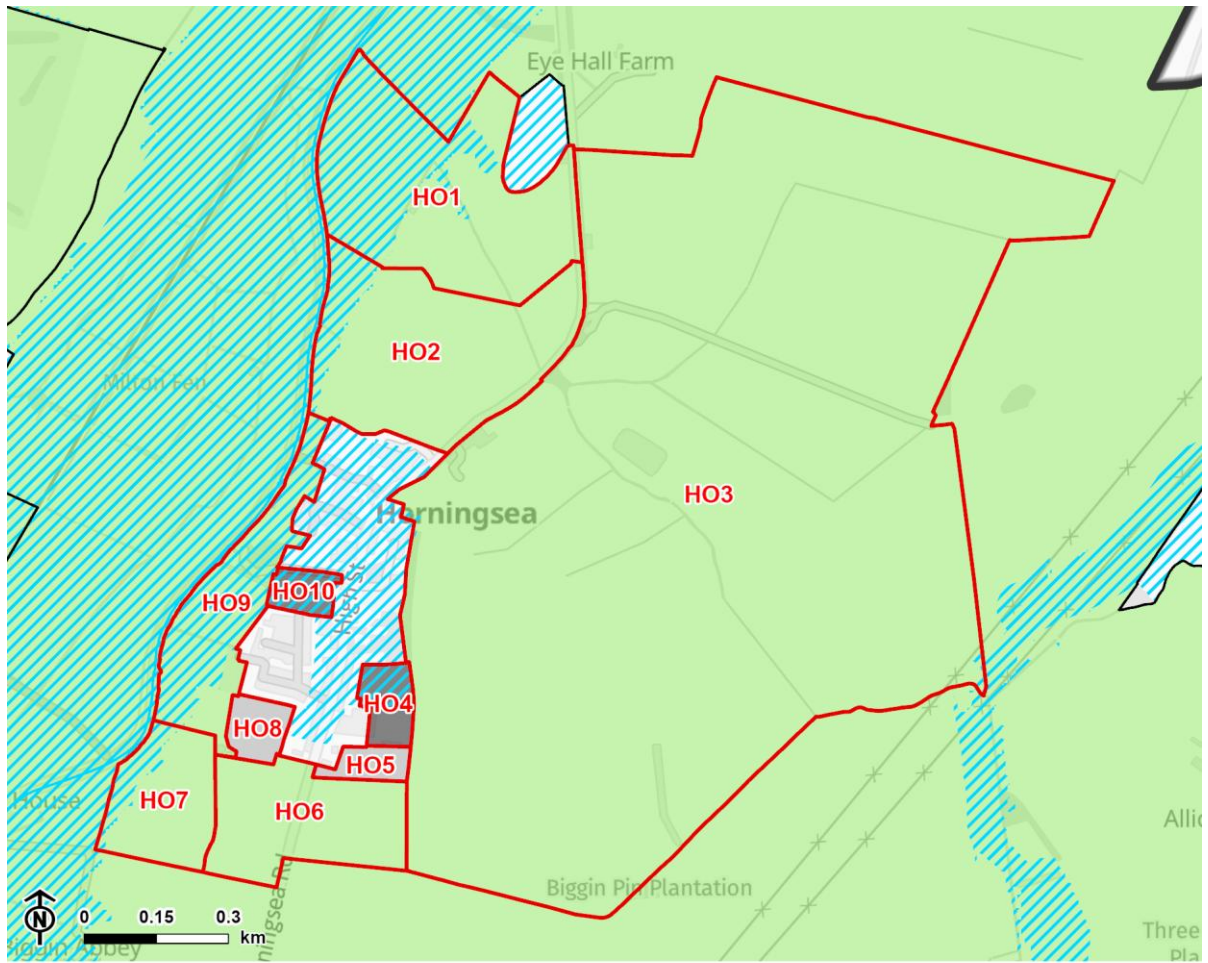


Figure B.35: Horningsea grey belt map



- Horningsea
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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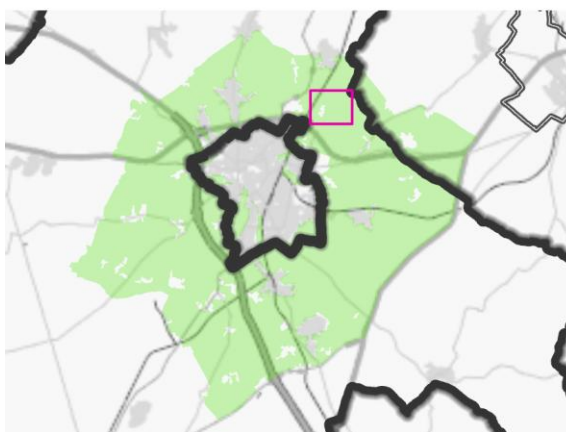
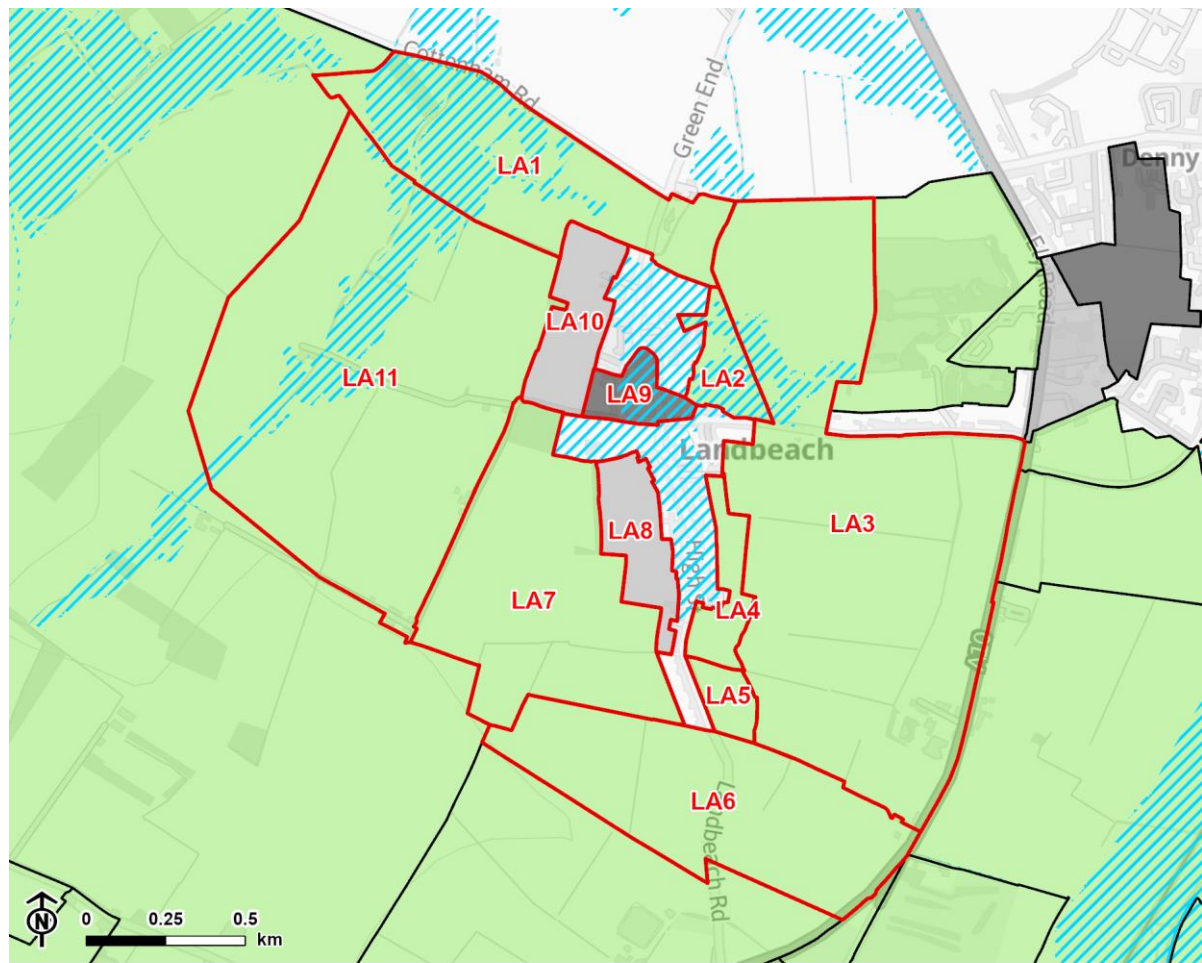










Figure B.36: Landbeach grey belt map



-  Landbeach
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority
-  Neighbouring authority

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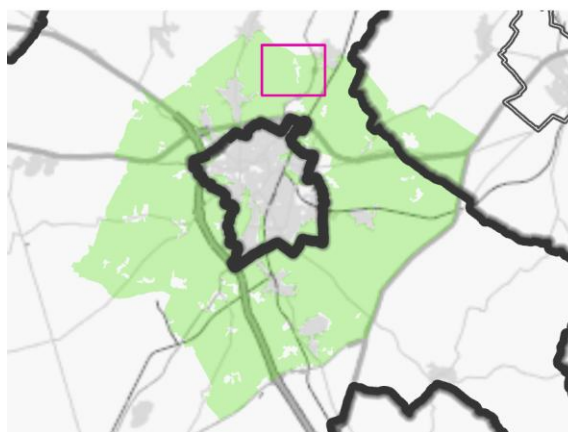
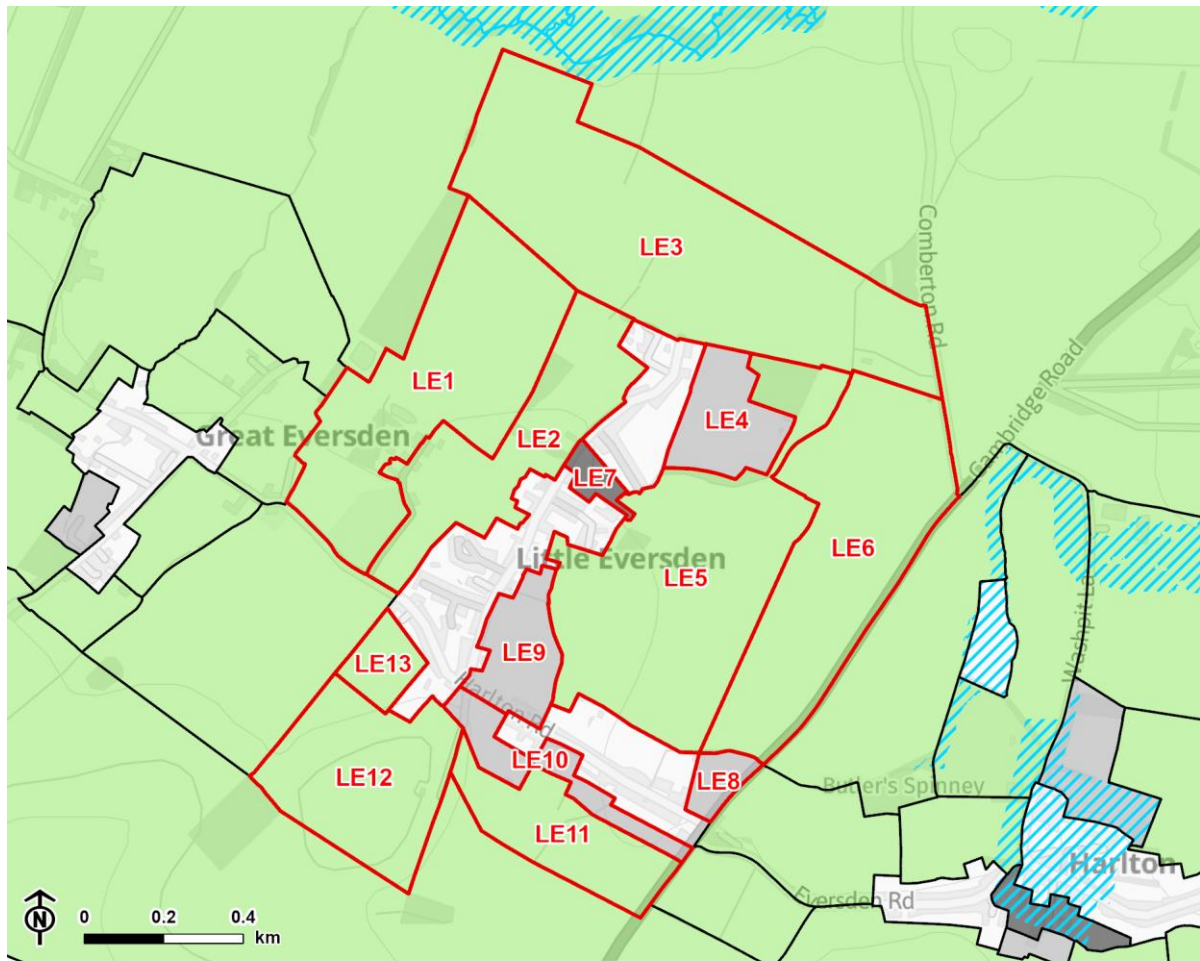


Figure B.37: Little Eversden grey belt map



- Little Eversden
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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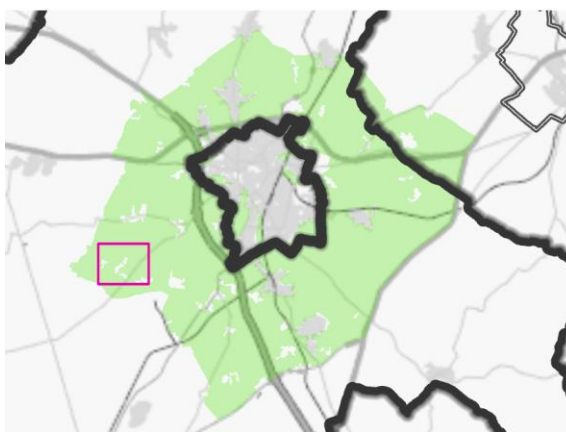
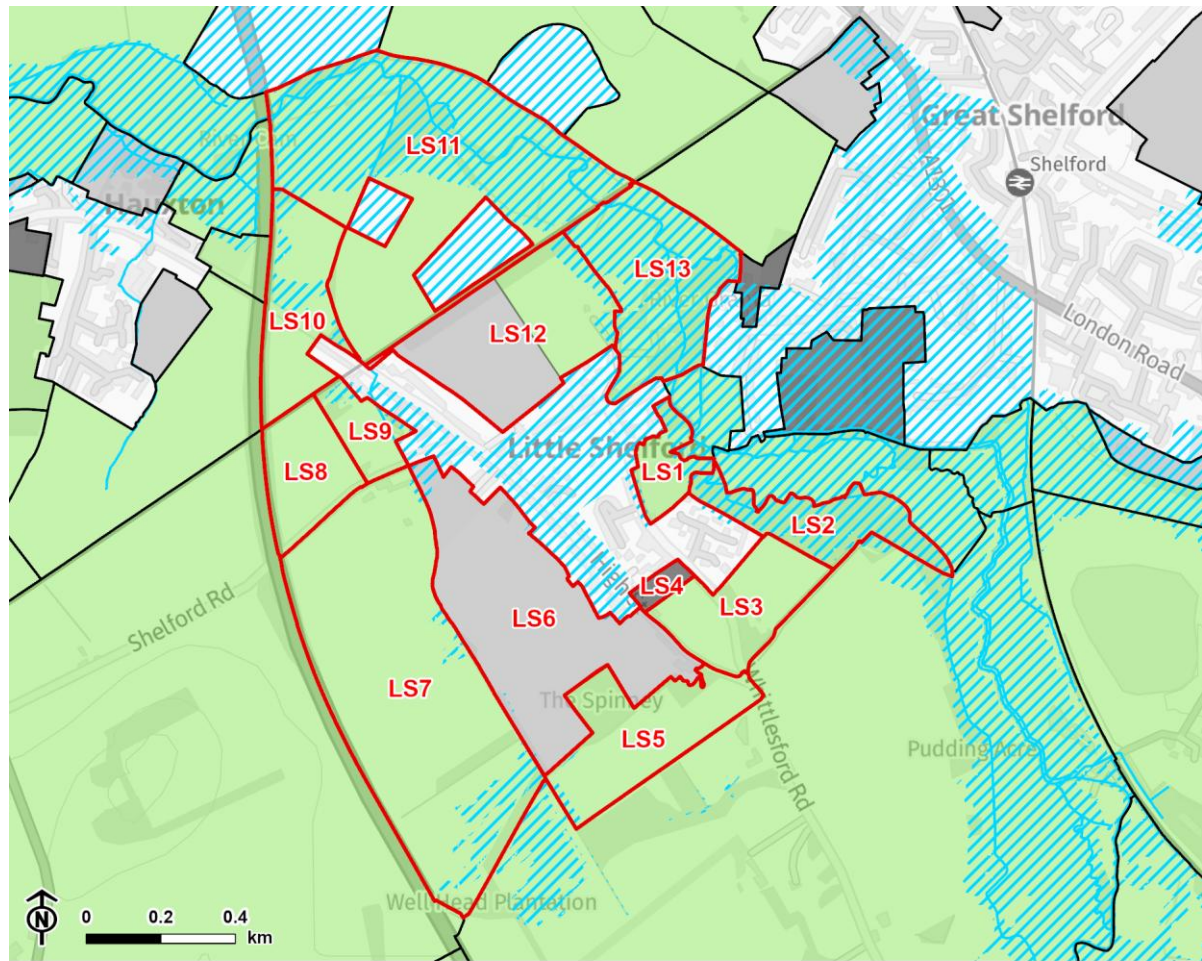


Figure B.38: Little Shelford grey belt map



- Little Shelford
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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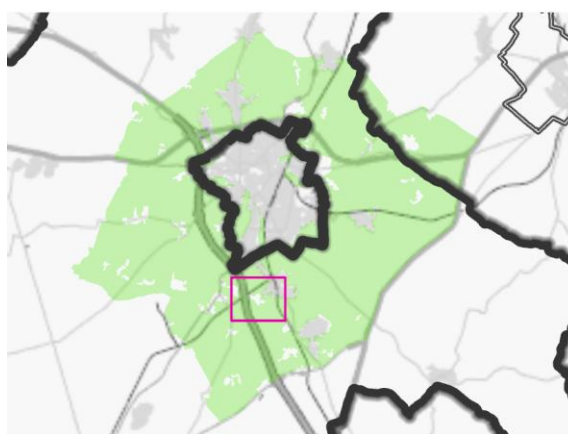
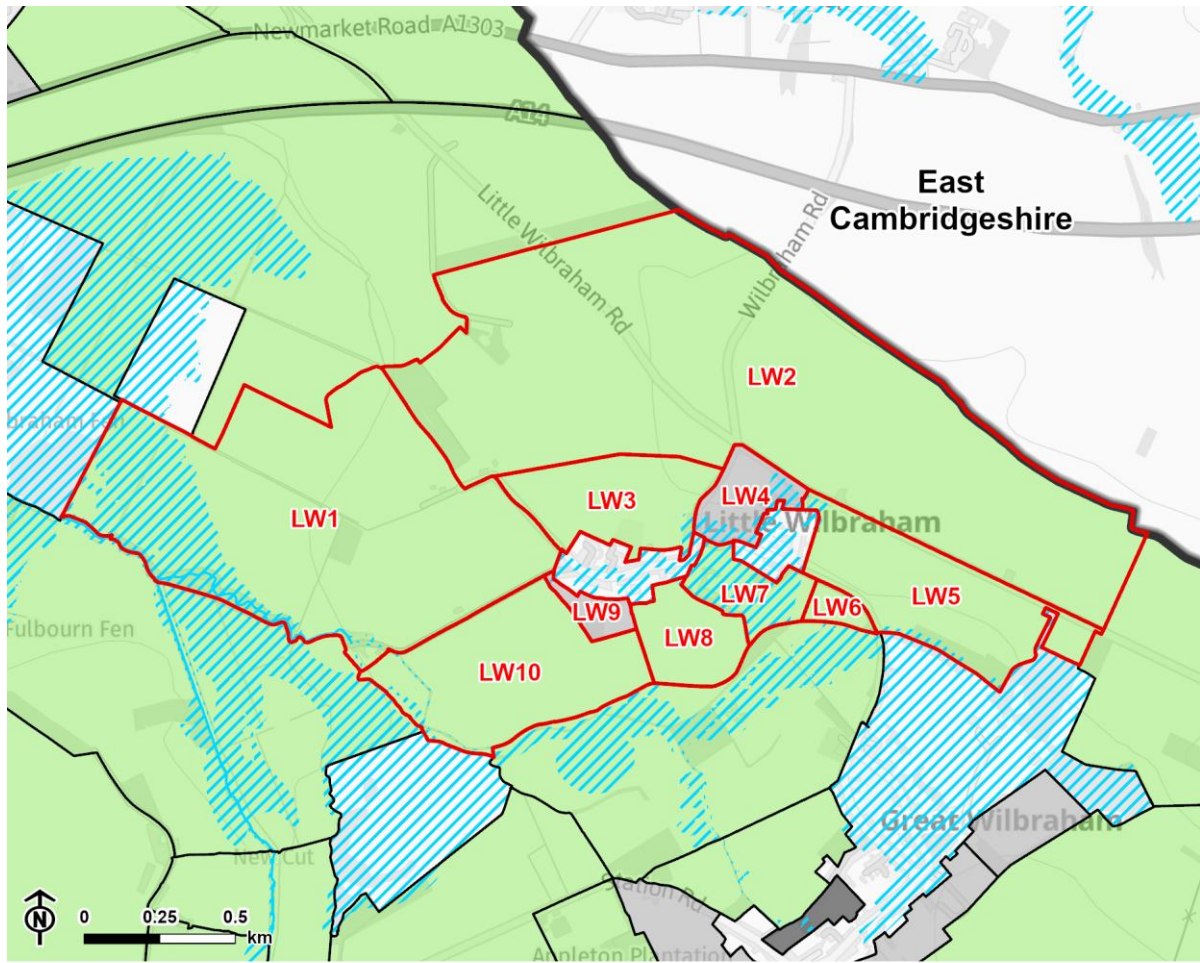










Figure B.39: Little Wilbraham grey belt map



-  Little Wilbraham
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority
-  Neighbouring authority

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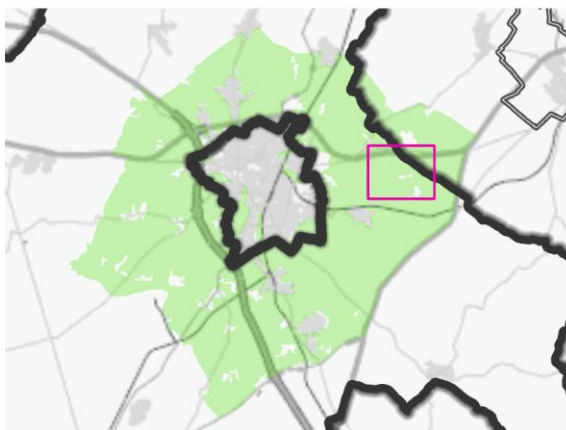
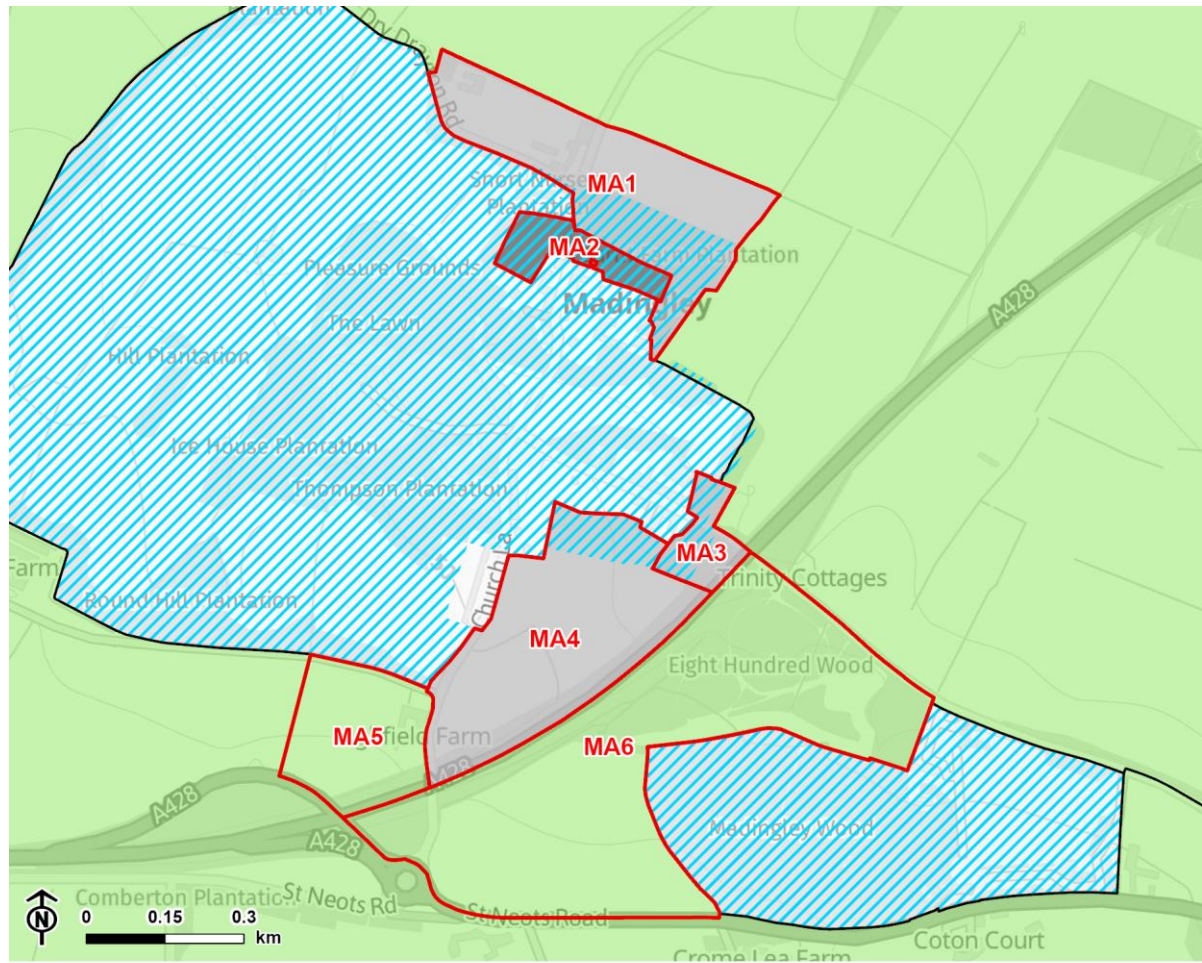


Figure B.40: Madingley grey belt map



- Madingley
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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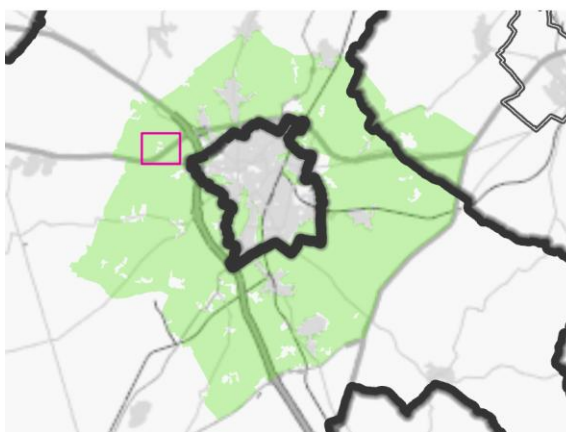
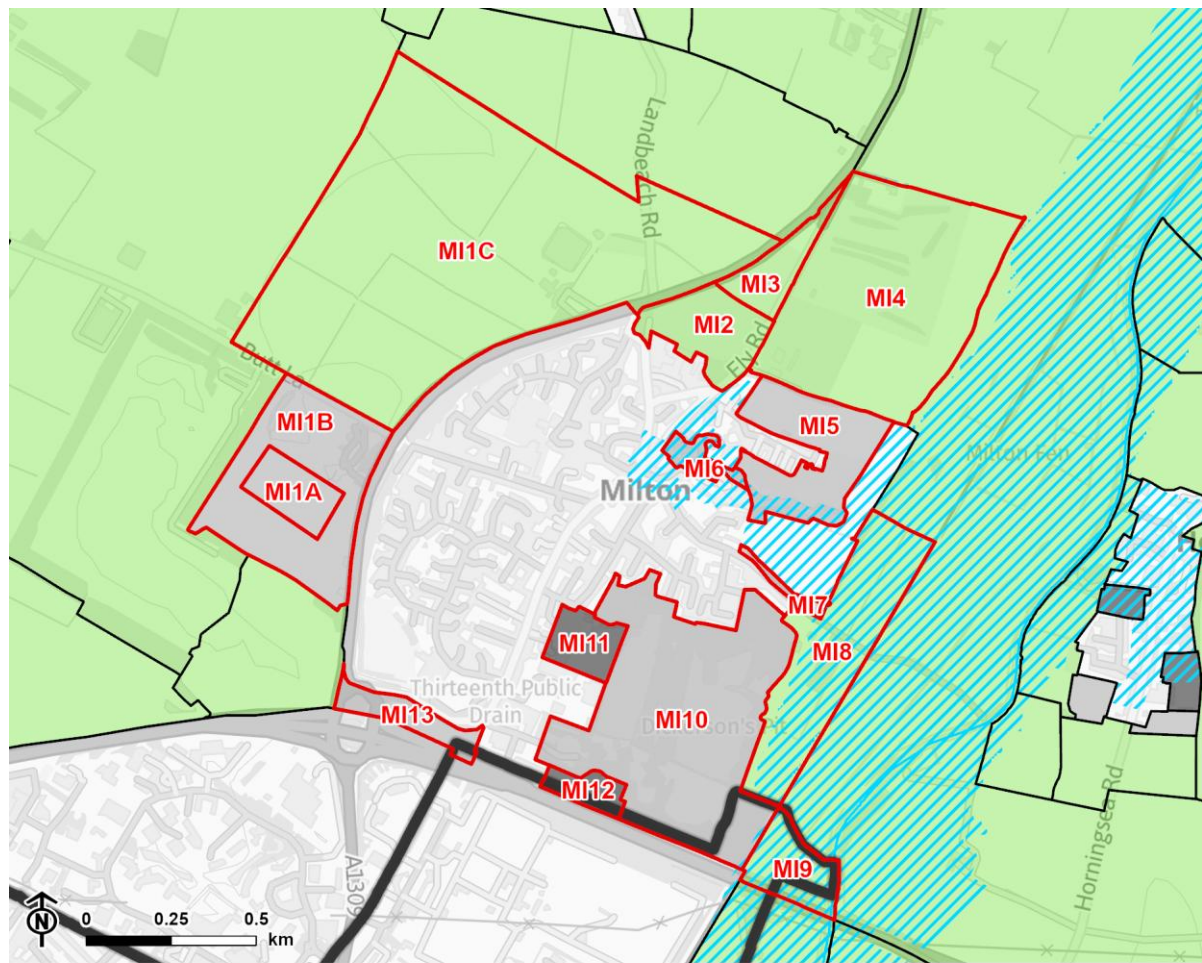


Figure B.41: Milton grey belt map



- Milton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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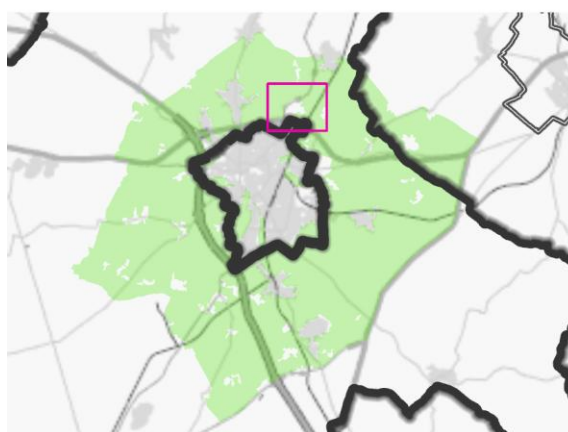
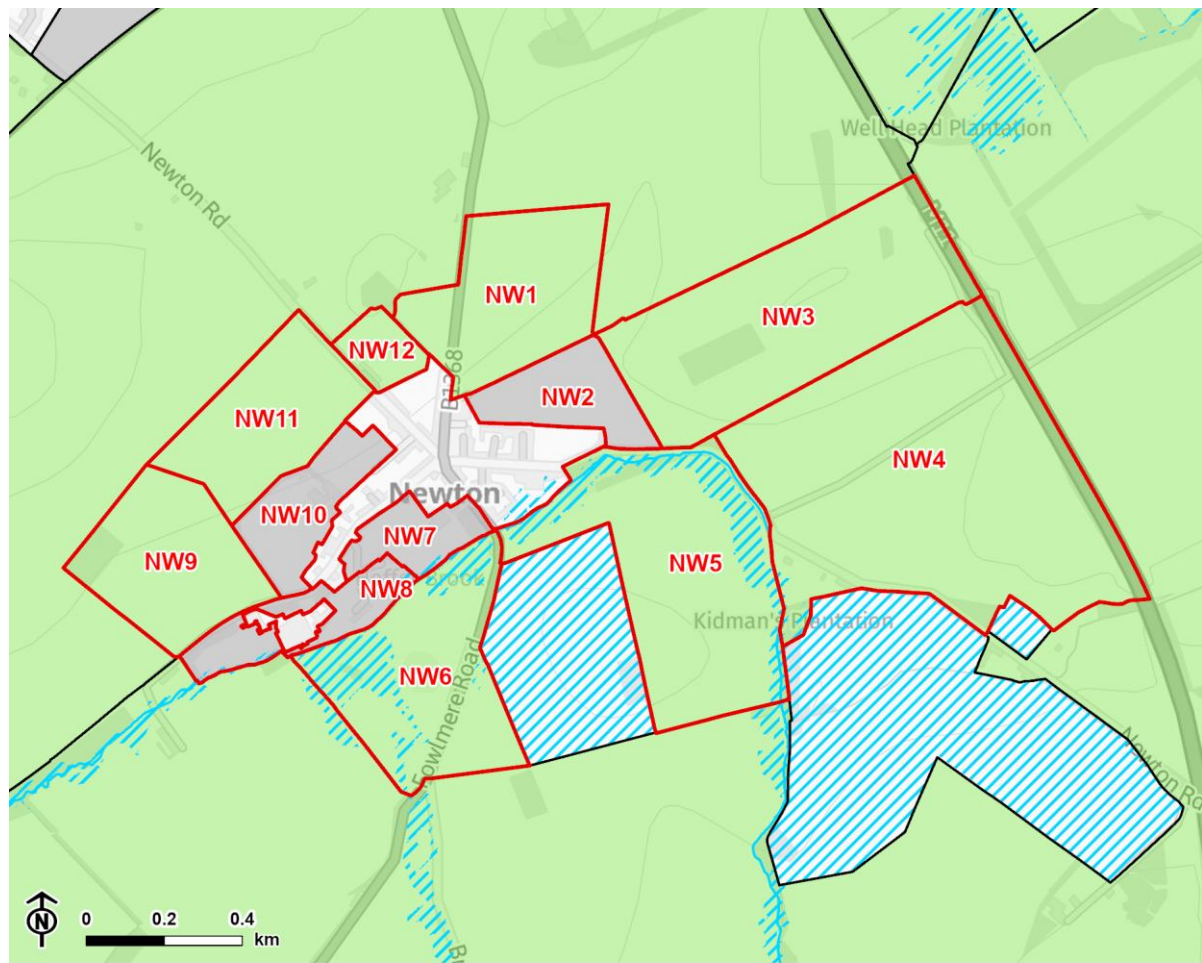


Figure B.42: Newton grey belt map



- Newton
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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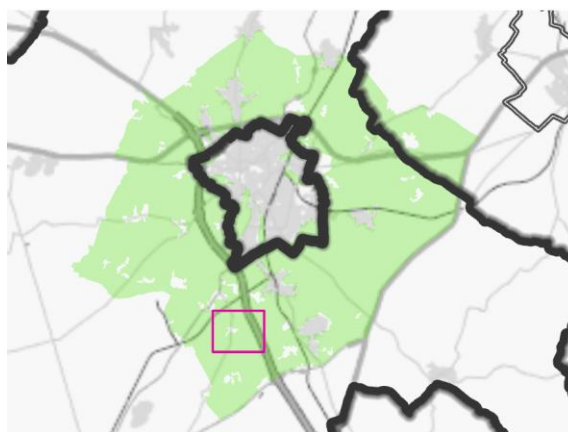
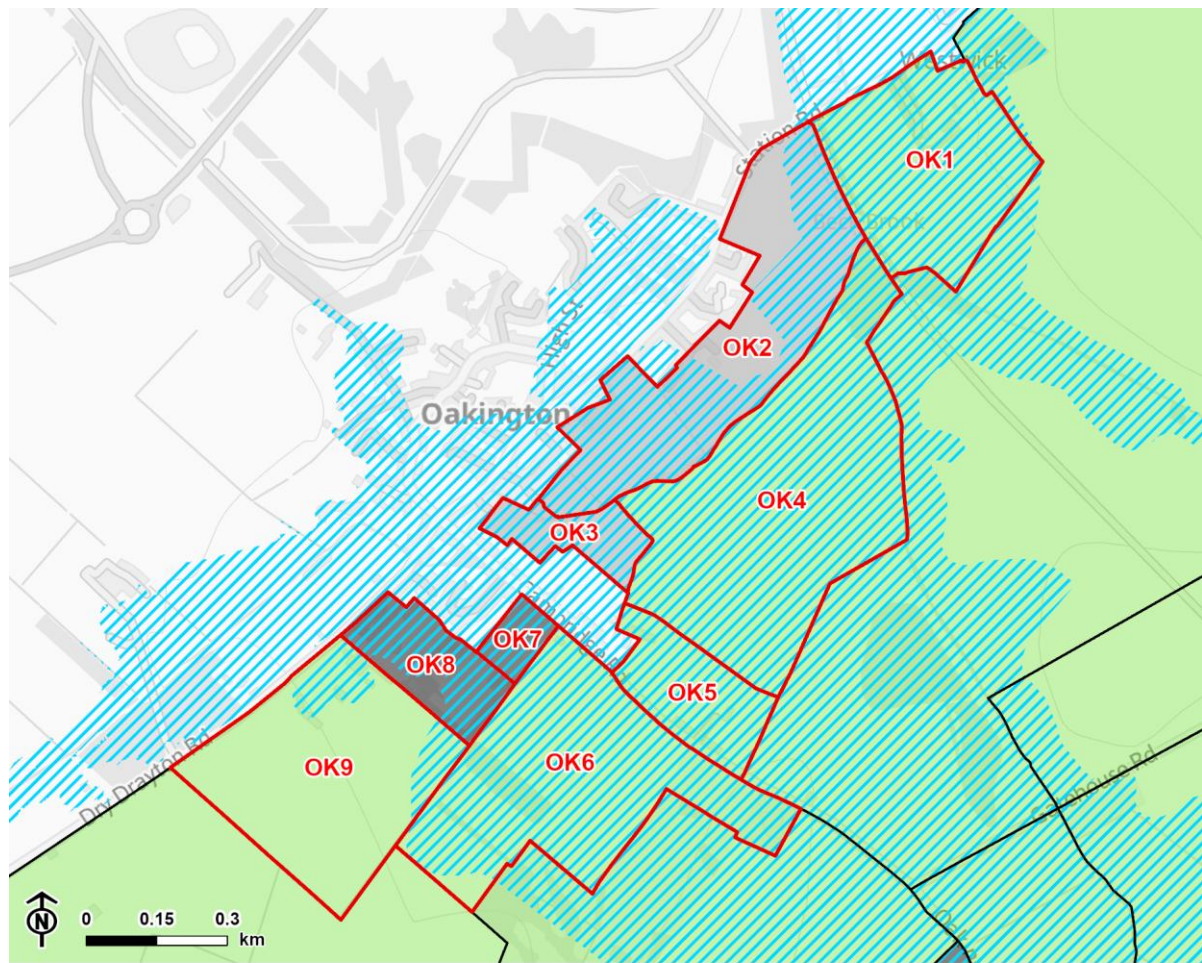










Figure B.43: Oakington grey belt map



-  Oakington
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Local Authority
-  Neighbouring authority

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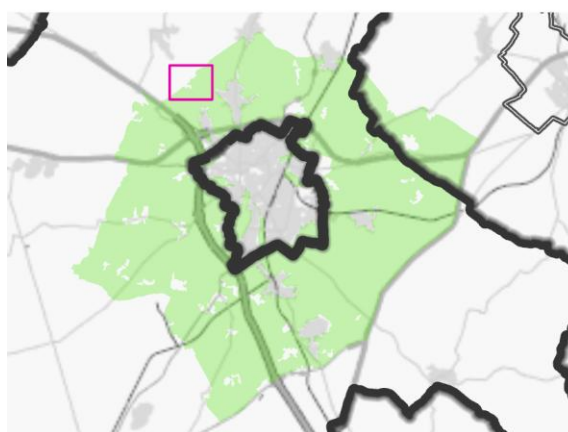
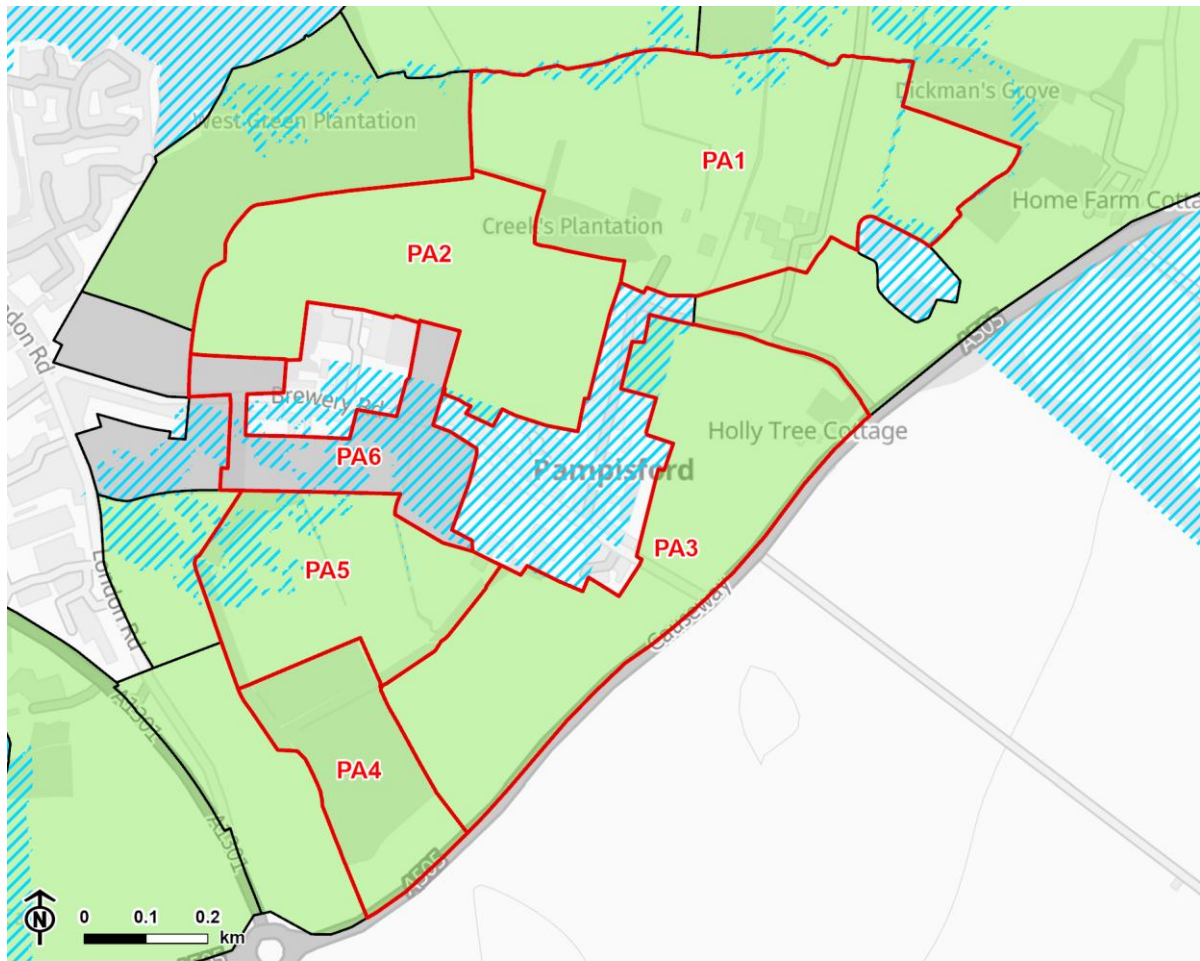


Figure B.44: Pampisford grey belt map



- Pampisford
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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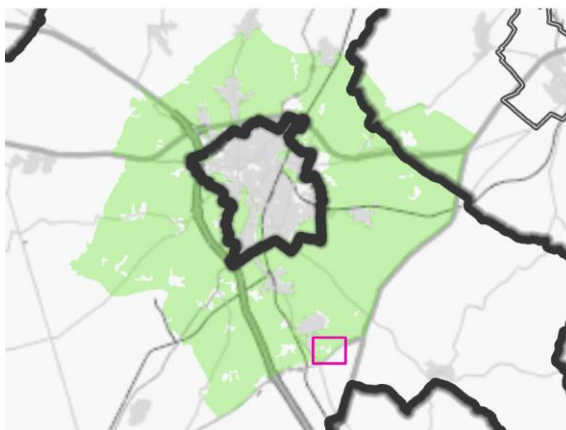
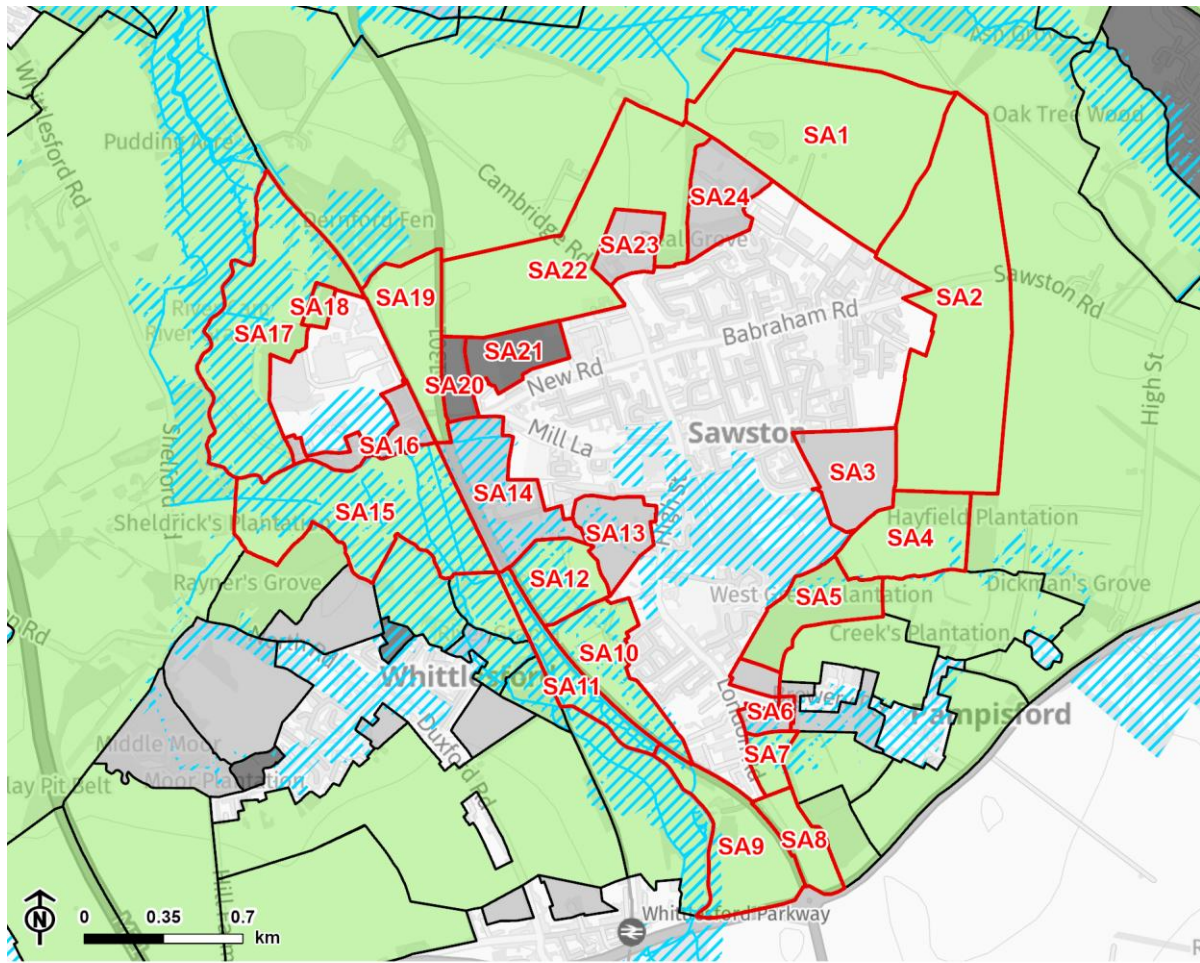


Figure B.45: Sawston grey belt map



- Sawston
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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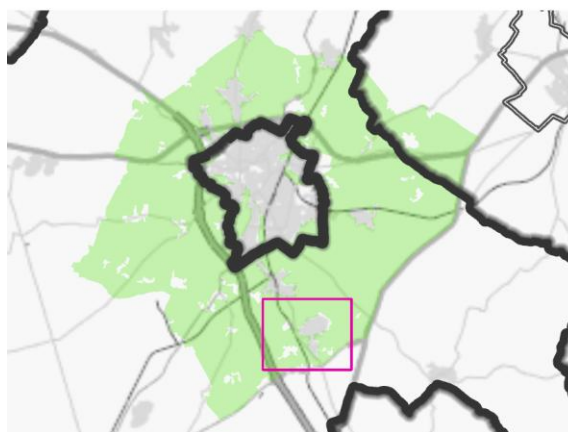
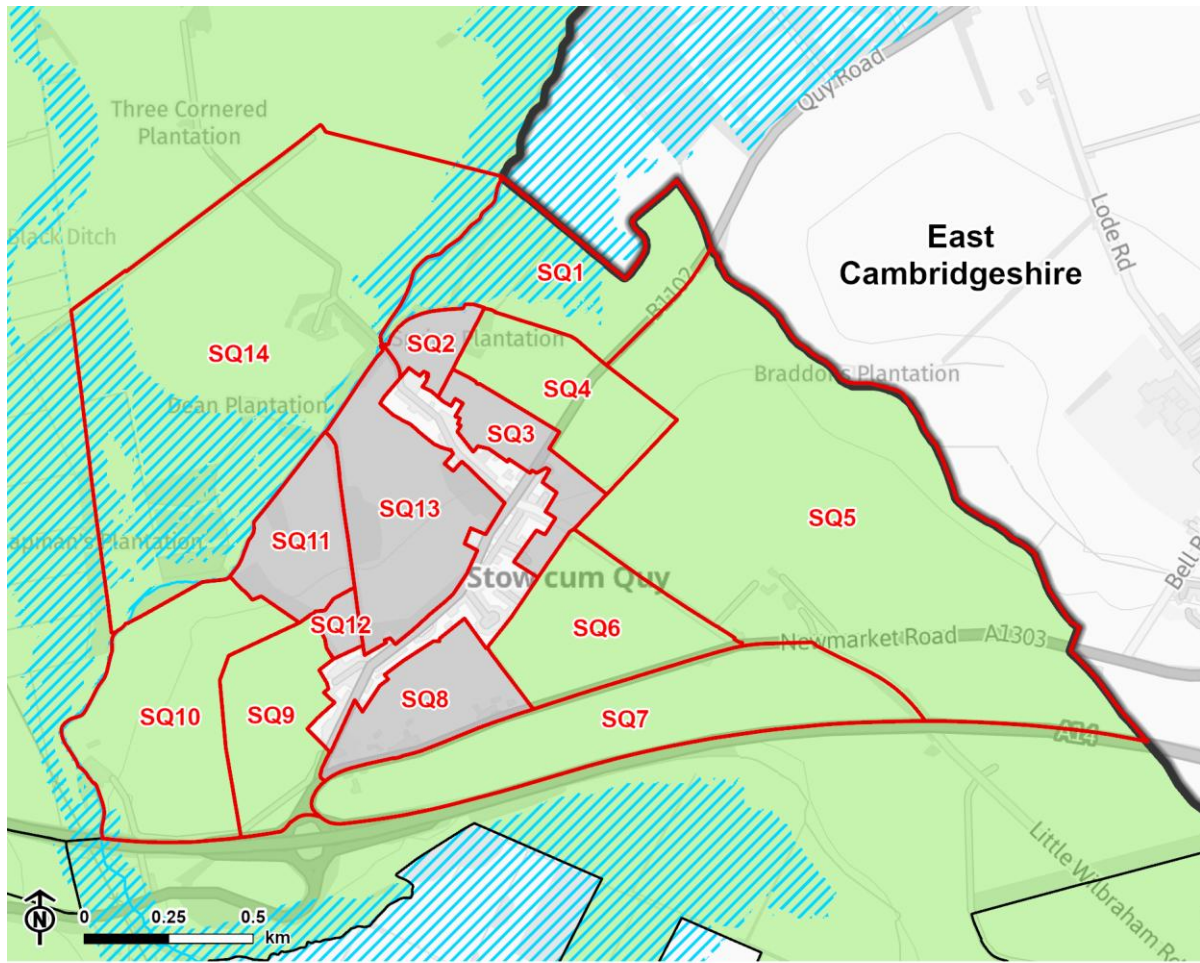


Figure B.46: Stow-cum-Quy grey belt map



- Stow-cum-Quy
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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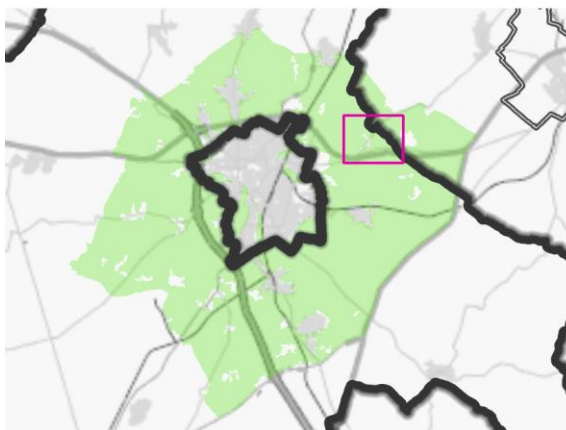
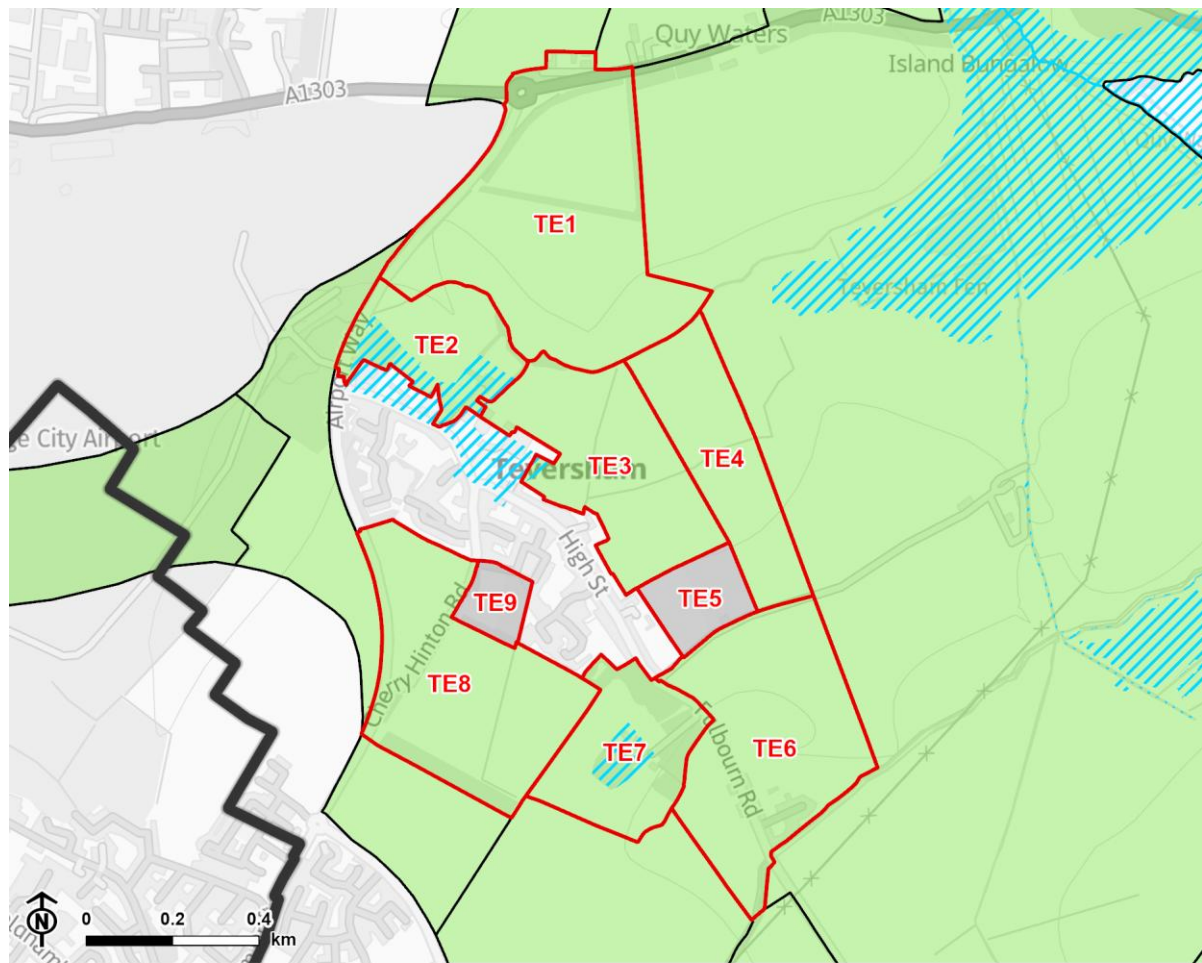


Figure B.47: Teversham grey belt map



- Teversham
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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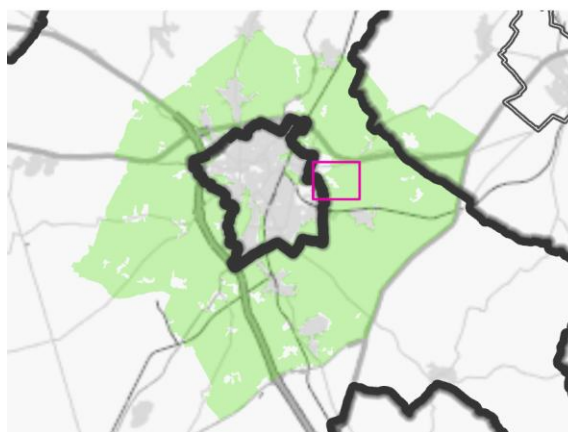
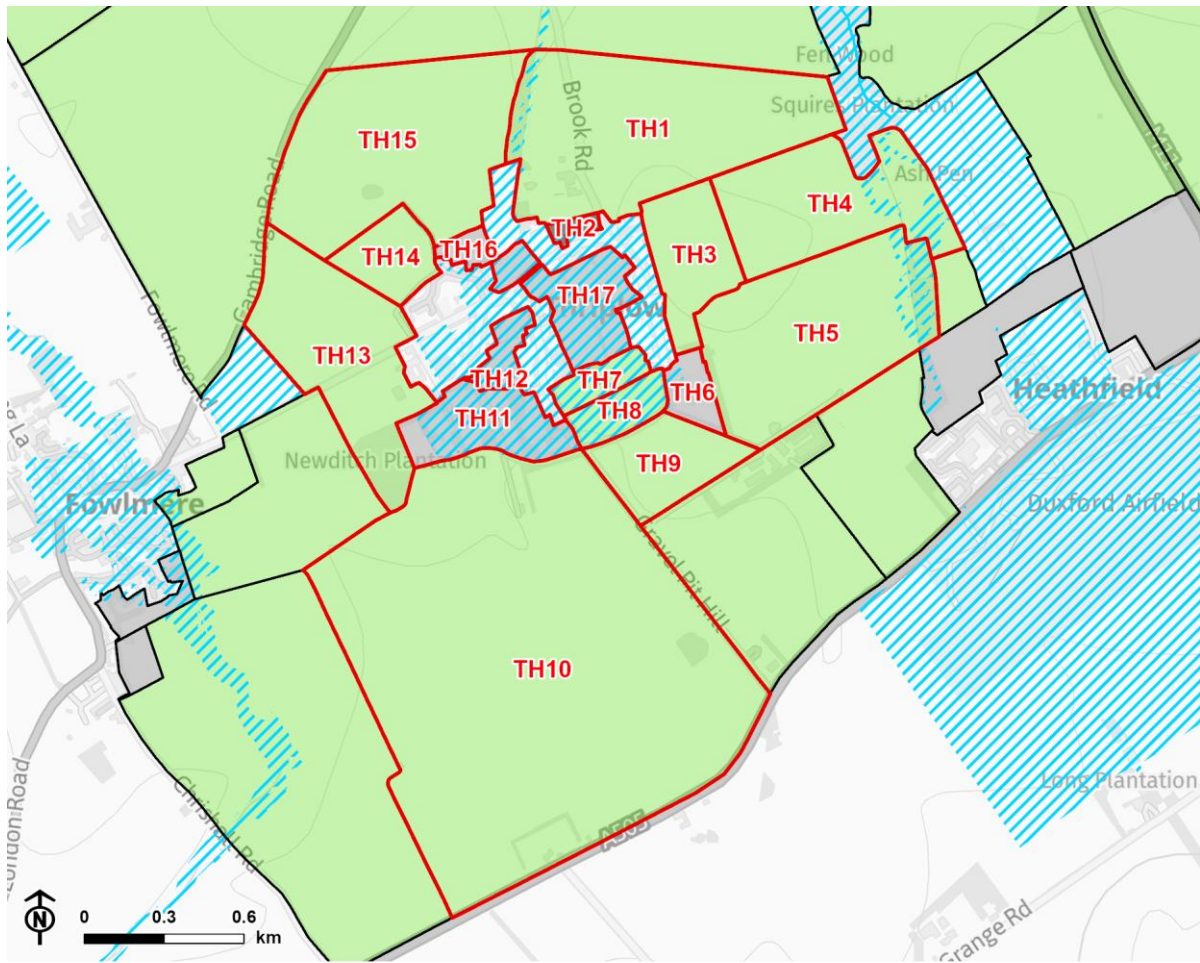


Figure B.48: Thriplow grey belt map



- Thriplow
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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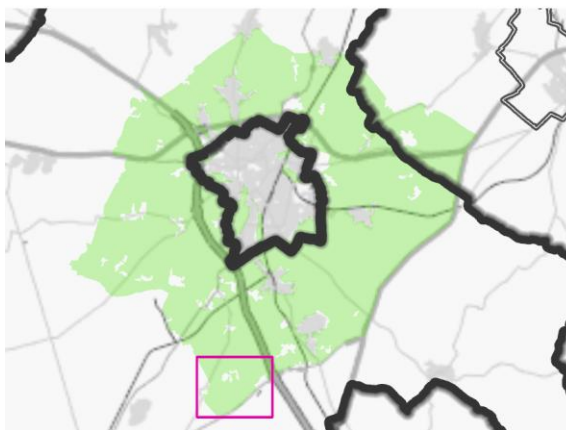
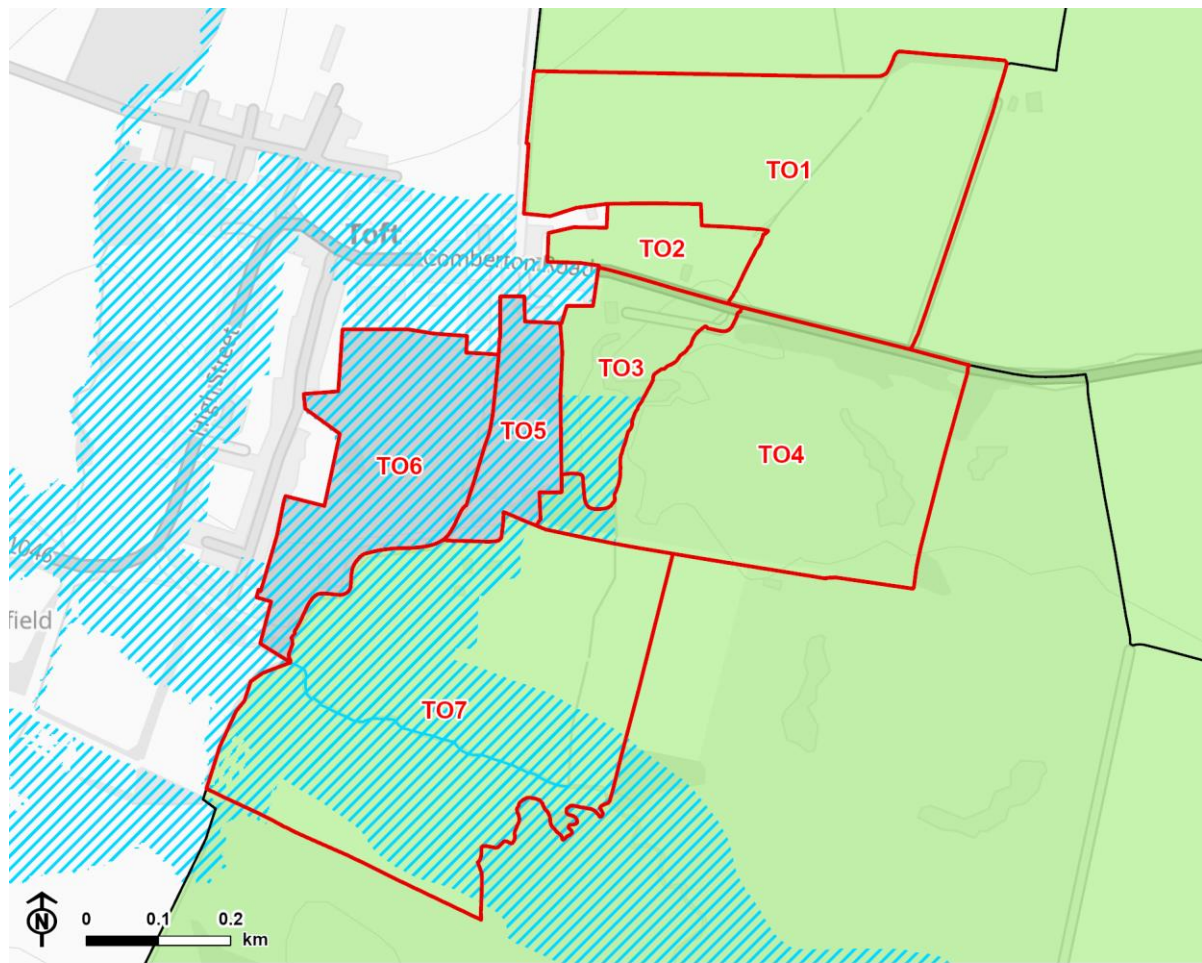


Figure B.49: Toft grey belt map



- Toft
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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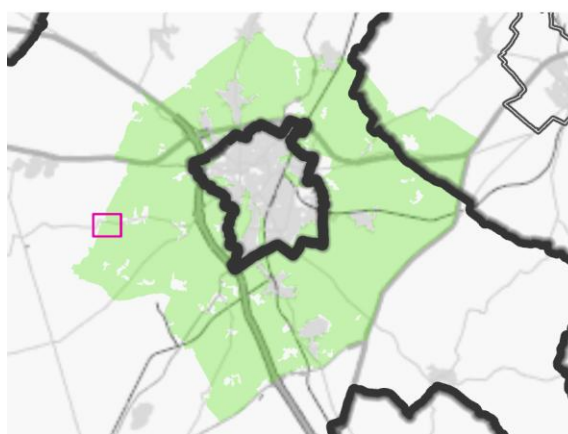
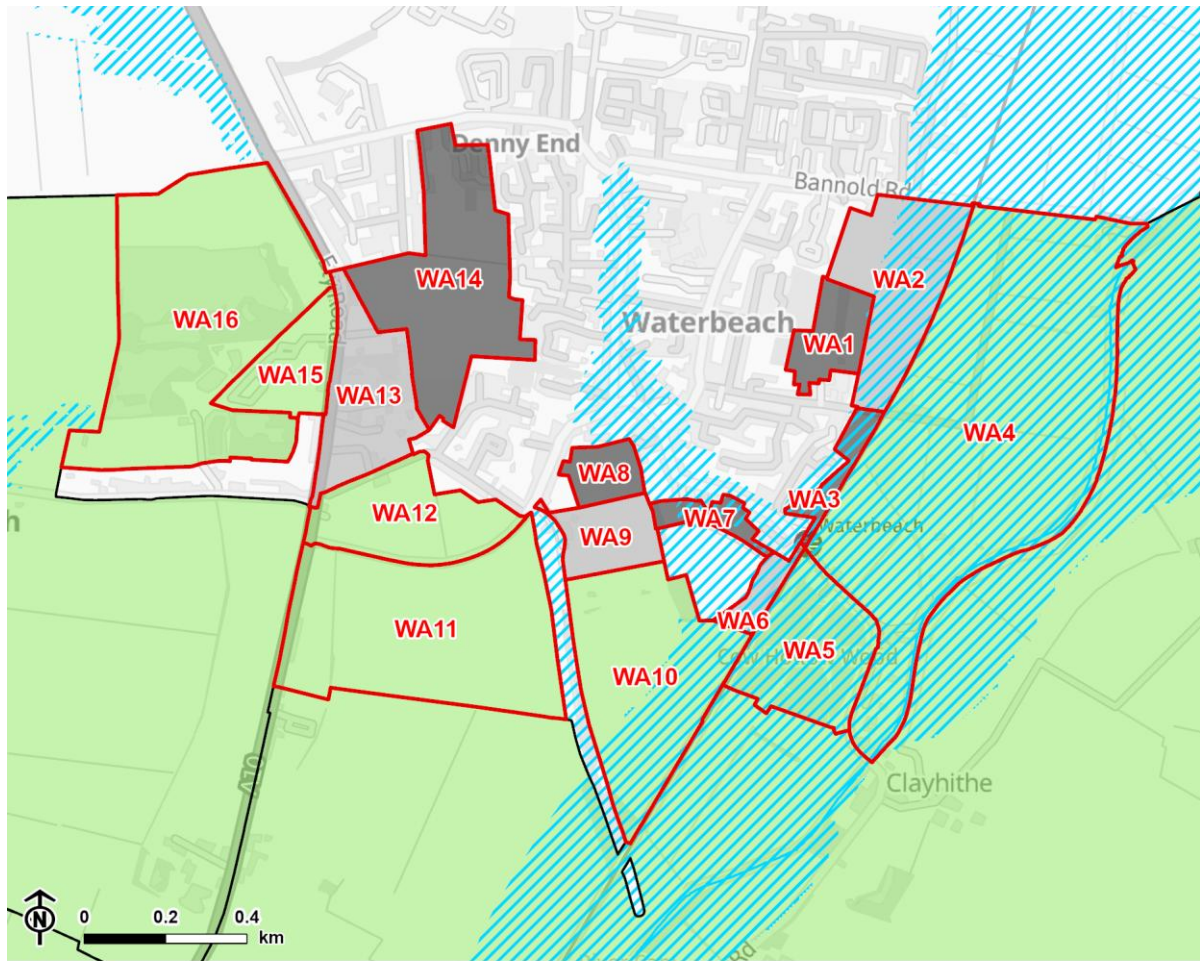


Figure B.50: Waterbeach grey belt map



- Waterbeach
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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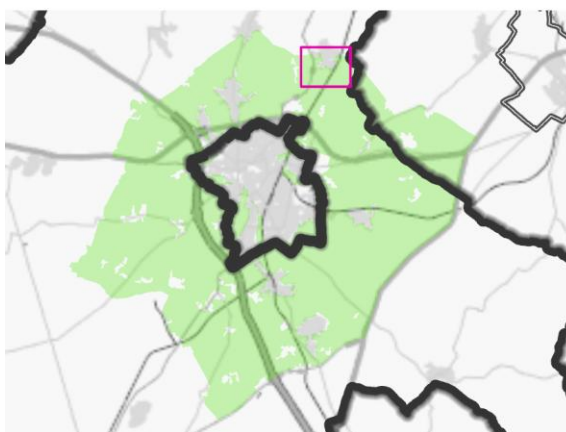
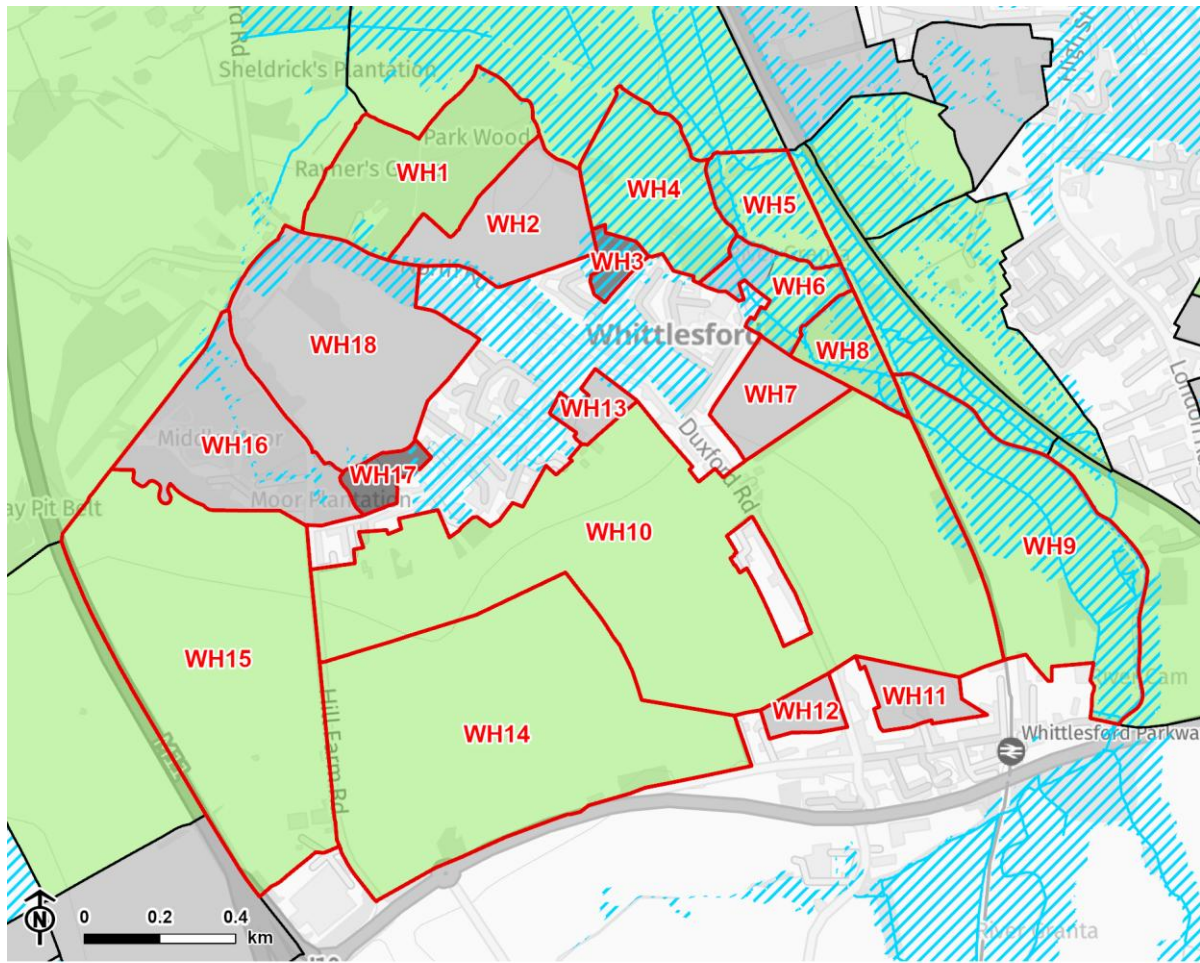


Figure B.51: Whittlesford grey belt map



- Whittlesford
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

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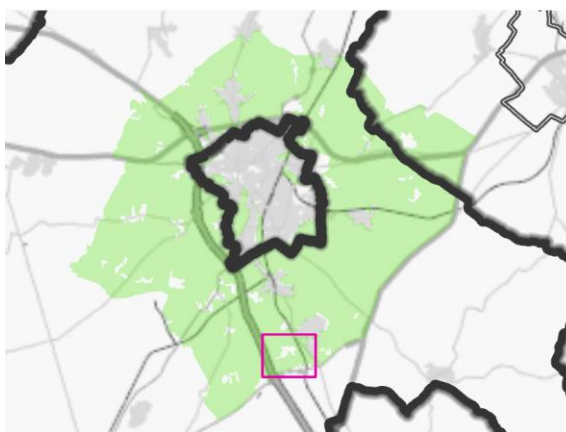
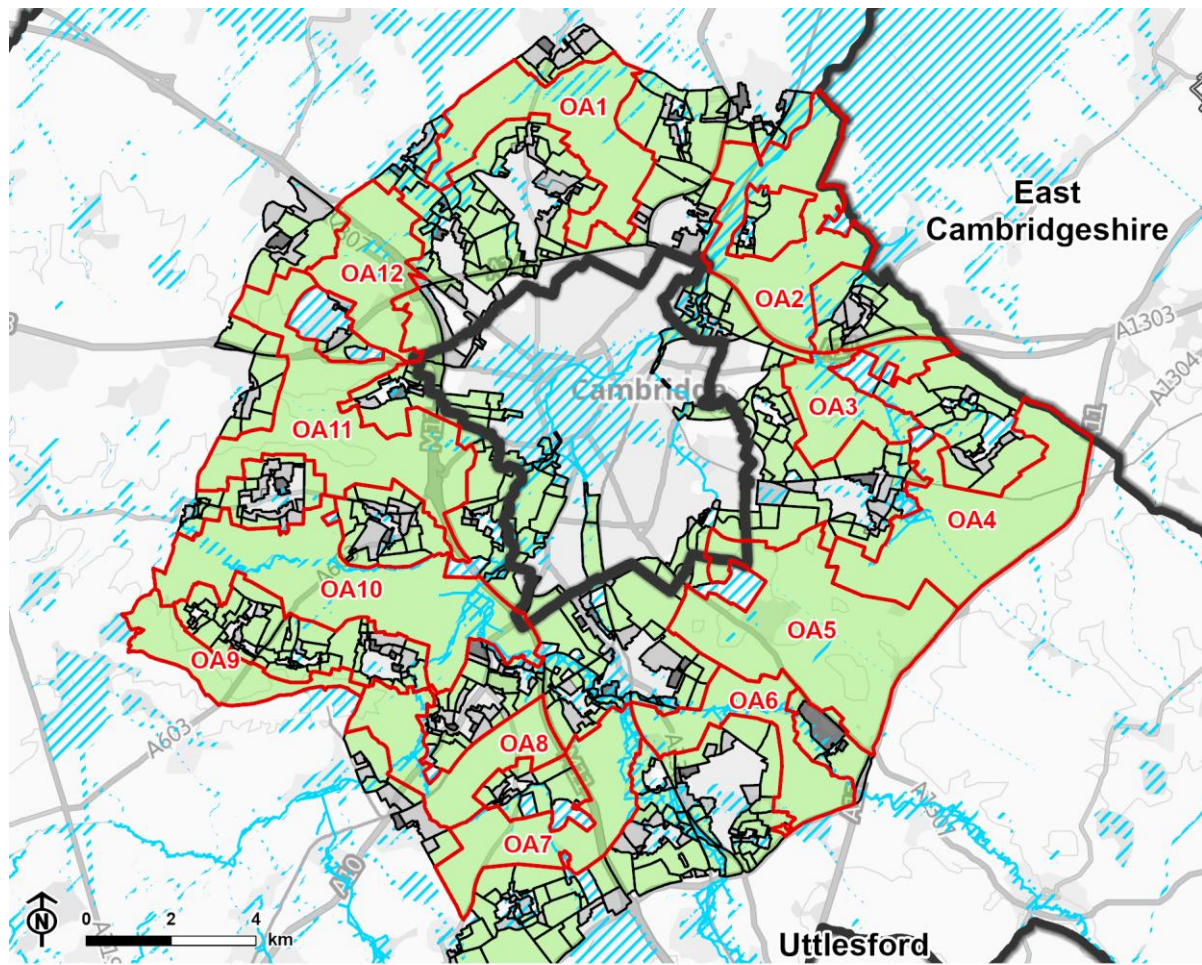


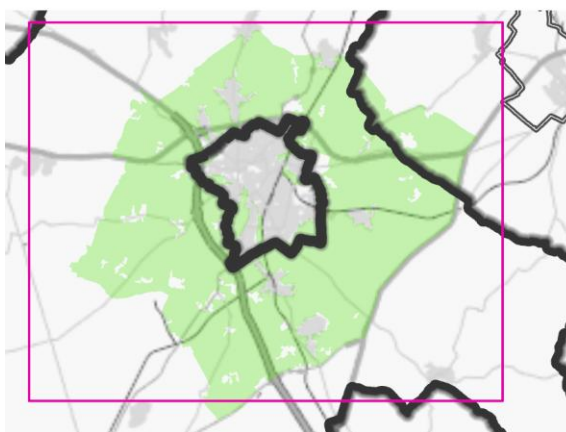
Figure B.52: Outer Areas grey belt map



- Outer Areas
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local Authority
- Neighbouring authority

**Grey belt**

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- Not grey belt - Strong contribution to purpose D
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