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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Context

In January 2026, Ove Arup & Partners ('Arup') was commissioned by Stoke-on-Trent City Council ('the Council') to undertake a Green Belt Assessment Part 4 consisting of a Green Belt parcel assessment and additional site assessment.

Arup has prepared a range of Green Belt evidence for the Council consisting of the following:

- Joint Newcastle under Lyme and Stoke on Trent City Council Green Belt Assessment Part 1 (November 2017)<sup>1</sup>, consisting of an assessment of the entire Green Belt by dividing it into general areas and parcels and assessing these against the five Green Belt purposes.
- Joint Newcastle under Lyme and Stoke on Trent City Council Green Belt Assessment Part 2 (2019-20), consisting of a Green Belt Site Review, Exceptional Circumstances Review and Green Belt Village Report.
- Stoke-on-Trent City Council Green Belt Assessment Part 3 (July 2025) consisting of an updated Green Belt assessment methodology, advice on safeguarded land, compensatory improvements, and exceptional circumstances, plus additional Green Belt site assessments.

The Part 1 and 2 Green Belt Assessments covered the previous joint planning area of Newcastle under Lyme and Stoke on Trent City Council (the draft Joint Local Plan). Since this work concluded, the two authorities have ceased work on the Joint Local Plan and have agreed to develop Local Plans individually.

The Council conducted an Issues and Options consultation in May 2021 and a Preferred Options (Regulation 18) Local Plan consultation in September/October 2025. Consultation on the Publication (Regulation 19) Local Plan is timetabled for August/ September 2026 with submission to the Secretary of State timetabled for December 2026. Once adopted, the new Local Plan will replace the current adopted Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Core Spatial Strategy 2009 and the saved policies from the Stoke-on-Trent City Plan 2001.

The Green Belt Assessment Part 3 was prepared based on the NPPF published in December 2024 and PPG published in February 2025. It updated the Green Belt Assessment methodology and assessed a number of sites in the Green Belt. The Part 3 Assessment did not revisit the parcels which were defined and assessed in the Green Belt Assessment Part 1. This Part 4 study therefore undertakes a Green Belt parcel assessment by dividing the entire Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt into parcels and assessing these against the five purposes. It also assesses a number of additional Green Belt sites from the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) and the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) which were not previously assessed in the Green Belt Assessment Part 3.

Alongside the Green Belt Assessment Part 3, this assessment will form part of the evidence base underpinning the new Local Plan. It has been over 30 years since the Green Belt boundary in Stoke-on-Trent was altered. Whilst the Government attaches great importance to the protection of Green Belt, there is increasing pressure to release Green Belt land in order to meet housing and employment land requirements. As with the previous Green Belt assessments, this study will assist the Council in understanding how the Green Belt in Stoke-on-Trent is performing against the

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<sup>1</sup> [Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme Joint Green Belt Assessment document link](#)

purposes set out in national policy. This study will therefore be used as part of the evidence base to support the emerging Publication (Regulation 19) Local Plan, building on the Green Belt Assessments Part 1, 2 and 3.

## **1.2 Role of a Green Belt Assessment**

The Green Belt Parcel Assessment will provide an objective, evidence-based, and independent assessment of how the Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt contributes to the five purposes of Green Belt, as well as which parts of the Green Belt could provisionally be considered grey belt.

The purpose of a Green Belt Assessment is to provide evidence of how different areas of Green Belt perform against the Green Belt purposes, as set out in the NPPF. The local authority then takes the findings of the study into account alongside other evidence in making decisions about the Local Plan strategy, site allocations and ultimately possible alterations to Green Belt boundaries.

A Green Belt Assessment forms an important part of the evidence base. It helps a local authority determine the manner and degree to which change in the Green Belt should be considered without undermining the purposes for including land in the Green Belt. Additionally, through a Green Belt Assessment grey belt land should be identified.

A Green Belt Assessment is not a policy or decision-making document that proposes any release of Green Belt land; this is for the local authority to determine as part of the wider plan making process. As such, a Green Belt Assessment does not set out the case for exceptional circumstances, which will be required if the local authority proposes release of land from the Green Belt. However, the outcomes from a Green Belt Assessment will form part of any exceptional circumstances case presented to support Green Belt alterations.

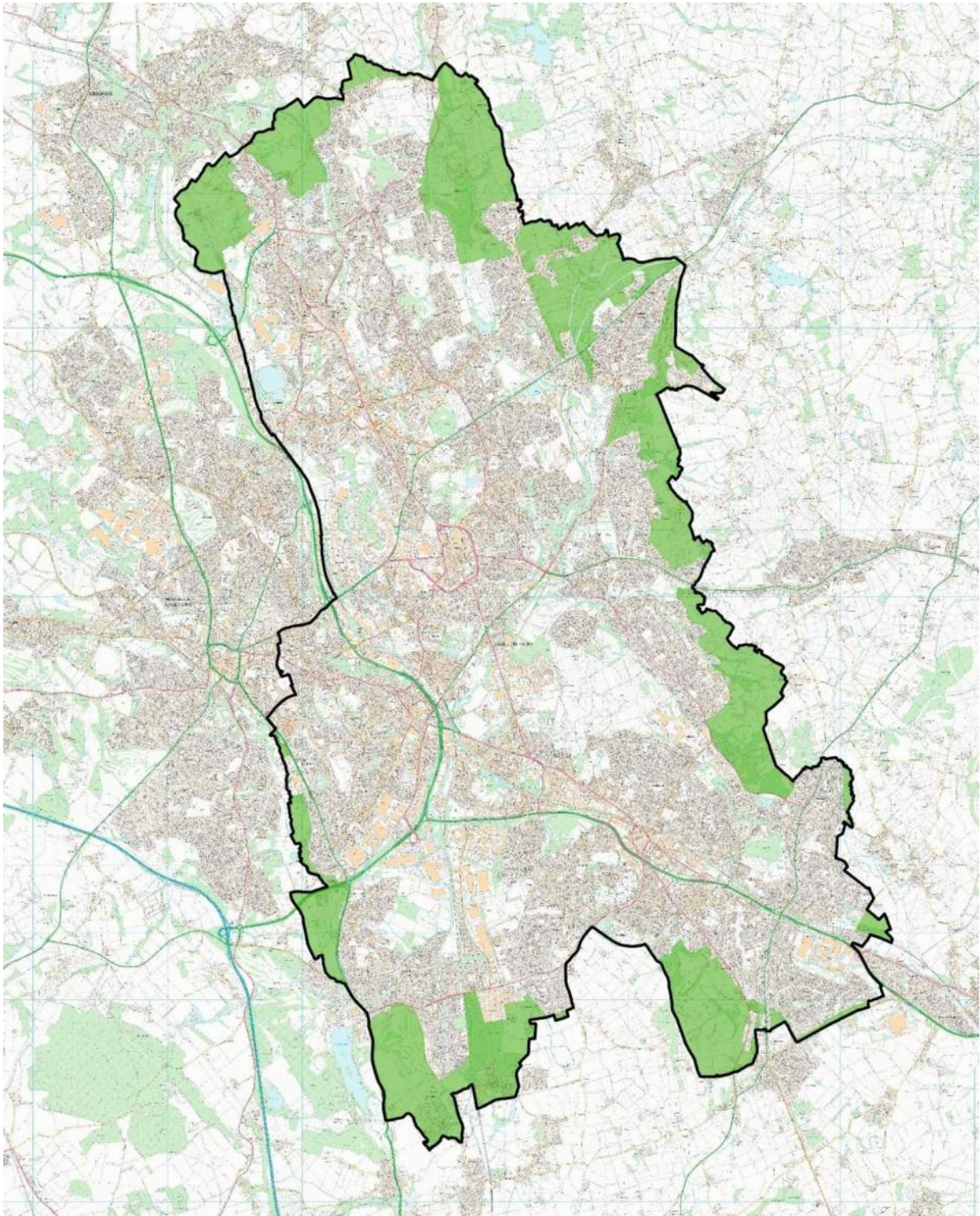
## **1.3 Study Area**

The Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt forms part of the wider North Staffordshire Green Belt. The Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt is tight and narrow from the urban area up to the authority boundary creating green wedges between the urban area. The Green Belt is therefore contiguous with Staffordshire Moorlands Council to the east and Stafford Council to the south, with the role and function of these authorities' Green Belts therefore being particularly relevant to Stoke-on-Trent. To the north and west of Stoke-on-Trent, the Green Belt is contiguous with Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Figure 1 below shows the Green Belt as currently designated within Stoke-on-Trent and this forms the study area for the Green Belt Parcel Assessment



**Figure 1. Green Belt in Stoke-on-Trent**



## **1.4 Structure of this Report**

This report is structured as follows:

- Section 2 sets out the national policy and guidance context including a review of recent post-NPPF and PGG appeal decisions and relevant case law. It then considers the implications for this study. A review of comparative examples is included in Appendix A.
- Section 3 sets out the history and evolution of the Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt and details the previous Green Belt evidence base produced as part of the Local Plan.
- Section 4 sets out the approach and methodology applied to this study in assessing both the Green Belt parcels and the Green Belt sites, building on the previous Green Belt evidence and the implications from the policy and good practice review.
- Section 5 sets out the Green Belt parcel assessment findings applying the methodology set out in Section 4. The parcels are shown on the map in Appendix B. The detailed parcel assessment proformas can be found in Appendix C. Maps of the contribution to Purposes A to D and the overall assessment contribution can be found in Appendix D.
- Section 6 sets out the Green Belt site assessment findings applying the methodology set out in Section 4. The sites are shown on the map in Appendix E. The detailed site assessment proformas can be found in Appendix F. Maps of the contribution to Purposes A to D and the overall assessment contribution can be found in Appendix G.
- Section 7 sets out recommendations and next steps.

## 2. National Policy, Guidance and Appeals

### 2.1 Overview

This section focuses on the changes to Green Belt policy and guidance and provides:

- A summary of the relevant national Green Belt policy in the NPPF and guidance in PPG.
- An analysis of how Inspectors have been interpreting the new policy and guidance in recent planning appeal decisions.

The previous Green Belt evidence (Green Belt Assessment Part 3) also included a review of comparative examples of Green Belt studies which have been through Examination. This comparative review has been included in Appendix A.

### 2.2 National Planning Policy Framework (December 2024)

The latest version of the NPPF was published on 12 December 2024. The 2024 version of the NPPF included a number of significant changes for plan making relating to exceptional circumstances, grey belt, sequential release of Green Belt land, compensatory improvements and the golden rules. Whilst the changes had some significant implications for national policy approaches to Green Belt, it is important to note that the majority of the broad principles around Green Belt that have been well-established since the first NPPF was published in 2012 remain unchanged.

#### 2.2.1 Green Belt Purposes

Paragraphs 142 and 143 set out the role and purpose of the Green Belt, as follows:

*‘142. The Government attaches great importance to Green Belts. 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.*

*143. Green Belt serves five purposes:*

- 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’.*

#### 2.2.2 Exceptional Circumstances

Paragraph 145 confirms that exceptional circumstances must be fully evidenced and justified in order to alter Green Belt boundaries. Paragraph 145 states:

*‘Once established, Green Belt boundaries should only be altered where exceptional circumstances are fully evidenced and justified through the preparation or updating of plans. Strategic policies should establish the need for any changes to Green Belt boundaries, having regard to their intended permanence in the long term, so they can endure beyond the plan period. Where a need for changes to Green Belt boundaries has been established through*



*strategic policies, detailed amendments to those boundaries may be made through non-strategic policies, including neighbourhood plans.'*

Paragraph 146 is a new paragraph in this revised version of the NPPF and it identifies examples of exceptional circumstances. The implications of this new paragraph are that most local authorities with Green Belt will need to review their boundaries unless the Green Belt Review provides clear evidence that alterations would 'fundamentally undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt, when considered across the area of the plan.' Paragraph 146 states:

*'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.'*

Paragraph 147 emphasises that before concluding that exceptional circumstances exist, 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. In order to demonstrate this, the strategy should do the following:

- 'a) makes as much use possible of suitable brownfield sites and underutilised land;*
- b) optimises the density of development in line with the policies in chapter 11 of this Framework, including whether policies promote a significant uplift in minimum density standards in town and city centres and other locations well served by public transport; and*
- c) has been informed by discussions with neighbouring authorities about whether they could accommodate some of the identified need for development, as demonstrated through the statement of common ground'.*

### 2.2.3 Grey Belt

One of the most significant Green Belt additions in the revised NPPF is the new concept of grey belt (this is referred to in paragraph 148 and defined in Annex 2). Annex 2 (glossary) defines grey belt 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. Paragraph 148 requires the need to promote sustainable patterns of development to be taken into account when drawing up or reviewing Green Belt boundaries.'*

Linked to the new concept of grey belt, paragraph 148 sets out the sequential approach for Green Belt release. It states

*'Where it is necessary to release Green Belt land for development, plans should give priority to previously developed land, then consider grey belt which is not previously developed, and then other Green Belt locations. However, when drawing up or reviewing Green Belt boundaries, the need to promote sustainable patterns of development should determine whether a site's location is appropriate with particular reference to paragraphs 110 and 115 of this Framework. 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.'*

#### 2.2.4 Green Belt Boundaries

When defining Green Belt boundaries, Paragraph 149 requires plans to:

- 'a) ensure consistency with the development plan's strategy for meeting identified requirements for sustainable development;*
- b) not include land which it is unnecessary to keep permanently open;*
- c) where necessary, identify areas of safeguarded land between the urban area and the Green Belt, in order to meet longer-term development needs stretching well beyond the plan period;*
- d) make clear that the safeguarded land is not allocated for development at the present time. Planning permission for the permanent development of safeguarded land should only be granted following an update to a plan which proposes the development;*
- e) be able to demonstrate that Green Belt boundaries will not need to be altered at the end of the plan period; and*
- f) define boundaries clearly, using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent.'*

It is important to note that the identification of grey belt is relevant to both plan-making and decision taking. Paragraph 155 states that the development of homes, commercial and other development in the Green Belt should not be regarded as inappropriate where the *'...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'*.

#### 2.2.5 Compensatory Improvements

The NPPF previously included a requirement for Local Plans to set out ways in which the impact of removing land from the Green Belt will be offset through compensatory improvements to environmental quality and accessibility. The PPG had expanded upon this with guidance on measures that could be considered in order to provide those compensatory improvements, such as new or enhanced green infrastructure, woodland planning, landscape and visual enhancements, improvements to biodiversity, new or enhanced walking and cycling routes, and new or enhanced recreation and playing field provision. These explicit requirements for compensatory improvements when releasing land from the Green Belt no longer exist. New requirements for necessary improvements to local infrastructure and provision of accessible green spaces are required for land released from the Green Belt (NPPF, paragraph 156) (see below).

#### 2.2.6 Golden Rules

A further significant addition in the new NPPF is the 'Golden Rules' (contributions) which apply to land released from the Green Belt through plan preparation or review, or on sites in the Green Belt subject to a planning application. These are set out in paragraph 156-157. Paragraph 156 states that the following contribution 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.”*

## **2.3 Draft National Planning Policy Framework (December 2025)**

In December 2025, the Government commenced a consultation on proposed reforms and other changes to the planning system. The consultation closed on 10 March 2026.

This consultation includes a new draft version of the NPPF. There are minor changes to the Green Belt sections of the NPPF. One of the key changes is in relation to the definition of grey belt in Annex B which no longer refers to footnote 7 and states: *“For the purposes of plan-making and decision-making, ‘grey belt’ is defined 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 policy GB2.”*

Under transitional arrangements the Council’s Local Plan will be assessed based on the December 2024 NPPF therefore the draft NPPF has had no implications on this study.

## **2.4 Planning Practice Guidance (27 February 2025)**

In February 2025 the government updated the Green Belt section of the PPG to provide additional guidance and reflect the changes made to the NPPF in December 2024. As well as the approach to assessing grey belt, the PPG now includes a level of specific guidance on how to carry out wider aspects of a Green Belt Assessment that has not previously existed.

### **2.4.1 Grey belt**

Paragraph 001 confirms 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 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).”*

### **2.4.2 Key steps in a Green Belt Assessment**

Paragraph 002 confirms that in order to identify grey belt land, authorities should produce a Green Belt assessment. The key steps in a Green Belt assessment are set out in paragraph 003. These are as follows:

- *“identify the location and appropriate scale of area/s to be assessed*
- *evaluate the contribution each assessment area makes to Green Belt purposes (a), (b), and (d), using the criteria identified below*
- *consider whether applying the policies relating to the areas or assets of particular importance in footnote 7 to the NPPF (other than Green Belt) would potentially provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development of the assessment area*
- *identify grey belt land*
- *identify if the release or development of the assessment area/s would fundamentally undermine the five Green Belt purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt when considered across the area of the plan.”*

### 2.4.3 Spatial scope of Green Belt Assessments

In assessing the Green Belt, paragraph 004 confirms that authorities can divide their Green Belt into separate assessment areas with the number and size of these being defined at a local level and in response to local circumstances. Paragraph 004 lists out a number of principles which should be considered as part of this:

- *“when identifying assessment areas, authorities should consider all Green Belt within their Plan areas in the first instance*
- *to ensure any assessment of how land performs against the Green Belt purposes is robust, assessment areas should be sufficiently granular to enable the assessment of their variable contribution to Green Belt purposes*
- *a small number of large assessment areas will not be appropriate in most circumstances – authorities should consider whether there are opportunities to better identify areas of grey belt by subdividing areas into smaller assessment areas where this is necessary*
- *authorities should consider where it may be appropriate to vary the size of assessment areas based on local circumstances. For example, the assessment of smaller areas may be appropriate in certain places, such as around existing settlements or public transport hubs or corridors.”*

### 2.4.4 Assessment against Green Belt purpose a, b and d

Paragraph 005 assists in the assessment against Green Belt purposes a, b and d setting out the considerations to inform these judgements – see Table 1 below. In relation to Purpose a, it is confirmed that villages should not be considered large built up areas. In relation to Purposes b and d, it is confirmed that these relate to towns and not villages although no further definition of town or village is provided.

**Table 1. Considerations in assessing Purpose a, b and d (Paragraph 005)**

| Contribution    | Illustrative features                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                 | <b>Purpose A – to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Strong</b>   | Assessment areas that contribute strongly are likely to be free of existing development, and lack physical feature(s) in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development.<br>They are also likely to include all of the following features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- be adjacent or near to a large built up area</li><li>- if developed, result in an incongruous pattern of development (such as an extended “finger” of development into the Green Belt)</li></ul>                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Moderate</b> | Assessment areas that contribute moderately are likely to be adjacent or near to a large built up area, but include one or more features that weaken the land’s contribution to this purpose a, such as (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- having physical feature(s) in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development</li><li>- be partially enclosed by existing development, such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development</li><li>- contain existing development</li><li>- being subject to other urbanising influences</li></ul> |

| <b>Contribution</b> | <b>Illustrative features</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Weak or none</b> | <p>Assessment areas that make only a weak or no contribution are likely to include those that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- are not adjacent to or near to a large built up area</li> <li>- are adjacent to or near to a large built up area, but containing or being largely enclosed by significant existing development</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                     | <b>Purpose B – to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Strong</b>       | <p>Assessment areas that contribute strongly are likely to be free of existing development and include all of the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- forming a substantial part of a gap between towns</li> <li>- the development of which would be likely to result in the loss of visual separation of towns</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Moderate</b>     | <p>Assessment areas that contribute moderately are likely to be located in a gap between towns, but include one or more features that weaken their contribution to this purpose, such as (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- forming a small part of the gap between towns</li> <li>- being able to be developed without the loss of visual separation between towns. This could be (but is not limited to) due to the presence or the close proximity of structures, natural landscape elements or topography that preserve visual separation</li> </ul>    |
| <b>Weak or none</b> | <p>Assessment areas that contribute weakly are likely to include those that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- do not form part of a gap between towns, or</li> <li>- form part of a gap between towns, but only a very small part of this gap, without making a contribution to visual separation</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|                     | <b>Purpose D – to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Strong</b>       | <p>Assessment areas that contribute strongly are likely be free of existing development and to include all of the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- form part of the setting of the historic town</li> <li>- 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 the town</li> </ul>                                                                                                |
| <b>Moderate</b>     | <p>Assessment areas that perform moderately are likely to form part of the setting and/or contribute to the special character of a historic town but include one or more features that weaken their contribution to this purpose, such as (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- being separated to some extent from historic aspects of the town by existing development or topography</li> <li>- containing existing development</li> <li>- not having an important visual, physical, or experiential relationship to historic aspects of the town</li> </ul> |

| Contribution        | Illustrative features                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Weak or none</b> | <p>Assessment areas that make no or only a weak contribution are likely to include those that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- do not form part of the setting of a historic town</li> <li>- have no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic aspects of the town</li> </ul> |

The definition of grey belt in the NPPF refers to footnote 7. Paragraph 007 of PPG provides further guidance on how to consider this. It confirms “...*authorities should consider where areas of grey belt would be covered by or affect other designations in footnote 7. Where this is the case, it may only be possible to provisionally identify such land as grey belt in advance of more detailed specific proposals.*”

#### 2.4.5 Fundamentally undermine

Paragraph 146 of the NPPF refers to the impact on the remaining Green Belt of releasing land stating that this should not ‘...fundamentally undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt, when considered across the area of the plan.’ Paragraph 008 of the PPG provides further guidance on this stating that in reaching this judgement, “...*authorities should consider whether, or the extent to which, the release or development of Green Belt Land 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.*”

#### 2.4.6 Sustainable development

The NPPF at paragraph 148 emphasises the need to promote sustainable patterns of development when drawing up or reviewing Green Belt boundaries. Paragraph 011 of the PPG confirms that “...*where grey belt land is not in a location that is or can be made sustainable, development on this land is inappropriate. Whether locations are sustainable should be determined in light of local context and site or development-specific considerations. However, in reaching these judgements, national policy is clear that authorities should consider opportunities to maximise sustainable transport solutions, as set out in paragraphs 110 and 115 of the NPPF.*”

#### 2.4.7 Openness

In relation to the factors which can be taken into account when considering the potential impact of development on the openness of the Green Belt, Paragraph 013 notes that the courts have identified a number of matters which include, but are not limited to:

- “*openness is capable of having both spatial and visual aspects – in other words, the visual impact of the proposal may be relevant, as could its volume;*
- *the duration of the development, and its remediability – taking into account any provisions to return land to its original state or to an equivalent (or improved) state of openness; and*
- *the degree of activity likely to be generated, such as traffic generation.*”

## 2.5 Planning Advisory Service Guidance (2015)

Although it is becoming increasingly dated, the Planning Advisory Service (PAS) published guidance<sup>2</sup> for Green Belt Assessments. Emphasis is placed on the need for assessment against the five purposes of the Green Belt in the first instance. It acknowledges that there are planning considerations, such as landscape quality, which cannot be a reason to designate an area as Green Belt but that could be a planning consideration when seeking suitable locations for development.

The guidance outlines considerations to be made in relation to the five purposes as set out below:

- Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas, consider the meaning of sprawl compared to 1930s definition, and whether positively planned development through a local plan with good masterplanning would be defined as sprawl.
- Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another, the purpose does not strictly suggest maintaining the separation of small settlements near to towns. The approach will be different for each case. The identity of a settlement would not be determined solely by the distance to another settlement; the character of the place and of the land in between must be taken into account. A ‘scale rule’ approach should be avoided; landscape character assessment is a useful analytical tool for this type of assessment.
- Purpose c: In relation to assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, it is noted that seemingly all Green Belt achieves this purpose. The recommended approach is to look at the difference between land under the influence of the urban area and open countryside, and to favour open countryside when determining the land that should be kept open, accounting for edges and boundaries.
- Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns, the guidance notes it is accepted that in practice this purpose relates to very few settlements as a result of the envelopment of historic town centres by development.
- Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land – the amount of potentially developable land within urban areas must have already been factored in when Green Belt land was initially identified. It is considered that all Green Belt achieves this purpose to the same extent, and that the Green Belt value of parcels when assessed against purpose e is unlikely to be distinguishable.

The NPPF requires local planning authorities to work collaboratively on strategic matters that cross administrative boundaries. The PAS guidance recognises that Green Belt is a strategic policy, and hence a strategic matter in terms of the Duty to Cooperate.

## 2.6 Relevant Case Law

Latest case law relevant to this study focuses on the definition of openness. The case of *Turner v SSCLG* [2016] EWCA Civ 466 established the principle that openness has both a spatial and a visual dimension. The Judge stated that the concept of ‘openness’ is not “*narrowly limited to [a] volumetric approach...visual impact is implicitly part of the concept of ‘openness of the Green Belt.’*”

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<sup>2</sup> PAS (2015) Planning on the Doorstep: The Big Issues



More recently, the Supreme Court case of *R (on the application of Samuel Smith Old Brewery) v North Yorkshire County Council* [2020] UKSC 3 considered the concept of openness. The Judge concluded:

“[Openness] is a matter not of legal principle but of planning judgement for the planning authority or the inspector” [Paragraph 25] ... “...*There was no error of law on the face of the report. Paragraph 90 [now NPPF146] does not expressly refer to visual impact as a necessary part of the analysis, nor in my view is it made so by implication. As explained in my discussion of the authorities, the matters relevant to openness in any particular case are a matter of planning judgement, not law.*” [Paragraph 39]

The Supreme Court did not dispute the approach in *Turner* but acknowledged that *Turner* did not specify how visual effects may or may not be taken into account. The Supreme Court judgement clarifies that it is not an implicit requirement to consider the visual effects on Green Belt openness, however it does not imply that this is not relevant, it just wasn't in this case. Ultimately, it is a matter of planning judgement for the planning authority or the inspector.

## 2.7 Review of Recent Appeal Decisions

As the NPPF and Green Belt PPG have only relatively recently been published, they have yet to be tested at any Local Plan Examinations. Therefore, it is helpful to look at historic and recent planning appeals to see how they are being interpreted on planning application decisions to identify any relevant lessons learnt that can be applied to plan-making.

Before looking at recent appeals, it is helpful to reflect on more historic appeals, which have established key points in relation to openness that are still considered relevant for the GBA.

- Openness is generally considered to be ‘land free from built development’, which should be assessed on an individual area basis as well as in terms of the cumulative impact on adjacent areas.<sup>3</sup>
- Openness should be considered not only in terms of a ‘volumetric approach’ (i.e. physical coverage of built form) but also in terms of ‘visual elements’ (i.e. the perception of openness which may be impacted by topography, built form and vegetation). The case of *Turner* [2016] EWCA Civ 466<sup>4</sup> confirms that both factors are relevant to the concept of openness. At paragraph 25, Sales LJ states: “*The openness of the Green Belt has a spatial aspect as well as a visual aspect, and the absence of visual intrusion does not in itself mean that there is no impact on the openness of the Green Belt...*”
- While visual impact may in the context of a particular case be judged a relevant factor by a decision maker in assessing openness of the Green Belt it, in itself, is not a mandatory determinative factor of openness.

Following a review of around 50 planning appeals that have been determined since the publication of the NPPF / PPG and which featured Green Belt as a main issue, a number of key lessons have been identified:

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<sup>3</sup> The Planning Inspectorate (2017) Report to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Guildford Borough Council Appeal by Berkley Homes (Southern) Ltd and the Howard Partnership Trust, APP/ Y3615/W/16/3151098

<sup>4</sup> See: *Turner v Secretary of State* CLG (2016) EWCA Civ 466.

- A site may be grey belt but if it is not in a sustainable location, development of it would be classed as inappropriate development in the Green Belt.
- ‘Sustainable location’ can be defined in relation to distance from facilities and services, and access to public transport options rather than reliance on private vehicles.
- The definition of ‘large built-up areas’ and ‘towns’ within purposes assessments is significant and should align with how these places are defined within the Local Plan. There can be no ambiguity as to whether places are villages or towns. The definition of settlements in a settlement hierarchy has significant weight when determining what constitutes a town for Green Belt purposes.
- The footnote 7 designation does not automatically mean that a site fails the grey belt test; there needs to be a strong reason for refusal.
- Looking at parcels within a GBA is helpful at a strategic level for plan making. However, when considering the identification of grey belt in decision making, it is more relevant to assess at a site-specific level to ensure the assessment outcomes reflect the site itself and is not skewed by the characteristics of land potentially some distance from the actual site.
- Purpose a is concerned with the sprawl in relation to large built-up-areas only. The fact that a development would create ribbon development is not relevant to the assessment of purpose a.
- The proportional loss of Green Belt should be considered in relation to the totality of the Green Belt within a local authority. If the proportional loss is small in relation to the total area of Green Belt within the local authority’s administrative boundary, it would be less likely to fundamentally undermine the Green Belt purposes, taken together.

Appendix A sets out in greater detail the most significant and salient decisions from the reviewed appeals.

## 2.8 Implications for this Study

### *National policy consistency:*

- Green Belt policy has remained consistent in relation to fundamental aim, purposes, permanence, requirement to demonstrate exceptional circumstances before making changes, sustainable patterns of development, washed over village definition and positive planning within the Green Belt. Therefore, previous approaches to GBAs are likely to be broadly still applicable, however, the development of the methodology should be cognisant of the detailed points of difference in national policy in relation to grey belt, exceptional circumstances and sequential release of Green Belt land, insofar as they are relevant to the scope of a GBA.

### *Stages and geographic scope:*

- As well as a review of the performance of the whole of the Green Belt within the local planning authority area; there needs to be subsequent assessment at a sufficiently granular scale to enable the assessment of variable contribution to the Green Belt purposes, to inform the identification of grey belt. This is consistent with the Green Belt PPG.
- Authorities have typically undertaken a staged approach to Green Belt assessment, which historically has been commended at examination. Stage 1 GBA focus on the entirety of the Green Belt within an authority, dividing the Green Belt into strategic parcels for assessment. A Stage 2 GBA is more spatially focussed. This approach is considered to align with the new PPG. Thus, a two-step process which firstly considers the performance of the entire extent of the

Green Belt and which secondly consider more granular, site-level areas of Green Belt land should be undertaken.

***Assessment process:***

- Green Belt should be assessed against the purposes set out in NPPF. The methodology must clearly set out how the purposes have been interpreted and should respect the local context, for example in relation to the definition of key terms, whilst reflecting the PPG.
- In terms of interpreting the national Green Belt purposes, definition of terms is of key importance to a successful and transparent assessment. Guidance on the interpretation of the purposes and the criteria to be used for assessment of purposes a, b and d is provided by the Green Belt PPG. The GBA needs to establish appropriate criteria for purposes a, b and d, reflecting the illustrative factors identified in the PPG.
- The definitions of large built-up areas, neighbouring towns and historic towns used for the assessment of purposes a, b and d respectively, are not villages. There should be no ambiguity in the definition, and the adopted definitions should align with the settlement hierarchy where appropriate.
- The essential characteristics of openness and permanence should be considered within the performance assessment. Various planning appeals and the PPG have highlighted important considerations around the interpretation and importance of ‘openness of the Green Belt’ and these should be applied in a GBA.
- Historically some authorities have scoped out purposes d and e due to the local context, which was considered appropriate at the time. However, given the need to identify whether Green Belt release will fundamentally undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt when considered across the area of the plan as part of the development of the exceptional circumstances case, it is necessary for the assessment of performance to cover all the purposes.
- When authorities are assessing whether an area can be removed from the Green Belt, consideration should be given to the presence or otherwise of readily recognisable, and likely to be permanent, boundary features. This should be considered within the Green Belt purpose assessment to enable authorities to refer back to the evidence later in the plan making process.

***Grey belt identification:***

- Grey belt needs to be provisionally identified within the GBA as part of plan making, following the process set out in the PPG. However, not all grey belt will necessarily be allocated for development or released from the Green Belt. It will be for the Council to decide the extent to which this takes place in considering the balance of planning factors as part of the wider plan making process.
- When identifying grey belt, the area of search should be focused on sustainable locations in line with NPPF paragraph 155c. Within sustainable locations, the identification of grey belt will be based on the performance scores for NPPF purposes a, b and d.
- A GBA can only provisionally identify grey belt areas due to the need for further assessment at a later stage of the plan making process to identify any effects on footnote 7 designations. This will confirm grey belt status or otherwise.

***Release of Green Belt land:***

- Any proposed changes to the Green Belt boundary or release of Green Belt land will need to be supported by a robust exceptional circumstances case, which is fully justified and evidenced.

- The GBA will only provide the starting point for any exceptional circumstances case and it will be necessary for the Council to develop such a case, both at strategic and site level, as part of the wider Local Plan process.
- A new ‘fundamentally undermine’ test has been introduced, which will need to be set out as part of any exceptional circumstances case. Some high-level conclusions of what constitutes ‘fundamentally important’ parcels should be drawn at Stage 1, to inform the case later in the plan making process, once the combination of sites for release are known.
- When considering the ‘fundamentally undermine’ test, considering the proportional loss of total Green Belt within an authorities’ area may be helpful, whilst being mindful of the context of the Green Belt within the plan area (i.e. is it a rural or urban area).

## 3. Local Green Belt Context

### 3.1 Evolution of the Green Belt in Stoke-on-Trent

The Green Belt in Stoke-on-Trent forms part of the wider North Staffordshire Green Belt. This was originally defined in 1967 and was then reassessed through the Staffordshire Structure Plan 1986-2001 however no alterations were made to the boundaries. The North Staffordshire Green Belt Local Plan was adopted in 1983 and included a reassessment of the Green Belt boundary which did result in some boundary changes and outlined new policies for the protection of the Green Belt. The Green Belt Local Plan broadly maintained the originally defined 1967 boundary, with the exception of detailed changes to the inner boundary in order to correctly reflect the limits of the built up area.

The Green Belt Local Plan in the ‘Summary of Survey and Issues Section’ notes the function of the North Staffordshire Green Belt in directing the continuing pressure for development in rural areas to the regeneration of the older parts of the urban areas and maintaining the valuable tracts of open countryside near the built up area (para 1.02).

At paragraph 2.03, it sets out the established aims of the Green Belt in North Staffordshire, as originally approved by the County Council in 1967. This is as follows:

*“a) To limit the expansion into adjoining open country of the urban areas of North Staffordshire forming part of the Potteries Conurbation.*

*b) To prevent the following towns and settlements in the adjoining open area from merging with the Potteries Conurbation and with other settlements;*

*a) The built up areas of Kidsgrove and Biddulph;*

*b) The settlements of Brown Edge, Endon, Stanley, Bagnall, Stanley Moor, Norton Green, Baddeley Green, Baddeley Edge, Light Oaks, Werrington, Cellarhead, Caverswall, Cookshill, Blythe Bridge, Forsbrook, Meir Heath, Barlaston, Alsagers Bank, Halmer End, Miles Green, Wood Lane, Bignall End and Audley.*

*c) To prevent the coalescence of the following towns and settlements around the Potteries Conurbation:*

- Leek with Longsdon;*
- Leek with Cheddleton;*
- Longsdon with Cheddleton;*
- Longsdon with Endon;*
- Cheddleton with Folly Lane;*
- Folly Lane with Wetley Rocks;*
- Wetley Rocks with Cellarhead;*
- Cheadle with Kingsley Holt;*
- Kingsley with Kingsley Holt;*
- Cheadle with Dihorne;*

- *Cheadle with Forsbrook;*
- *Fulford with Meir Heath;*
- *Stone with Oulton;*
- *Stone with Yarfield;*
- *Tittensor with Barlaston;*
- *Barlaston with Stone;*
- *Madeley Heath with Madeley;*
- *Betley with Audley.*

*d) To maintain the present open character of the land within the North Staffordshire Green Belt and to prevent the coalescence of smaller settlements not mentioned above.”*

At paragraph 2.04, the Local Plan adds that “...a major aim of the Green Belt Local Plan is to promote positive policies for the use of land within the Green Belt.”

Paragraph 2.07 notes that the general policies of the North Staffordshire Green Belt are intended to ensure there is no unplanned expansion of the North Staffordshire conurbation; the expansion of built-up areas is limited so that towns and villages do not merge with each other or the conurbation; and an area of open countryside will be safeguarded in the interests of agriculture, forestry and nature conservation to provide a source of recreation and enjoyment.

The Green Belt Local Plan was superseded by the Stoke-on-Trent City Plan 1990-2001 which was adopted in 1993. This set out new policies for the Green Belt and made a change to the Green Belt boundary at Ravensdale. This was necessary to meet the need for high quality development land. Paragraph 27 of the Summary Section of City Plan states: “*The maintenance of the North Staffordshire Green Belt will prevent the uncontrolled growth of the City, safeguard surrounding countryside and assist urban regeneration by encouraging the development of inner-city sites. It is protected by strong development control policies; these are especially important in safeguarding areas on the fringe, where development pressures are greatest.*” Paragraph 5.5 of the Plan reiterates the Structure Plan’s emphasis on the role of the Green Belt “...in checking the otherwise unrestricted sprawl of built-up areas and assisting in urban regeneration. It also seeks to retain as much land as possible in the green wedges that penetrate built-up areas along major river valleys in order to maintain the open character and to link open spaces in the urban area with the open countryside.”

The Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent Core Spatial Strategy 2006-2026 (‘Joint Core Strategy’) was adopted in 2009. This did not include any alterations to the Green Belt boundary and the City Plan policies remained as saved policies.

### **3.2 Previous Green Belt Assessments**

The previous Green Belt evidence which involved an assessment of the Green Belt includes the Green Belt Assessment Part 1 (November 2017),<sup>5</sup> and the Green Belt Site Review (December 2020), forming part of the Green Belt Assessment Part 2 (2019-20). These studies considered the previous joint planning area of Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent City Council. Following

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<sup>5</sup> [Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme Joint Green Belt Assessment document link](#)



this, a Green Belt Assessment Part 3 (July 2025) was prepared which applied only to Stoke-on-Trent City Council.

### 3.2.1 Green Belt Assessment Part 1

The Part 1 study provided an assessment of the entire Green Belt against the five Green Belt purposes set out in the NPPF. A methodology was developed taking into account national policy, guidance and good practice. The methodology provided an interpretation of the five Green Belt purposes relevant to the local context of Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent. For each purpose, a number of criteria were developed requiring quantitative and qualitative responses and an element of professional judgement. A qualitative scoring system was applied to each purpose and to the overall assessment consisting of 'no, weak, moderate and strong contribution'. The assessments were undertaken in two stages: Stage 1 involved dividing the whole Green Belt into General Areas. These areas were then assessed against the five Green Belt purposes in order to identify areas for further assessment under Stage 2. Stage 2 involved defining smaller Green Belt parcels adjacent to the urban areas and all inset settlements, as well as in General Areas assessed as making a 'weak' contribution to the Green Belt. These parcels were then assessed against the five Green Belt purposes applying the same methodology as for Stage 1.

### 3.2.2 Green Belt Assessment Part 2

Following on from the Part 1 study, the Part 2 study considered 'contender sites' within the Green Belt instead of General Areas and parcels considered in Part 1. The aim of the study was to identify the most appropriate Green Belt sites for the Councils to take forward for consideration for release (alongside other evidence). The first stage of the process was undertaken by the Councils and involved the identification of the contender sites to assess. 12 contender sites were identified in Stoke-on-Trent and 71 contender sites were identified in Newcastle-under-Lyme. An assessment of the contender sites against the five Green Belt purposes was undertaken applying the same methodology as the Part 1 study. Following on from this, an additional assessment (the Green Belt Site Review) was undertaken for those contender sites which made a weak or moderate contribution to Green Belt purposes. Stage 1 of this assessment considered the suitability, availability and achievability of the site and made a recommendation to either take the site forward or to exclude the site from the process. For those sites recommended to be taken forward, Stage 2 considered the implications of releasing the site from the Green Belt (in terms of any harm to the function and integrity of the Green Belt) and the resultant Green Belt boundaries. A conclusion on Green Belt impact was then made. If it was concluded that removal of the site (or sites, if cumulative) would harm Green Belt function and purpose, a recommendation was made to exclude the site from the process. If it was concluded that removal of the site would not harm the Green Belt, a recommendation was made to take the site forward for further consideration by the Councils.

### 3.2.3 Green Belt Assessment Part 3

The Part 3 study was published in July 2025. This reviewed the previous Green Belt evidence including the Green Belt Assessment (Part 1 and Part 2) and set out an updated methodology based on the new NPPF and PPG. The definitions against the NPPF purposes were reviewed and updated to ensure they were in accordance with the updated PPG. Many elements of the previous methodology were considered to still be applicable and relevant and were not impacted by the changes in the new NPPF and updated PPG. Where parts of the methodology remained valid, these were retained. Based on the updated methodology, the Part 3 study assessed 12 Green Belt sites against the NPPF purposes and considered whether they were provisional grey belt. The Part 3 study only assessed Green Belt sites and did not consider parcels. The methodology established in

the Part 3 study relating to the assessment against the Green Belt purposes remains robust and relevant and has been mirrored in Section 4.2.1.3 below.

#### 3.2.4 Issues and Options Consultation Responses

The Issues and Options Consultation on the draft Local Plan closed in June 2021. The responses have been reviewed to identify comments relevant to this study. There were no comments which would be directly relevant to the Green Belt assessment methodology.

#### 3.2.5 Preferred Options Consultation Responses

The Preferred Options Consultation on the draft Local Plan closed in October 2025. The responses have been reviewed to identify comments relevant to this study. There were no comments which would be directly relevant to the Green Belt assessment methodology.

## 4. Green Belt Assessment Methodology

### 4.1 Overview

There is no single ‘correct’ approach or methodology for undertaking Green Belt Assessments, therefore this methodology builds on the methodology in the Green Belt Assessment Part 3 and has been informed by national policy, guidance, recent appeal decisions, case law, and comparative examples.

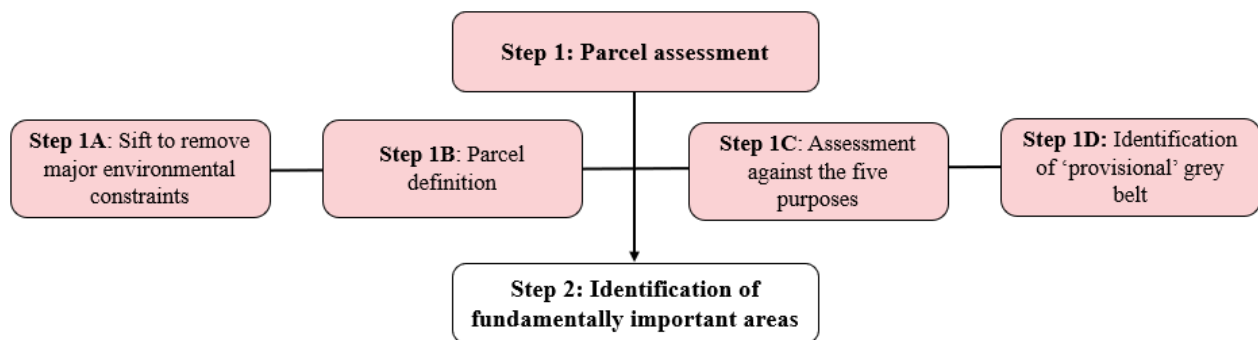
Section 4.2 below sets out the overall approach to the parcel assessments and Section 4.3 sets out the overall approach to the site assessments. The methodologies apply similar steps although they are not interlinked as the findings from the parcel assessments do not directly feed into the site assessments.

### 4.2 Overall Approach to Parcel Assessments

The proposed approach is set out in Figure 2. In summary, the process involved dividing the entire Green Belt in Stoke-on-Trent into parcels and assessing these against the five Green Belt purposes. This approach ensured that the entire Green Belt within Stoke-on-Trent was assessed in accordance with paragraph 004 of the PPG with the parcels providing sufficient granularity to enable the assessment of the variable contribution to Green Belt purposes in Step 1C, followed by the identification of ‘provisional’ grey belt in Step 1D.

The assessment against the five Green Belt purposes at Step 1C included both desktop assessment and a site visit of each parcel to ensure sufficient detail was captured. Step 2 utilised the findings from the parcel assessment and will assist the Council in undertaking the ‘fundamentally undermine’ test at a later stage by identifying fundamentally important areas of the Green Belt.

**Figure 2 Summary of Parcel Assessment Approach**



#### 4.2.1 Step 1: Green Belt Parcel Assessment

##### 4.2.1.1 Step 1A: Sift to remove major environmental constraints

Prior to defining the parcels in Step 1B, a filtering process was undertaken to exclude areas of the Green Belt which were affected by major environmental constraints. These constraints were discussed and agreed with the Council. The following national and international statutory environmental designations are present within Stoke-on-Trent and were deemed to be major environmental constraints for the purposes of the study:

- Ancient Woodland; and

- Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

The reason for excluding areas affected by these constraints was that they effectively rule out development therefore it was not necessary to define parcels within these areas. This approach also assisted with Step 1D in the identification of provisional grey belt given that grey belt excludes land where the application of the policies relating to the areas or assets in footnote 7 would provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development. These constraints are listed under footnote 7 therefore some of the footnote 7 designations have already been excluded from the outset prior to defining the parcels. It is noted that there are other footnote 7 designations which will need to be considered by the Council at a later stage (see Step 1D).

#### 4.2.1.2 Step 1B: Parcel definition

Following Step 1A, the entire Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt was divided into parcels. Table 2 shows how parcel boundaries were defined and reflects paragraph 149 of the NPPF requiring the use of ‘...physical features which are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent.’ Durable features were used in the first instance with parcels drawn from the settlement boundary outwards to the nearest durable feature. Where there were no durable features present, less durable features were used in order to create more manageable parcels which would accord with paragraph 004 of the PPG enabling sufficient granularity in assessment. A further width of parcels was then defined if required in order to extend up to the Stoke-on-Trent administrative boundary in order to ensure that the entire Green Belt was covered. The administrative boundary was used as the outer boundary even if this was not defined by any features.

**Table 2. Boundary Definition**

| Boundary categories                                                                                 | Boundary features                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Durable Features</b><br>(Readily recognisable and likely to be permanent)                        | Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motorway</li> <li>• Roads (A roads, B roads and unclassified ‘made’ roads)</li> <li>• Railway line (in use or safeguarded)</li> <li>• Existing development with clear established boundaries (e.g. a hard or contiguous building line)</li> </ul> Natural: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water bodies and water courses (reservoirs, lakes, meres, rivers, streams and canals)</li> <li>• Protected woodland (TPO) or hedges or ancient woodland</li> <li>• Prominent landform (e.g. ridgeline)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Less Durable Features</b><br>(Soft boundaries which are recognisable but have lesser permanence) | Infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Private/unmade roads or tracks</li> <li>• Existing development with irregular boundaries</li> <li>• Disused railway line</li> <li>• Footpath accompanied by other physical features (e.g. wall, fence, hedge)</li> </ul> Natural: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watercourses (brook, drainage ditch, culverted watercourse) accompanied by other physical features</li> </ul>                                                                                                                              |

|                  |                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field boundary accompanied by other natural features (e.g. tree line, hedge line)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Undefined</b> | Where the boundary does not follow any physical features on the ground                                                              |

Parcels were defined on a desktop basis in the first instance using OS maps and GIS, with the site visits undertaken as part of Step 1C used as a sense check in order to confirm these boundaries. Only existing boundaries were used. Boundaries relating to proposed development or infrastructure were not included. The draft parcels were reviewed and agreed by the Council prior to Step 1C.

#### 4.2.1.3 Step 1C: Green Belt Purpose Assessment Framework

##### Overview

Paragraph 143 of the NPPF sets out the five purposes of Green Belt. The purposes have been interpreted in the context of Stoke-on-Trent taking into account the guidance contained in the PPG. This mirrors the assessment framework set out in the Green Belt Assessment Part 3 (July 2025) however it has been duplicated in full here for completeness.

For each purpose a number of criteria were developed requiring quantitative and qualitative assessment and an element of professional judgement. Methods of data collection (e.g. desktop assessment or site based assessment) have been documented against each purpose. A qualitative scoring system was developed for each purpose and for the overall assessment, consisting of the scale of the parcel's contribution to the Green Belt purpose, these are shown and defined in the table below.

**Table 3. Qualitative scoring system to be applied against each purpose and overall**

| Level of contribution        | Description                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <b>Strong contribution</b>   | The parcel contributes to the purpose in a strong and undeniable way, whereby removal of the parcel from the Green Belt would detrimentally undermine this purpose |
| <b>Moderate contribution</b> | The parcel contributes to a few of the elements of the Green Belt purpose however does not fulfil all elements                                                     |
| <b>Weak contribution</b>     | The parcel makes a limited contribution to an element of the Green Belt purpose                                                                                    |
| <b>No contribution</b>       | The parcel makes no contribution to the Green Belt purpose                                                                                                         |

As each of the five purposes set out in the NPPF was considered to be equally important, no weighting or aggregation of scores across the purposes was undertaken. An element of professional judgement was utilised in applying the scoring system, however the 'Key Questions to Consider' for each purpose was intended to break down the purpose in the interests of ensuring a transparent and consistent approach. This is set out in detail below including definitions applying to the purpose and to the approach. Furthermore, the rationale for the score applied and the justification against the criteria was recorded as part of the assessment.

The methodology is considerably detailed in order to ensure transparency in approach and consistency in application. Prior to undertaking any assessments, all assessors were fully briefed on

the methodology in order to ensure comprehensive understanding of the approach and consistency in assessments. Following completion of the assessments, all assessments were consistency checked to ensure consistent application across the assessment team.

Purpose A: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas

**Table 4. Definitions for Purpose A**

| Definitions for Purpose A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <p><b>Sprawl</b> – spreading out of building form over a large area in an untidy or irregular way (Oxford English Dictionary)</p> <p><b>Large built-up areas</b> – this has been defined as the Stoke-on-Trent urban area<sup>6</sup> (this includes Burslem, Fenton, Hanley, Longton, Meir, Stoke, and Tunstall), as set out in the Core Spatial Strategy Key Diagram. This does not include any inset settlement or settlements within other neighbouring authorities.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>Definitions for this Approach</b></p> <p><b>Adjacent to the large built-up area</b> - the parcel physically adjoins the defined large built-up area along one or more boundaries.</p> <p><b>Durable boundaries</b> – refer to boundary definition in Table 6 below.</p> <p><b>Enclosed</b> – surrounded or closed off by the large built-up area on several or all sides.</p> <p><b>Existing development</b> – any form of built development except where it falls within one of the exception categories in paragraph 154 NPPF (i.e. it is not deemed to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt, for example buildings for agriculture and forestry).</p> <p><b>Incongruous</b> - not in harmony or keeping with the surroundings (Oxford English Dictionary).</p> <p><b>Near to the large built-up area</b> – the parcel is visually or functionally linked to the large built-up area. A functional link to the large built-up area is when there is the presence of continuous built form (e.g. development along a road) which functionally links the parcel to the large-built up area. A visual link to the large built-up area is when it is not separated by open countryside and/or it could be perceived as forming part of the large built-up area.</p> <p><b>Well connected (or highly contained)</b> – well connected to the built-up area, i.e. to be surrounded by high levels of built development.</p> <p><b>Open land</b> – land which is lacking development.</p> <p><b>Round-off</b> – where the existing urban area is an irregular shape and development of the parcel could be considered to fill in a gap and/or complete the shape.</p> |

<sup>6</sup> Reference has been taken from the Joint Core Spatial Strategy (2009) Key Diagram which shows three 'Major Urban Areas': Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent and Kidsgrove. As Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent form a contiguous urban area with Kidsgrove separated by the Green Belt, Kidsgrove has not been defined as a 'large built up area'.

## Definitions for Purpose A

**Urbanising influences** – existing development such as residential or commercial development, however not including development that falls within one of the exception categories in paragraph 154 NPPF (i.e. it is not deemed to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt, for example buildings for agriculture and forestry).

## Approach to the Assessment

A desk and field-based assessment was applied to this purpose.

As this purpose only applies to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area, if the parcel was not adjacent or near to this, it was assessed as ‘no contribution.’

**Table 5. Purpose A Method**

| Key Questions to Consider                                                                                        | Recommended Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1. Is the parcel adjacent to or near to the large built-up area? <sup>7</sup>                                    | If <b>yes</b> , proceed to Question 2...<br>If <b>no</b> , conclude parcel makes <b>no contribution</b> to purpose a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2. Does the parcel consist of open land which is free from existing development and other urbanising influences? | Describe existing use(s) of the parcel based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strong contribution</b> – The parcel is free of existing development and/or other urbanising influences.</li> <li>• <b>Moderate contribution</b> – The parcel contains some existing development and/or other urbanising influences although this is not extensive.</li> <li>• <b>Weak contribution</b> – The parcel contains significant existing development and/or other urbanising influences.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 3. Are there existing physical features which could restrict and contain development?                            | Describe existing physical features based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strong contribution</b> – The boundaries between both the parcel and the large built-up area, and the parcel and the wider Green Belt are less durable, and there are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel lacks physical features that could restrict and contain development.</li> <li>• <b>Moderate contribution</b> – The parcel has a durable boundary either between the parcel and the large built-up area, between the parcel and the wider Green Belt, or in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development.</li> <li>• <b>Weak contribution</b> – The boundaries between both the parcel and the large built-up area, and the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable, and there is a</li> </ul> |

<sup>7</sup> See definitions box above as to how ‘adjacent to’ and ‘near to’ the large built up area are defined.



| Key Questions to Consider                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Recommended Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>durable boundary in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <p>4. Connection to large built-up area:</p> <p>a. Is the parcel enclosed by the large built up along a number of boundaries?</p> <p>b. Would development of the parcel result in an incongruous pattern of development?</p> | <p>Describe connection to the large built-up area based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strong contribution</b> – The parcel is connected to the large built-up area and due to its level of connection, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development (i.e. such as an extended finger of development into the Green Belt).</li> <li>• <b>Moderate contribution</b> – The parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area and/or the connection to the large built-up area is such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development.</li> <li>• <b>Weak contribution</b> – The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and/or it could be considered to round off the settlement pattern.</li> </ul> |
| <p>5. Overall assessment: What level of contribution does the parcel make to purpose a?</p>                                                                                                                                  | <p>Bring together all conclusions from above to determine overall assessment. Professional judgement should be applied in determining the overall assessment as a parcel with significant existing development within it or a parcel which is largely enclosed by the large built-up area will make an overall weak contribution to this purpose regardless of the other considerations.</p> <p>Apply scoring system:</p> <p><b>No / Weak / Moderate / Strong contribution</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Table 6. Boundary Definition**

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| <p><b>Durable Features</b><br/>(Readily recognisable and likely to be permanent)</p> | <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motorway</li> <li>• Roads (A roads, B roads and unclassified 'made' roads)</li> <li>• Railway line (in use or safeguarded)</li> <li>• Existing development with clear established boundaries (e.g. a hard or contiguous building line)</li> </ul> <p>Natural:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water bodies and water courses (reservoirs, lakes, meres, rivers, streams and canals)</li> </ul> |
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|                                                                                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protected woodland (TPO) or hedges or ancient woodland</li> <li>Prominent landform (e.g, ridgeline)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Less durable features</b><br>(Soft boundaries which are recognisable but have lesser permanence) | <p>Infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private/unmade roads or tracks</li> <li>Existing development with irregular boundaries</li> <li>Disused railway line</li> <li>Footpath accompanied by other physical features (e.g. wall, fence, hedge)</li> </ul> <p>Natural:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watercourses (brook, drainage ditch, culverted watercourse) accompanied by other physical features</li> <li>Field boundary accompanied by other natural features (e.g. tree line, hedge line)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Undefined</b>                                                                                    | Where the boundary does not follow any physical features on the ground.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

### Justification for the Approach

Given that the terminology of the purpose specifically refers to the ‘large built-up area’ it is important to define this. This approach is consistent with the comparative review in Appendix A where most authorities defined large built up area for the purposes of the study. It is notable that none of the other purposes include such terminology and instead make reference to ‘towns’ (see purpose b and d). Paragraph 005 of PPG confirms that ‘villages should not be considered large built up areas’.

The ‘large built up area’ has therefore been defined as the urban area of Stoke-on-Trent which includes Burslem, Fenton, Hanley, Longton, Meir, Stoke, and Tunstall. Reference has been taken from the Joint Core Spatial Strategy (2009) Key Diagram which shows three ‘Major Urban Areas’: Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stoke-on-Trent and Kidsgrove. However, as Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent form a contiguous urban area with Kidsgrove separated by the Green Belt, Kidsgrove has not been defined as a ‘large built up area’. No settlements within neighbouring authorities have been defined as ‘large built up areas’.

The guidance provided at paragraph 005 of PPG has been used to determine the criteria applied to assess this purpose as set out in the ‘Key Question to Consider’ above.

**Purpose B: Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another**

**Table 7. Purpose B Method**

| Definitions for Purpose B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <p><b>Neighbouring towns</b> – within Stoke-on-Trent, this has been defined as the Stoke-on-Trent urban area (this includes Burslem, Fenton, Hanley, Longton, Meir, Stoke, Tunstall). There are also a number of relevant towns within neighbouring authorities:</p> |

## Definitions for Purpose B

- Within Newcastle-under-Lyme, this has been defined as the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area and Kidsgrove;
- Within Staffordshire Moorlands, this has been defined as Biddulph and Cheadle; and
- Within Stafford, this has been defined as Stone.

**Merging** – combining to form a single entity (Oxford English Dictionary)

## Approach to the Assessment

A desk and field-based assessment was applied to this purpose.

**Table 8. Purpose B Method**

| Key Questions to Consider                                                                                     | Recommended Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 1. Is this parcel located in a gap between two or more defined neighbouring towns?                            | If <b>yes</b> , describe which towns and proceed to Question 2...<br>If <b>no</b> , conclude parcel makes <b>no contribution</b> to purpose b                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2. What role does the parcel play in separating the neighbouring towns and how would development impact this? | Describe existing gap between the neighbouring towns based on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strong contribution</b> – Parcel forms a substantial part of the gap between towns where development would significantly either visually or physically reduce the perceived or actual separation between towns and/or result in merging.</li> <li>• <b>Moderate contribution</b> – Parcel forms part of the gap or a small part of the gap between towns where there is scope for some development without reducing the visual, physical and/or perceived separation between the towns.</li> <li>• <b>Weak contribution</b> – Parcel forms a very small part of the gap between towns where development would not have any impact on the visual, physical or perceived separation between the towns.</li> </ul> |
| Overall assessment: What level of contribution does the parcel make to purpose b?                             | Apply scoring system based on the above:<br><b>No / Weak / Moderate / Strong contribution</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Justification for the Approach

Given that the terminology of the purpose specifically refers to the ‘neighbouring towns’, it is important to define this. Paragraph 005 of PPG confirms that this purpose ‘relates to the merging of towns, not villages.’

The North Staffordshire Green Belt Local Plan sets out the established aims of the North Staffordshire Green Belt and lists a number of towns and settlements which it aims to prevent merging, as set out in the table below. The previous Joint Green Belt Assessment Part 1 (November

2017) used all of these settlements in assessing purpose b noting that this list includes various towns, villages and settlements and not all of these places would properly be defined as ‘towns’.

**Table 9. Settlements listed in the North Staffordshire Green Belt Local Plan**

| Stoke on Trent                           | Newcastle under Lyme                                                                                                               | Staffordshire Moorlands                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Stafford                                                           |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Baddeley Edge/Light Oaks<br>Norton Green | Alsagers Bank<br>Audley<br>Betley<br>Bignall End<br>Halmerend<br>Kidsgrove<br>Madeley<br>Madeley Heath<br>Miles Green<br>Wood Lane | Bagnall<br>Biddulph<br>Blythe Bridge<br>Brown Edge<br>Caverswall<br>Cellarhead<br>Cheadle<br>Cheddleton<br>Cookshill<br>Dihorne<br>Endon<br>Folly Lane<br>Forsbrook<br>Kingsley<br>Kingsley Holt<br>Longsdon<br>Stanley<br>Stanley Moor<br>Werrington<br>Wetley Rocks | Barlaston<br>Fulford<br>Meir Heath<br>Oulton<br>Stone<br>Tittensor |

As such, given the updated guidance provided by PPG, only the ‘towns’ and not ‘villages’ within this list are now considered relevant to this purpose, alongside the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area. Whilst it is acknowledged that the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area would not usually be considered ‘towns’, the towns within these urban areas form a contiguous area and therefore it is necessary to treat each urban area as one ‘town’. The guidance in PPG does not preclude settlements which are larger than towns being included. The potential merging of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area with surrounding towns is therefore considered relevant to this purpose.

It should also be noted that although the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area are already connected in parts, there are still some gaps remaining between the urban areas which consist of Green Belt land. The two authorities have agreed to maintain these gaps as part of their Duty to Cooperate discussions.<sup>8</sup> The potential merging of the two urban areas is therefore a relevant consideration for this purpose.

For Stoke-on-Trent, the settlements listed above were considered in Section 6 of the Green Belt Assessment Part 3 which assessed whether these settlements were villages. This concluded that Norton Green was a village and Baddeley Edge/Light Oaks was not a village.

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<sup>8</sup> [Newcastle-under-Lyme Local Plan Duty to Co-operate Interim Statement of Compliance \(December 2024\) document link](#)

In identifying the ‘towns’ in the other authorities, each of the Councils’ settlement hierarchies in their adopted or emerging Local Plans was used:

- For Newcastle-under-Lyme, the Local Plan was used to identify the relevant towns within the list alongside the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area. Policy PSD2 (Settlement Hierarchy) identifies Kidsgrove as an urban centre with a town centre, while all other settlements listed are classified as village or rural centres. Kidsgrove was therefore defined as a town for the purposes of this study.
- For Staffordshire Moorlands, the adopted Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan (2020) was used. Policy SS2 (Settlement Hierarchy) identifies three towns including Biddulph, Leek, and Cheadle. Both Biddulph and Cheadle were considered relevant to this study and therefore have been defined as a town for the purposes of this study.
- For Stafford, the emerging Stafford Borough Local Plan 2020–2040 Preferred Options (Regulation 18) document was used. Policy 2 (Settlement Hierarchy) identifies Stone as the only town within Stafford. Stone was therefore defined as a town for the purposes of this study.

Based on this, the following settlements from the table above have been identified as ‘towns’ which are relevant to this study: Kidsgrove, Biddulph, Cheadle, and Stone.

The guidance provided at paragraph 005 of PPG has been used to determine the criteria applied to assess this purpose as set out in the ‘Key Question to Consider’ above.

**Purpose C: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment**

**Table 10. Definitions for Purpose C**

| <b>Definitions for Purpose C</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <p><b>Safeguarding</b> - Protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure (Oxford English Dictionary).</p> <p><b>Countryside</b> – The land and scenery of a rural area that is either used for farming or left in its natural condition (Oxford English Dictionary and Cambridge Dictionary).</p> <p><b>Encroachment</b> - a gradual advance beyond usual or acceptable limits (Oxford English Dictionary).</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Definitions for the Approach</b></p> <p><b>Built form</b> – any form of built development excluding development that falls within one of the exception categories in paragraph 154 NPPF (i.e. it is not deemed to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt, for example buildings for agriculture and forestry).</p> <p><b>Openness</b> – the visible openness of the Green Belt in terms of the absence of built development, a topography which supports long line views and low levels of substantial vegetation. Consider both actual distance (the distance between settlement and countryside) and perceived distance (e.g. a wooded area located between a new development and the settlement would not impact upon the perception of openness from the settlement). Openness should be assessed from the edge of the settlement/inset boundary outwards, with reference to the matrix set out in Table 12 below.</p> |

## Definitions for Purpose C

**Rural land uses** – this includes agricultural land, forestry, woodland, shrubland/scrubland and open fields.

**Semi-urban land uses** – this includes a mix of urban and rural land uses.

**Urban land uses** – this includes existing residential, commercial, industrial, or recreational and leisure uses typically found in urban areas.

**Settlement** – all settlements that are inset from the Green Belt (this includes the large built-up-area).

**Urbanising influences** – existing development such as residential or commercial development, however not including development that falls within one of the exception categories in paragraph 154 NPPF (i.e. it is not deemed to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt, for example buildings for agriculture and forestry).

## Approach to the Assessment

A desk and field-based assessment was applied to this purpose.

**Table 11. Purpose C Method**

| Key Questions to Consider                       | Recommended Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 1. Does the parcel consist of open countryside? | <p>Describe existing land use(s) (e.g. open countryside, agricultural land, residential, mix of uses) based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strong contribution</b> – The parcel consists of open countryside and/or rural land uses.</li> <li>• <b>Moderate contribution</b> – The parcel partly consists of open countryside and/or rural land uses however it also includes some semi-urban land uses.</li> <li>• <b>Weak contribution</b> – The parcel consists of urban or semi-urban development and land uses.</li> <li>• <b>No contribution</b> – The parcel is developed and consists of urban land uses.</li> </ul> |
| 2. Does the parcel have a sense of openness?    | <p>Describe existing encroachment within the parcel and degree of openness taking into account built form, vegetation and topography using matrix below in Table 12, based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strong contribution</b> – The parcel has a strong degree of openness.</li> <li>• <b>Moderate contribution</b> – The parcel has a strong-moderate or moderate degree of openness.</li> <li>• <b>Weak contribution</b> – The parcel has a moderate-weak or weak degree of openness.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                       |

| Key Questions to Consider                                                         | Recommended Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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|                                                                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>No contribution</b> – The parcel has no degree of openness.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 3. Are there any surrounding urbanising influences which impact upon openness?    | <p>Describe surrounding uses based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Strong contribution</b> – The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries.</li> <li><b>Moderate contribution</b> – The parcel is partly enclosed by existing development or a by a settlement along some of its boundaries impacting the sense of openness.</li> <li><b>Weak contribution</b> – The parcel is completely enclosed by existing development or by a settlement along a number of boundaries impacting the sense of openness.</li> </ul> |
| Overall assessment: What level of contribution does the parcel make to purpose c? | <p>Bring together all conclusions from above to determine overall assessment. Professional judgement should be applied in determining the overall assessment as a parcel with significant existing development within it or a parcel with no degree of openness will make no contribution to this purpose regardless of the other considerations.</p> <p>Apply scoring system:<br/> <b>No / Weak / Moderate / Strong contribution</b></p>                                                                                                                                          |

**Table 12: Degree of Openness Matrix**

| Built Form    | Long line views <sup>9</sup> | Vegetation <sup>10</sup> | Degree of Openness                 |
|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Less than 10% | Open long line views         | Low vegetation           | Strong degree of openness          |
| Less than 10% | Open long line views         | Dense vegetation         | Strong-moderate degree of openness |
| Less than 10% | No long line views           | Low vegetation           | Strong-moderate degree of openness |
| Less than 10% | No long line views           | Dense vegetation         | Moderate degree of openness        |
| Less than 20% | Open long line views         | Low vegetation           | Strong-Moderate degree of openness |

<sup>9</sup> Long line views may be restricted by built form or topography. There may also be long line views in parts of the parcel however views in other places may be restricted. All of these factors should be considered and professional judgement applied.

<sup>10</sup> This was considered in the context of whether the level of vegetation restricts long line views or does not impact views.



| Built Form         | Long line views <sup>9</sup> | Vegetation <sup>10</sup> | Degree of Openness               |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Less than 20%      | Open long line views         | Dense vegetation         | Moderate-Weak degree of openness |
| Less than 20%      | No long line views           | Low vegetation           | Moderate degree of openness      |
| Less than 20%      | No long line views           | Dense vegetation         | Weak degree of openness          |
| Between 20 and 30% | Open long line views         | Low vegetation           | Moderate-Weak degree of openness |
| Between 20 and 30% | Open long line views         | Dense vegetation         | Weak degree of openness          |
| Between 20 and 30% | No long line views           | Low vegetation           | Weak degree of openness          |
| Between 20 and 30% | No long line views           | Dense vegetation         | No degree of openness            |
| More than 30%      | Open long line views         | Low vegetation           | Weak degree of openness          |
| More than 30%      | Open long line views         | Dense vegetation         | No degree of openness            |
| More than 30%      | No long line views           | Low vegetation           | No degree of openness            |
| More than 30%      | No long line views           | Dense vegetation         | No degree of openness            |

### Justification for the Approach

The comparative review in Appendix A demonstrates that the assessment of this purpose includes a range of factors. The updated PPG does not provide any further guidance on the assessment of this purpose. As such, the approach originally adopted in the Joint Green Belt Assessment Part 1 (November 2017) remains robust and has largely been retained with the exception of the consideration of boundaries having been removed due to this now being considered as part of purpose a and to avoid duplication in assessing this. The justification for the approach is repeated here for completeness.

This purpose applies to all Green Belt land, whether adjacent to a large built-up area, an inset settlement or a settlement within neighbouring authorities. Given the focus on the open countryside, the ‘degree of openness’ of the parcel is a key factor to consider within the approach, albeit it is one of a number of factors. The matrix above therefore enables an assessment of this to be carried out. The matrix is intended to guide this assessment, and it may not strictly apply to all parcels, thus a level of professional judgement must be applied.

Both the matrix and the definition of openness set out in the definition box capture the consideration of both visual openness and spatial openness. Visual openness refers to the perception of openness which may be impacted by topography, views and vegetation. Spatial openness relates to the level

of built form and the type of built form (for example agricultural or forestry uses). The case of *Turner* [2016] EWCA Civ 466 confirms that both factors are relevant to the concept of openness. At paragraph 25, Sales LJ states: “*The openness of the Green Belt has a spatial aspect as well as a visual aspect, and the absence of visual intrusion does not in itself mean that there is no impact on the openness of the Green Belt...*”

The recommended approach set out above takes the position that parcels which are well connected to the open countryside along a number of boundaries make a higher contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment given their relationship to the countryside. However, the presence of existing built form within the parcel can alter this level of contribution. The definition of built form set out above does not include buildings for agriculture and forestry given that these are not considered to be ‘inappropriate development’ regardless of their impact upon openness, according to paragraph 154 of the NPPF.

**Purpose D: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns**

**Table 13. Definitions for Purpose D**

| Definitions for Purpose D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| <p><b>Historic Town</b> – within Stoke-on-Trent, this has been defined as the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. There are also a number of relevant historic towns within neighbouring authorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within Newcastle-under-Lyme, this has been defined as Kidsgrove; and</li> <li>• Within Staffordshire Moorlands, this has been defined as Biddulph.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Definitions for the Approach</b></p> <p><b>Historic Core</b> – within Stoke-on-Trent, this is defined as Stoke Town Centre Conservation Area, Hanley Conservation Area, and Burslem Conservation Area. Within Newcastle-under-Lyme, this is defined as Kidsgrove Conservation Area. Within Staffordshire Moorlands, this is defined as Biddulph Conservation Area.</p> <p><b>Views</b> – these are defined as those ‘important views’ shown in the Council’s Conservation Area Appraisals on the Townscape Appraisal Maps (for Stoke-on-Trent).</p> <p><b>Existing development</b> – any form of built development except where it falls within one of the exception categories in paragraph 154 NPPF (i.e. it is not deemed to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt, for example buildings for agriculture and forestry).</p> |

### Approach to the Assessment

A desk-based assessment only was applied to this purpose.

**Table 14. Purpose D Method**

| Key Questions to Consider                                              | Recommended Approach                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Does the parcel have a relationship with a defined ‘historic town’? | Describe whether the parcel is located adjacent to a historic town. If parcel is adjacent, continue to Question 2. |

| Key Questions to Consider                                                                       | Recommended Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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|                                                                                                 | <p>If the parcel is not adjacent, does the parcel provide views into/out of a historic town? (see Conservation Area Appraisals).</p> <p>If parcel is not adjacent to, or provide views into/out of a historic town, conclude the parcel makes <b>no contribution</b> to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2. Does the parcel have a connection or relationship to the historic core of the historic town? | <p>Describe whether there is a connection or relationship between the parcel and the historic town, particularly the historic core (see Conservation Area Appraisals) based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Strong contribution</b> – The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town and it makes a considerable contribution to the special character of the historic town (for example, due to its important views between the parcel and the historic core).</li> <li>• <b>Moderate contribution</b> – The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town and/or it makes a contribution to the special character of the historic town (the parcel's contribution may be impacted by separation from the historic core as a result of existing development or topography and/or views between the parcel and the historic core being broken and/or constrained by development or topography and/or existing development located within the parcel).</li> <li>• <b>Weak contribution</b> – The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and/or it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core (for example, due to it being a significant distance away) and/or the parcel contains significant existing development.</li> </ul> |
| Overall assessment: What level of contribution does the parcel make to purpose d?               | <p>Apply scoring system based on the above:</p> <p><b>No / Weak / Moderate / Strong contribution</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

### Justification for the Approach

Given that the terminology of the purpose specifically refers to 'historic towns' it is necessary to define this. This approach is consistent with the comparative review in Appendix A where most authorities defined historic town for the purposes of the study. Paragraph 005 of PPG confirms that this purpose 'relates to historic towns, not villages.' It also states that: *"Where there are no historic towns in the plan area, it may not be necessary to provide detailed assessments against this purpose."*

Unlike cities such as Chester and York, Stoke-on-Trent is not commonly thought of as a 'historic town'. However given the interim conclusions drawn by the Inspector regarding the Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy (December 2014) where the Inspector stated that there were "...several

*shortcomings with the evidence itself*”, as the Green Belt Assessment 2013 “...does not consider all the purposes of the Green Belt, omitting the contribution to urban regeneration and preserving the setting and special character of historic towns” (para 85), it is considered important and necessary to assess this purpose.

In the previous Joint Green Belt Assessment Part 1 (November 2017), the ‘historic towns’, were defined by cross referencing the ‘neighbouring towns’ defined for purpose b against the Conservation Areas within the relevant authorities. The Conservation Area Appraisals were then reviewed in order to determine whether these towns should be included within the assessment of purpose d.

Based on the updated approach to purpose b and the ‘neighbouring towns’ identified, the following ‘historic towns’ are therefore relevant based on their proximity to the Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt: the Stoke-on-Trent urban area, Kidsgrove and Biddulph.

As set out in purpose b, it is acknowledged that the Stoke-on-Trent urban area is not a ‘town’ however given it is a contiguous urban area which encompasses a number of towns, for the purposes of the assessment, it has been defined as a ‘historic town’. As such it is necessary to consider what represents the historic core of Stoke-on-Trent. Within Stoke-on-Trent, there are a number of Conservation Areas, and these have been reviewed in the table below to determine which of these represents the historic core.

**Table 15. Conservation Areas within Stoke-on-Trent**

| <b>Name</b>                                  | <b>Date of designation</b> | <b>Notes from Conservation Area Appraisal</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Include within assessment of purpose d?</b>          |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Stoke Town Centre Conservation Area</b>   | 1972<br>(extended 2010)    | This incorporates the former St Peters Churchyard Conservation Area. The 2014 Appraisal notes that Stoke lies at the point where a Roman road crosses the confluence of the River Trent and Fowlea Brook. Throughout the Medieval period the settlement consisted only of the church and rectory. The church itself is first mentioned in the Domesday Book of 1086. The dense urban development which now surrounds the Conservation Area means that there are no views out of the town from the Green Belt. | Yes - represents historic core of Stoke.                |
| <b>City Centre Conservation Area, Hanley</b> | 1993                       | The 2010 Appraisal states that the earliest written record of Hanley dates from 1212 however urban development did not take place in Hanley until the later 18th century. Medieval occupation was centred on Shelton along Broad Street and Marsh Street to the west of the Conservation Area and around the Old Hall manor house to the east, joined by Old Hall Street and Albion Street which runs through the conservation area. There is, however, no                                                    | Yes – due to views of Conservation Area from Green Belt |

| Name                                             | Date of designation                 | Notes from Conservation Area Appraisal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Include within assessment of purpose d?                 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                  |                                     | excavated evidence of these medieval origins within the Conservation Area. Most of the archaeology within the conservation area is related to the pottery industry which developed in Hanley from the end of the 17th century. The Appraisal notes the long distance views to the surrounding rural topography such as from Parliament Square out towards Werrington, which relates to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                         |
| <b>Burslem Town Centre Conservation Area</b>     | 1972<br>(extended 1986, 2004, 2005) | The 2011 Appraisal states Burslem is located on natural deposits – ironstone, clay and coal – which provided the raw materials for pottery making. The Conservation Area is rich in archaeological sites relating to the town's past as a centre of pottery production. Archaeological evidence indicates that this industry flourished from at least the 15th century. The Appraisal highlights the notable long views and vistas from the West making parts of the Conservation Area and landmarks visible from key distant vantage points including the A500 which includes the Green Belt.   | Yes – due to views of Conservation Area from Green Belt |
| <b>Hanley Park Conservation Area</b>             | 1997                                | The 2013 Appraisal states the heritage value in Hanley Park is primarily in its value as a historic park listed Grade 2 on the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens. There are limited views outside of the park.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No – relates to Hanley Park only.                       |
| <b>Victoria Park Conservation Area, Tunstall</b> | 2001                                | The 2007 Appraisal states that the Conservation Area is centred around the Victorian park of the same name and includes semi-detached residential properties of a similar age to the park. The whole of the park is designated an area of archaeological importance and the park is also on the historic parks register as a grade II park. The majority of houses adjacent to the park were built between 1900 and 1924 with the rest following quickly after. The Appraisal notes that there are significant internal views however views of quality out of the Conservation Area are limited. | No – relates to Victoria Park only.                     |

| Name                                             | Date of designation | Notes from Conservation Area Appraisal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Include within assessment of purpose d?                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tower Square Conservation Area, Tunstall</b>  | 1988                | The 2007 Appraisal notes that Tower Square (formerly Market Square) is at the heart of Tunstall Town Centre and dates back to the early 1800's. Tower Square has been the centre of commerce for Tunstall since its inception. The Conservation Area is dominated by retail and commercial uses, with few residential properties. The Appraisal notes that there are significant internal views however views of quality out of the Conservation Area are limited.                                                                                                                                                | No – relates to the commercial and retail core dating back to 1800. |
| <b>Park Terrace Conservation Area, Tunstall</b>  | 1988                | The 2007 Appraisal states that the Conservation Area is predominantly residential in character, consisting of mostly terraced houses with a small number of detached properties. Originally a small settlement within the Manor of Tunstall, Tunstall town centre was planned and created during the early nineteenth century. The Conservation Area has had a majority of residential properties housing workers for the local industries of tile making, mining and potteries. The Appraisal notes that there are significant internal views however views of quality out of the Conservation Area are limited. | No – relates to area of residential properties near to town centre. |
| <b>Hitchman Street Conservation Area, Fenton</b> | 1990                | The 2008 Appraisal states that the Conservation Area is a group of thirteen houses and one shop, dating from 1889. These dwellings were completed in 1890 and this is recorded by a date stone in the façade facing Victoria Road which also bears the monogram “WMB”. (William Meath Baker - the owner of an adjacent pottery). The Appraisal notes that views of quality out of the area are limited.                                                                                                                                                                                                           | No – relates to area of residential properties.                     |
| <b>Victoria Place Conservation Area, Fenton</b>  | 1990                | The 2008 Appraisal states that the Conservation Area is a group of fifteen houses and one restaurant/public house, dating from 1885. These dwellings are survivors from a larger group of thirty houses; a row of 14 houses facing City Road, were demolished in 1997 because they were in such a poor state of repair. The Appraisal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No – relates to area of residential properties.                     |

| Name | Date of designation | Notes from Conservation Area Appraisal                   | Include within assessment of purpose d? |
|------|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|      |                     | notes that views of quality out of the area are limited. |                                         |

The guidance provided at paragraph 005 of PPG has been used to determine the criteria applied to assess this purpose as set out in the ‘Key Question to Consider’ above. The proposed approach seeks to capture whether the site has a role in preserving the setting and special character of the historic town by reference to the historic core (the Conservation Area) and as evidenced by the Conservation Area Appraisal.

The assessment is intended to be high level and proportionate to a Green Belt assessment. It is not intended to provide an in-depth assessment of all designated heritage assets or the historic environment as this would form part of a later stage site appraisal, if required.

**Purpose E: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land**

### **Approach to the Assessment**

Apply ‘moderate contribution’ to all parcels

### **Justification for the Approach**

The comparative review in Appendix A demonstrates that most authorities have either not undertaken an assessment for purpose e or have applied equal outcomes to all parcels. Where purpose e had been screened out of the assessment, this was because it was stated that the value of various land parcels was unlikely to be distinguished by the application of this purpose. Where authorities have chosen to do this and have set out their justification for this, Inspectors have accepted this. Other authorities have chosen to apply a blanket level of contribution to this purpose which Inspectors have also deemed to be acceptable.

Given the new fundamentally undermine test introduced by paragraph 146 of the NPPF, it will now be important to assess all five purposes in order to consider this as part of the exceptional circumstances case.

The updated PPG does not provide any guidance on the assessment of this purpose. As such, the approach taken in the previous Green Belt Assessments (Part 1-3) which involved applying a blanket level contribution across all parcels and sites remains robust. A moderate contribution was previously applied, and this was identified based on calculating the percentage of brownfield urban potential and considering this against thresholds building on the approach adopted in the Cheshire East Green Belt Assessment. The brownfield urban potential was calculated by considering the number of dwellings resulting from the developable and deliverable brownfield supply (as identified in the Council’s SHLAA) against the existing number of dwellings in Stoke-on-Trent in order to give a percentage.



In order to determine the level of contribution to be applied for this study, the Council's Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment 2024 (SHELAA)<sup>11</sup> was reviewed to identify the number of dwellings from the developable and deliverable brownfield supply. This was calculated as a percentage of the existing number of dwellings in Stoke-on-Trent based on Census 2021<sup>12</sup> data. This calculation is set out in Table 16. The thresholds applied in the previous Green Belt Assessments (Part 1-3) were then applied, these are set out in Table 17. Based on this, an assessment of moderate contribution was applied to all parcels.

**Table 16. Brownfield urban potential**

| Existing number of dwellings (2021) <sup>13</sup> | Developable and deliverable brownfield supply (number of dwellings) (2024) <sup>14</sup> | Brownfield capacity percentage (developable and deliverable brownfield supply as a % of the existing number of dwellings) | Purpose e assessment  |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 117,566                                           | 6,777                                                                                    | 5.8%                                                                                                                      | Moderate contribution |

**Table 17. Purpose e assessment thresholds**

| Purpose e level of contribution | Brownfield capacity thresholds |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Strong contribution             | >10%                           |
| Moderate contribution           | >1% - 10%                      |
| Weak contribution               | >0% - 1%                       |
| No contribution                 | 0%                             |

Given there is no single correct method for assessing purpose e, this approach provides a high-level view on the role of the Green Belt in encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. It provides a theoretical assessment of the potential for urban regeneration and there is no guarantee that restricting development on Green Belt land will result in the development of brownfield sites. It is considered to represent a proportionate and reasonable approach to purpose e based on available data.

#### **4.2.1.4 Overall Assessment**

The purpose of the overall assessment was to consider the outcomes of each of the five purposes and then make a judgement on the overall contribution the parcel made to the Green Belt. The same qualitative scoring system of strong, moderate, weak and no contribution applied to each of the five purposes was also applied to the overall assessment. In order to ensure a consistent and transparent approach, the following guidance was used in determining the overall assessment.

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<sup>11</sup> [SHELAA 2024 document link](#)

<sup>12</sup> [Census 2021 document link](#)

<sup>13</sup> [Census 2021 document link](#)

<sup>14</sup> This was based on the Council's SHELAA 2024 – [SHELAA 2024 document link](#)

No parcel should be assessed as ‘no contribution’ overall unless each of the five purposes is assessed as ‘no contribution’.

Where there was a 4 / 1 split – the majority contribution should always be applied, unless the majority is ‘no contribution’ in which case, the overall should be ‘weak’.

Example:

|          |          |          |    |          |                 |
|----------|----------|----------|----|----------|-----------------|
| Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | No | Moderate | <b>Moderate</b> |
|----------|----------|----------|----|----------|-----------------|

Exception:

|    |    |    |    |          |             |
|----|----|----|----|----------|-------------|
| No | No | No | No | Moderate | <b>Weak</b> |
|----|----|----|----|----------|-------------|

Where there was a 3 / 2 split – the majority contribution should always be applied unless the two contributions are ‘strong’. In this case, the overall would be ‘strong’. The exception to this would be if the majority was ‘no’, in this case the overall would be the minority contribution, unless the two contributions are moderate, then the contribution would be weak given that this is between the two levels.

Example:

|          |          |      |      |          |                 |
|----------|----------|------|------|----------|-----------------|
| Moderate | Moderate | Weak | Weak | Moderate | <b>Moderate</b> |
|----------|----------|------|------|----------|-----------------|

Exception:

|        |          |          |          |          |               |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|
| Strong | Moderate | Moderate | Strong   | Moderate | <b>Strong</b> |
| No     | No       | No       | Moderate | Moderate | <b>Weak</b>   |

Where there was a 3 / 1 / 1 split – the majority contribution should always be applied unless one of the minority contributions is ‘strong’ and one is ‘moderate’. In this case, professional judgement should be applied (see below). Where the majority is ‘no’, the middle category from the split should be the overall.

Example:

|          |          |      |        |          |                 |
|----------|----------|------|--------|----------|-----------------|
| Moderate | Moderate | Weak | Strong | Moderate | <b>Moderate</b> |
|----------|----------|------|--------|----------|-----------------|

Exception:

|      |      |      |        |          |                                     |
|------|------|------|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Weak | Weak | Weak | Strong | Moderate | <b>Apply professional judgement</b> |
| No   | No   | No   | Weak   | Moderate | <b>Weak</b>                         |

Where there was a 2 / 2 / 1 split – the contribution to be applied depends on what the split and the minority leans towards. For example, where the minority contribution is ‘no’, the lower contribution of the split should be applied. The exception to this is where the minority contribution is ‘strong’, in which case professional judgement should be applied. Where one of the two contributions are ‘strong’, the overall would be ‘strong’.

Example:

|          |      |      |      |          |             |
|----------|------|------|------|----------|-------------|
| Weak     | Weak | No   | No   | Moderate | <b>Weak</b> |
| Moderate | No   | Weak | Weak | Moderate | <b>Weak</b> |
| Moderate | Weak | No   | No   | Moderate | <b>Weak</b> |

|        |    |        |    |          |               |
|--------|----|--------|----|----------|---------------|
| Strong | No | Strong | No | Moderate | <b>Strong</b> |
|--------|----|--------|----|----------|---------------|

Exception:

|          |        |    |    |          |                                     |
|----------|--------|----|----|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Moderate | Strong | No | No | Moderate | <b>Apply professional judgement</b> |
|----------|--------|----|----|----------|-------------------------------------|

Where there was 2 / 1 / 1 / 1 split - where two purposes are the same and the remaining three are all different, application of professional judgement would be required. Where there are two 'strong' contributions, the overall would be 'strong'.

Example:

|        |      |        |        |          |                                     |
|--------|------|--------|--------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Weak   | Weak | No     | Strong | Moderate | <b>Apply professional judgement</b> |
| Strong | No   | Strong | Weak   | Moderate | <b>Strong</b>                       |

### Applying Professional Judgement

Whilst all five Green Belt purposes were given equal weighting, the overall assessment was not intended to be a numbers balancing exercise and a certain level of professional judgement was applied to all of the above rules and particularly where one of the purposes was assessed as 'strong'.

In order to do this, it was necessary to refer back to the overall aim and purpose of Green Belt as set out in paragraph 142 of the NPPF:

*“The fundamental aim of the 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.”*

Paragraph 142 refers to the prevention of 'urban sprawl' and keeping land permanently open. These aims are fundamentally subsumed within purposes a, b and c and thus where the development of a parcel would particularly threaten these purposes, additional weight was applied to its contribution to Green Belt purposes. This was matter for the professional judgement of the assessor, however the justification for the assessment provides a transparent explanation behind their reasoning.

#### 4.2.1.5 Step 1D: Identification of provisional grey belt

Annex 2 of the NPPF defines grey belt 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. Paragraph 148 requires the need to promote sustainable patterns of development to be taken into account when drawing up or reviewing Green Belt boundaries.’

This stage of the methodology focuses on the second part of the definition of grey belt – Green Belt land that does not strongly contribute to any of purposes (a), (b), or (d) in paragraph 143.

The results from Step 1C were filtered to identify parcels which do not strongly contribute to any one of purposes a, b or d. The outcomes for the assessment against purpose c and e are not relevant to the identification of grey belt, nor is the overall assessment outcome.

In relation to footnote 7 designations, since Step 1A involved a filtering process to remove areas of land covered by major environmental constraints, no parcels were defined in these areas therefore some of the footnote 7 designations were already excluded in defining the parcels. At this stage, no further sifting of footnote 7 designations has been undertaken. As such, the grey belt identified by this study is considered to be ‘provisional grey belt’.

In order to confirm grey belt status, the Council will need to undertake a full review against footnote 7 designations once detailed specific proposals are known later in the plan making process.

#### **4.2.2 Step 2: Identification of Fundamentally Important Areas**

Paragraph 146 of the NPPF introduces a new ‘fundamentally undermine’ test which will need to be considered as part of the Council’s exceptional circumstances case in order to consider the proposed Green Belt release in its entirety once the potential Green Belt allocations are known.

In order to inform the application of the fundamentally undermine test by the Council at a later stage, Step 2 involved the identification of fundamentally important areas. This analysis assessed whether groups of parcels collectively made a stronger contribution to Green Belt purposes (either in relation to the individual purposes or the overall purpose score) and whether they were important to the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.

Following completion of the parcel assessments, a strategic review was undertaken to identify any areas within the Green Belt that made a strong contribution to one or more of the Green Belt purposes. This was a hypothetical, high-level assessment aimed at identifying whether any parts of the Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt played a fundamentally important role in maintaining the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt. The qualitative assessment considered the following:

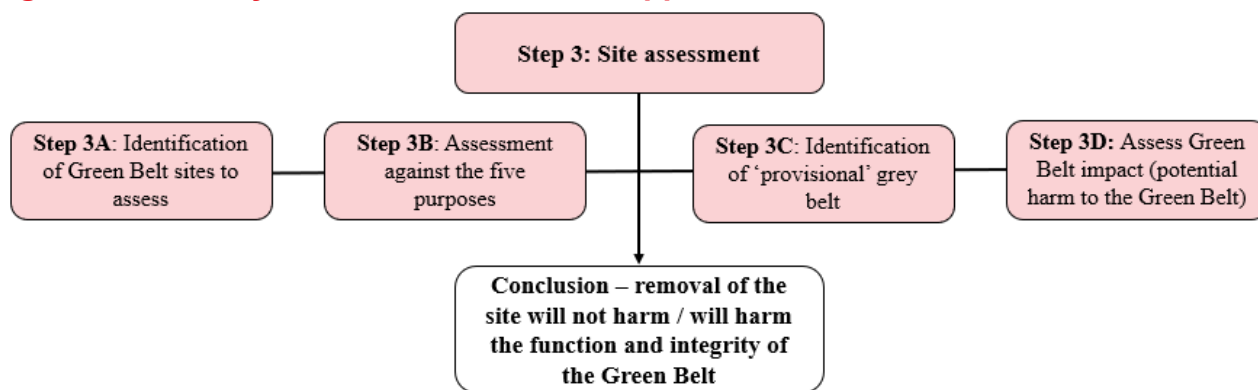
1. Does a group of parcels collectively make a stronger contribution to one or a number of purposes or overall?
2. Would the hypothetical release of a parcel or group of parcels harm the function or integrity of the surrounding Green Belt?

#### **4.3 Overall Approach to Site Assessments**

The proposed approach is set out in Figure 3. In summary, the process involved identifying the Green Belt sites to be assessed (Step 3A) and assessing these against the five Green Belt purposes (Step 3B) utilising the same methodology as per the parcels (see Section 4.2.1.3 above). Applying the same methodology in Section 4.2.1.5, Step 3C involved the identification of ‘provisional’ grey belt. Step 3D is an additional step which only applies to the site assessments (and not the parcels). This considered the implications of releasing the site from the Green Belt (in terms of any harm to the function and integrity of the remaining Green Belt) including any cumulative impacts, as well as the resultant Green Belt boundary. The methodology for this is the same as that set out in the Green Belt Assessment Part 3 (July 2025). It has been duplicated here for ease of reference.

The assessment against the five Green Belt purposes at Step 3B included both desktop assessment and a site visit of each site to ensure sufficient detail was captured.

**Figure 3 Summary of Parcel Assessment Approach**



#### **4.3.1 Step 3: Green Belt Site Assessment**

##### **4.3.1.1 Step 3A: Identification of Green Belt sites to assess**

Step 3A involved identifying the Green Belt sites to be assessed. This process was undertaken by the Council, and a list of sites was provided to Arup to be assessed.

##### **4.3.1.2 Step 3B: Assessment against the five purposes**

Step 3B involved an assessment of the sites against the five Green Belt purposes, applying the same purpose assessment framework which was applied to the parcels, as set out in Section 4.2.1.3 above. As with the parcels, an overall assessment of the overall contribution the site made to the Green Belt was undertaken using the guidance set out in Section 4.2.1.4 above.

##### **4.3.1.3 Step 3C: Identification of provisional grey belt**

Step 3C involved using the findings from Step 3B to identify grey belt, based on the definition set out in the NPPF and the methodology set out in Section 4.2.1.5 above. As with the parcels, the grey belt identified in this study is considered to be 'provisional grey belt'. In order to confirm grey belt status, the Council will need to undertake a full review against footnote 7 designations once detailed site-specific proposals are known.

##### **4.3.1.4 Step 3D: Assessment Green Belt impact**

Step 3D considered the implications of releasing the site from the Green Belt (in terms of any harm to the function and integrity of the remaining Green Belt), including any cumulative impacts, as well as the resultant Green Belt boundary. The methodology for this step replicates the Green Belt Assessment Part 3 (July 2025) given this remains applicable and relevant.

The findings from the comparative review in Appendix A demonstrated that most local authorities considered the site's existing contribution to Green Belt purposes as well as the impact on the remaining Green Belt of removing the site, alongside any potential cumulative impacts.

There is no recognised approach as to how this should be assessed, and the comparative review demonstrated that most authorities simply applied a brief commentary referencing Green Belt purposes. Table 18 below therefore sets out the qualitative criteria which were used in the assessment.

**Table 18. Qualitative assessment criteria to consider Green Belt implications**

| <b>Key Question to Consider</b>                                                                            | <b>How will this be assessed?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?</b>    | <p>This assessment will draw on the definitions and approach set out in the Green Belt Purpose Assessment Framework (see Section 4.2.1.3 above) however it will consider <i>how development of the site would impact</i> upon the purposes instead of <i>how the site in its existing state contributes</i> to the purposes:</p> <p>Purpose a – would development of the site represent unrestricted sprawl?</p> <p>Purpose b – would development of the site result in the merging of neighbouring towns or increase the potential for merging?</p> <p>Purpose c – would development of the site represent an encroachment into the countryside?</p> <p>Purpose d – would development of the site impact upon the setting or character of a historic town?</p> <p>As Purpose e relates to the role of the Green Belt in encouraging urban regeneration, it will therefore not be assessed.</p> |
| <b>What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?</b> | <p>Consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would the surrounding Green Belt continue to perform the same Green Belt function and purposes? (e.g. where the surrounding Green Belt becomes isolated or islanded as a result of the site being removed it would no longer perform the same Green Belt function and purposes).</li> <li>• Has the removal of the site increased or decreased the importance of the surrounding Green Belt to certain purposes? (e.g. where the site in question forms part of a gap between neighbouring towns, the importance of the surrounding Green Belt may be increased if that site is removed).</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of sites in close proximity)?</b>                      | <p>This will only be relevant if a number of sites in the same area are recommended for further consideration.</p> <p>The cumulative impacts should apply the same considerations as above taking all sites together.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                                                                                          | <p>A summary will be provided which will conclude on the Green Belt impact as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removal of the site will harm the function or integrity of the Green Belt.</li> <li>• Removal of the site will not harm the function or integrity of the Green Belt.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily</b>                 | Description of the resultant Green Belt boundary.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Key Question to Consider                                                                                                                           | How will this be assessed?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>recognisable and likely to be permanent?</b><br>(Note: this is descriptive only and does not contribute to the conclusion on Green Belt impact) | If the resultant boundary features are not recognisable and permanent, it is recommended that if the site is taken forward, the accompanying policy will need to specifically state that a recognisable and permanent new Green Belt boundary must be provided or the existing boundary requires strengthening. |

In relation to the conclusions set out in the study, it should be noted that:

- Where it is concluded that removal of a site (or sites, if cumulative) will not harm the function or integrity of the Green Belt, this does not imply that a site will or won't be released from the Green Belt. It is up to the Council to take the conclusions forward and consider them alongside other evidence. Decisions on whether to progress a site through the Local Plan process are ultimately determined on the basis of an evaluation of the Local Plan evidence base in its entirety, of which this study forms one component.
- All 'grey belt' identified as part of this study is considered to be 'provisional grey belt' subject to a full assessment against footnote 7 (as per the definition of grey belt in Annex 2 NPPF). It should however be noted that the draft NPPF (December 2025) proposed changes to the definition of grey belt removing the reference to footnote 7.
- Where it is considered necessary to release Green Belt land (including grey belt), the need to promote sustainable patterns of development will need to be taken into account as per paragraph 148 NPPF.
- Alterations to Green Belt boundaries require exceptional circumstances, which are fully evidenced and justified, in accordance with paragraph 145 and 146 of the NPPF. The Council will need to develop the exceptional circumstances case if they intend to release sites from the Green Belt.
- If the Council concludes that it is necessary to release sites from the Green Belt, the Golden Rules (contributions) set out in paragraph 156 and 157 of the NPPF will apply.



## 5. Green Belt Parcel Assessment Findings

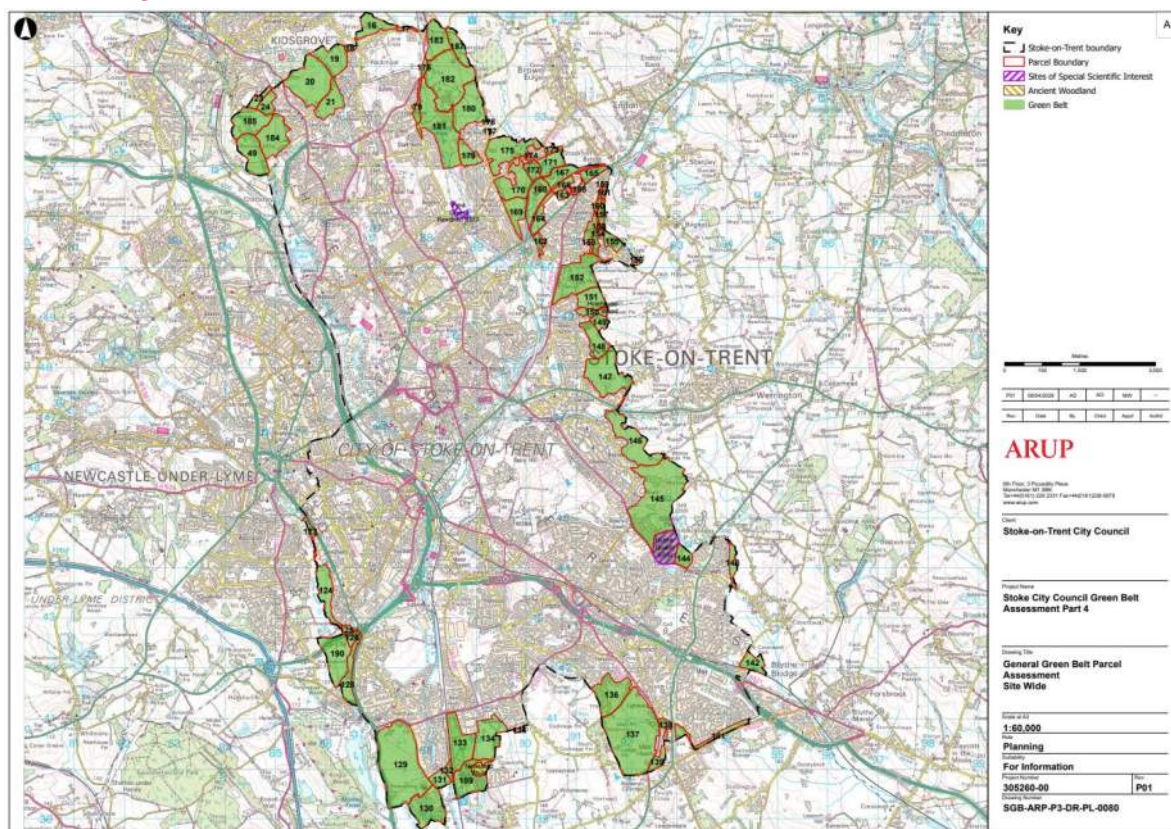
### 5.1 Overview

As set out in Section 4.2.1, Step 1A involved a sift to remove major environmental constraints consisting of Ancient Woodland and SSSI. The entire Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt was then divided into parcels using the methodology set out in Section 4.2.1.2 (Step 1B). The parcels are nearly the same as the parcels which were defined and assessed in the Joint Green Belt Assessment Part 1 (2017) however there are some instances where the methodology is different which has resulted in slightly different parcels. This is due to the following reasons:

- The GBA Part 1 was a joint study and therefore cross-boundary parcels were defined across Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme. Given that this Part 4 study only considers Stoke-on-Trent, the parcels have been defined up to the administrative boundary of Stoke-on-Trent.
- The GBA Part 1 adopted a two-stage approach of assessing larger General Areas followed by parcels to ensure the entire Green Belt was assessed. Given the extent of the Green Belt in Stoke-on-Trent, this approach was not necessary and therefore additional parcels were defined in order to ensure that the full extent of the Stoke-on-Trent Green Belt was assessed.

The parcel referencing utilises the same references as per the Joint Green Belt Assessment Part 1 (2017) with additional references added for new parcels which were not assessed in the Part 1 assessment. As a result, the parcels are not in a numerical order (i.e. the parcels start from 16 and there are no parcels numbered 1-15). This allows for comparison with the previous Part 1 assessment findings. The parcels are shown on the figure below. A larger version of this map is included in Appendix B.

**Figure 4. Map of Green Belt Parcels**



The parcels were then assessed against the purpose assessment framework set out in Section 4.2.1.3. The detailed parcel assessment proformas can be found in Appendix C. Maps of the contribution to Purposes A to D and the overall assessment contribution can be found in Appendix D. A summary of the assessment findings is set out below.

## 5.2 Summary of Assessment Findings

A summary of the parcel assessment findings is set out below. In total, 75 parcels were assessed. Two parcels (parcel 142 and 175) had exactly the same boundaries as two sites (BL3 and BL10 respectively) which were assessed as part of the Green Belt Assessment Part 3 (July 2025). The assessments made previously remain robust and consistent as they are based on the same methodology. These assessments have therefore been replicated in Appendix C.

Overall, of the 75 parcels assessed:

- 23 parcels (30%) made a strong contribution overall;
- 32 parcels (43%) made a moderate contribution overall;
- 20 parcels (27%) made a weak contribution overall; and
- No parcels were assessed as making no contribution overall.

**Table 19. Parcel Assessment Findings**

| Parcel Ref | Purpose A | Purpose B | Purpose C | Purpose D | Purpose E | Overall Assessment | Provisional grey belt? |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 16         | Strong    | Strong    | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 17         | Strong    | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 18         | Moderate  | Strong    | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | No                     |
| 19         | Strong    | Strong    | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 20         | Moderate  | Strong    | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 21         | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 23         | Strong    | Strong    | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 24         | Moderate  | Moderate  | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 49         | Strong    | Moderate  | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 79         | Weak      | No        | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 123        | Moderate  | Moderate  | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 124        | Moderate  | Strong    | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | No                     |
| 125        | Moderate  | Moderate  | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 126        | Moderate  | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 128        | Moderate  | Moderate  | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 129        | Moderate  | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 130        | No        | No        | No        | No        | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 131        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 132        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 133        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 134        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 135        | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 136        | Moderate  | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 137        | Moderate  | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |

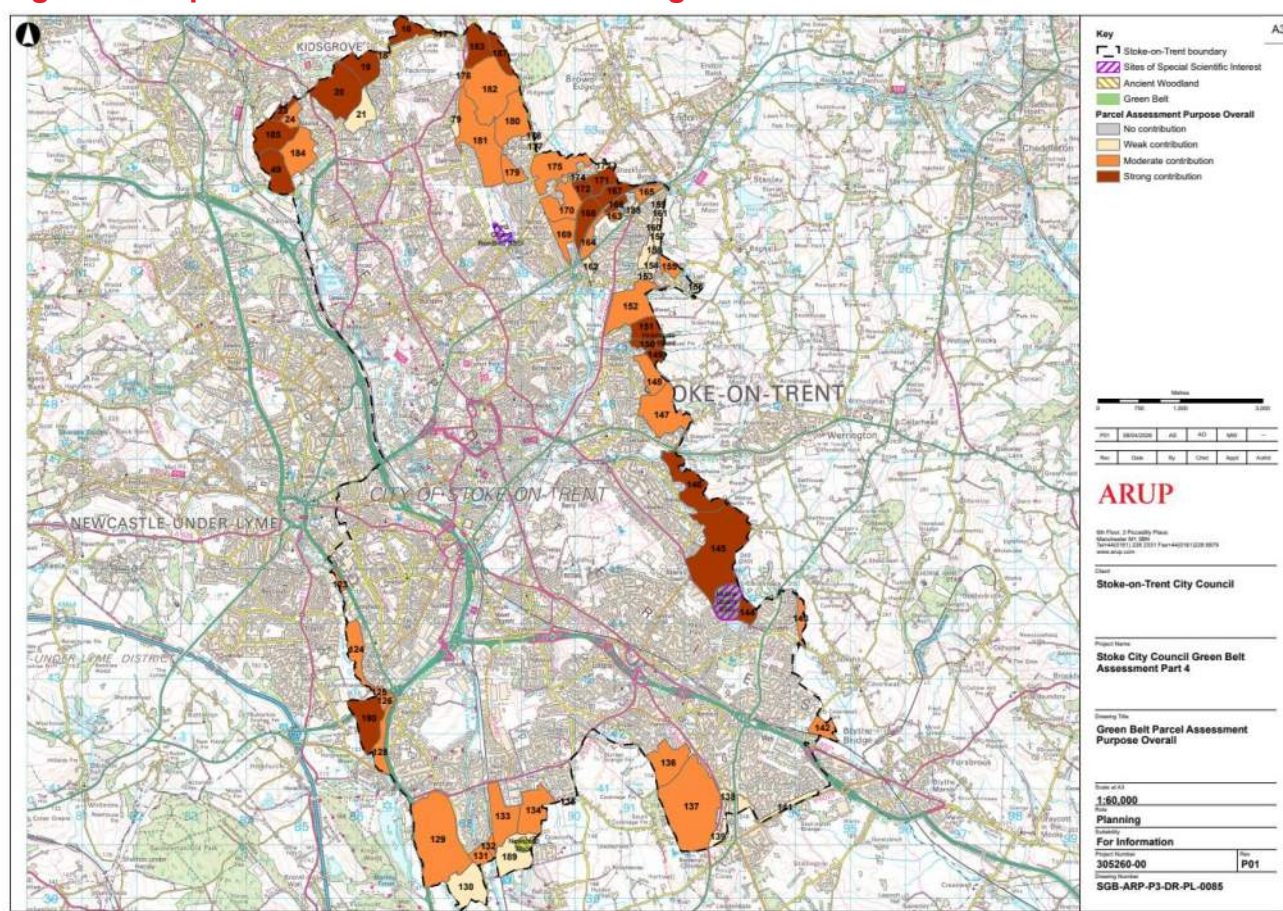
| Parcel Ref | Purpose A | Purpose B | Purpose C | Purpose D | Purpose E | Overall Assessment | Provisional grey belt? |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 138        | Weak      | No        | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 139        | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | No        | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 141        | Weak      | No        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 142        | Moderate  | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 143        | Moderate  | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 144        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | Yes                    |
| 145        | Moderate  | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | Yes                    |
| 146        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | Yes                    |
| 147        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 148        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 149        | Strong    | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 150        | Strong    | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 151        | Strong    | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 152        | Moderate  | No        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 153        | Weak      | No        | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 154        | Weak      | No        | Weak      | No        | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 155        | No        | No        | Strong    | No        | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 156        | No        | No        | Moderate  | No        | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 157        | Weak      | No        | Weak      | No        | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 158        | Weak      | No        | Weak      | No        | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 159        | Weak      | No        | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 160        | Weak      | No        | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 161        | Weak      | No        | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 162        | Weak      | No        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 163        | Weak      | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 164        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 165        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 166        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | Yes                    |
| 167        | Strong    | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 168        | Strong    | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 169        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 170        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 171        | Strong    | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 172        | Strong    | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 173        | Moderate  | No        | Weak      | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 174        | Weak      | No        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 175        | Moderate  | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 176        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 177        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | Yes                    |
| 178        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | Yes                    |
| 179        | Moderate  | No        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 180        | Moderate  | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 181        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 182        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | No        | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 183        | Moderate  | Strong    | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |



| Parcel Ref | Purpose A | Purpose B | Purpose C | Purpose D | Purpose E | Overall Assessment | Provisional grey belt? |
|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|
| 184        | Moderate  | Moderate  | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    |
| 185        | Strong    | Strong    | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |
| 187        | No        | Weak      | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | Yes                    |
| 188        | Weak      | No        | Moderate  | Weak      | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 189        | No        | No        | No        | No        | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    |
| 190        | Strong    | Strong    | Strong    | No        | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     |

Figure 5 shows the overall contribution to Green Belt purposes for each of the parcels – a larger version of this map is included in Appendix D.

**Figure 5. Map of Overall Assessment Findings**



### 5.3 Identification of Fundamentally Important Areas

As set out in Section 4.2.2, paragraph 146 of the NPPF introduces a new ‘fundamentally undermine’ test which will need to be considered as part of the Council’s exceptional circumstances case in order to consider the proposed Green Belt release in its entirety once the potential Green Belt allocations are known.

In order to inform the application of the fundamentally undermine test by the Council at a later stage, Step 2 involved the identification of fundamentally important areas, taking into account whether groups of parcels collectively made a stronger contribution to Green Belt purposes, or whether they were important to the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.

The overall assessment map (in Figure 4 above and in Appendix D) shows that there is a cluster of parcels along the northern extent of the Stoke-on-Trent administrative boundary which make a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes, due to their role in preventing the merging of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove (Purpose B), but also due to their role in checking unrestricted sprawl (Purpose A) and safeguarding the countryside from encroachment (Purpose C). This cluster of parcels is characterised by an absence of built form with outer boundaries which are less durable and undefined by any features in parts. The gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove is narrow in parts and development of these parcels would result in merging. The location of these parcels also means they have a strong role in preventing the irregular outward sprawl of Stoke-on-Trent. These parcels are therefore of fundamental importance to the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.

There are two further clusters of parcels to the north of Baddeley Green and to the east of Abbey Hulton which make a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes due to their role in checking unrestricted sprawl (Purpose A) and safeguarding the countryside from encroachment (Purpose C). These clusters of parcels are characterised by an absence of built form and a strong connection to the wider Green Belt. These parcels have a strong role in preventing the irregular outward sprawl of Stoke-on-Trent. These parcels are therefore of fundamental importance to the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.

The fourth cluster of parcels which make a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes is located to the east of Bentilee and Adderley Green. These parcels made a strong overall contribution due to their role in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment (Purpose C) and due to their lack of durable boundaries. This cluster of parcels is characterised by an absence of built form and a strong connection to the wider Green Belt with outer boundaries which are less durable and undefined by any features in parts. These parcels are therefore of fundamental importance to the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.

All of these clusters of parcels are important in maintaining the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt. The potential release of parcels or sites in these locations should be carefully considered to ensure that it does not fundamentally undermine the purposes of the Green Belt taken together across the plan area. This does not mean that these areas cannot accommodate some level of development however it will be for the Council to undertake a balanced judgement based on the scale and location of the proposed land for release as well as the potential for any cumulative impacts.



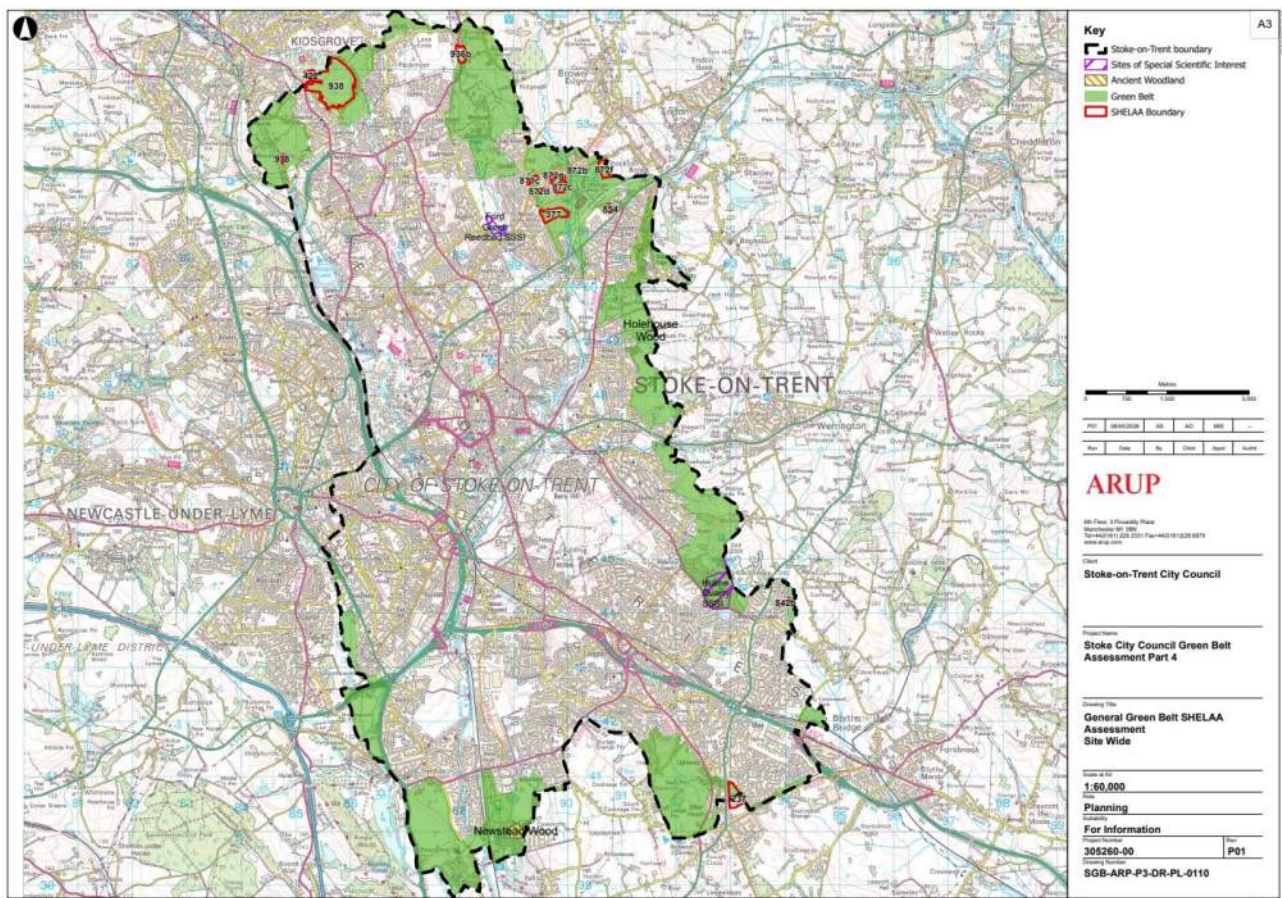
## 6. Green Belt Site Assessment Findings

### 6.1 Overview

As set out in Section 4.3.1.1, the Council identified the sites to be assessed. 14 sites were identified and these are shown in Figure 6 below – a larger version of this map is provided in Appendix E.

An additional site from the Green Belt Assessment Part 3 (Site BL6) was also reassessed to reflect an update to the methodology for Purpose A which ensures that sites which are ‘near to’ the large built-up area and not just those that are ‘adjacent to’ are assessed for Purpose A in order to reflect the guidance in the Green Belt PPG.

**Figure 6. Map of Green Belt Sites Assessed**



The sites were assessed against the purpose assessment framework set out in Section 4.2.1.3 followed by the assessment of Green Belt impact, set out in Section 4.3.1.4. The detailed site assessment proformas can be found in Appendix F. Maps of the contribution to Purposes A to D and the overall assessment contribution can be found in Appendix G. A summary of the assessment findings is set out below.

### 6.2 Summary of Assessment Findings

A summary of the site assessment findings is set out in the table below.

**Table 20. Site Assessment Findings**

| Site Ref and Address                                                      | Purpose A     | Purpose B | Purpose C     | Purpose D | Purpose E | Overall Assessment | Provisional grey belt? | Green Belt Impact Assessment Conclusion                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SHELAA 237<br>Grange Road,<br>Meir Heath, ST7 7BH                         | Weak          | No        | Moderate      | Weak      | Moderate  | <b>Weak</b>        | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.               |
| SHELAA 377<br>Land off Norton Lane, Norton                                | <b>Strong</b> | No        | <b>Strong</b> | Weak      | Moderate  | <b>Strong</b>      | No                     | Removal of the site from the Green Belt could harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location. |
| SHLAA 422<br>Oldcroft Drive,<br>Kidsgrove, ST7 4HE                        | Moderate      | Weak      | <b>Strong</b> | Weak      | Moderate  | <b>Strong</b>      | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.               |
| SHELAA 842b<br>Former Weston Coyney Mining Youth Centre,<br>Weston Coyney | Moderate      | Weak      | Moderate      | Weak      | Moderate  | <b>Moderate</b>    | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.               |
| SHELAA 854<br>Land at The Green, Baddeley Green                           | Weak          | No        | <b>Strong</b> | Weak      | Moderate  | <b>Moderate</b>    | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.               |
| SHELAA 871c<br>Land at Norton Green                                       | Moderate      | No        | Weak          | Weak      | Moderate  | <b>Weak</b>        | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.               |
| SHELAA 872b<br>Land south of Norton Green                                 | Moderate      | No        | <b>Strong</b> | Weak      | Moderate  | <b>Strong</b>      | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the                                                                 |

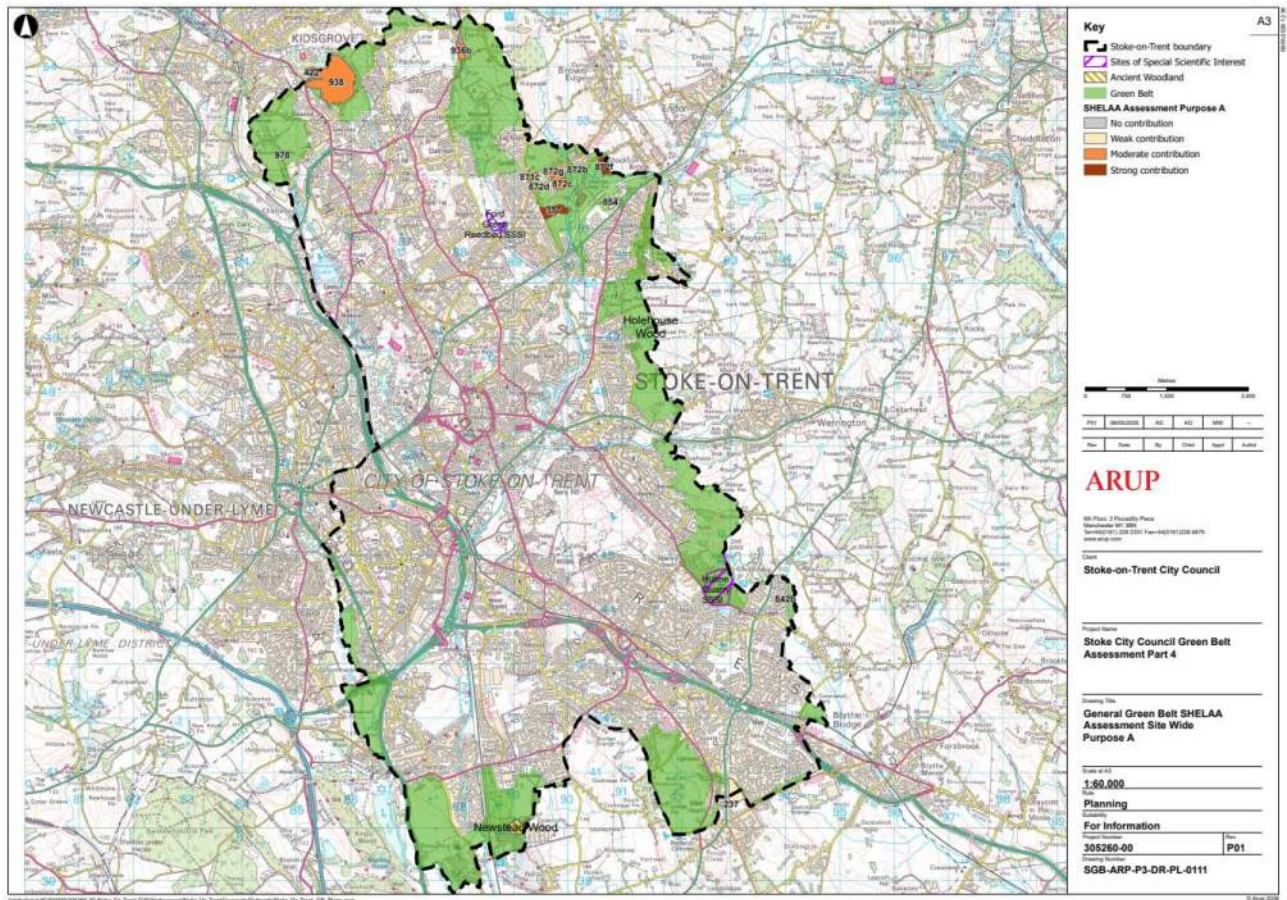


| Site Ref and Address                                                                             | Purpose A | Purpose B | Purpose C | Purpose D | Purpose E | Overall Assessment | Provisional grey belt? | Green Belt Impact Assessment Conclusion                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                  |           |           |           |           |           |                    |                        | overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.                                                                         |
| SHELAA 872c<br>Land south of Norton Green                                                        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.               |
| SHELAA 872d<br>Land south of Endon Road / west of Woodlands Avenue, Norton-in-the-Moors, ST6 8ND | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.               |
| SHELAA 872f<br>Land east of Norton Green                                                         | Strong    | No        | Strong    | No        | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     | Removal of the site from the Green Belt could harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location. |
| SHELAA 872g<br>Land south of Norton Green                                                        | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.               |
| SHELAA 936b<br>Land east of Outclough Road and north of Peck Mill Lane, Brindley Ford            | Moderate  | No        | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Moderate           | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.               |

| Site Ref and Address                                     | Purpose A | Purpose B | Purpose C | Purpose D | Purpose E | Overall Assessment | Provisional grey belt? | Green Belt Impact Assessment Conclusion                                                                                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| SHELAA 938<br>Goldenhill Golf Course                     | Moderate  | Strong    | Strong    | Weak      | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     | Removal of the site from the Green Belt could harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location. |
| SHELAA 978<br>Land off<br>Boathorse Road                 | No        | Weak      | Moderate  | No        | Moderate  | Weak               | Yes                    | Removal of the site from the Green Belt could harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location. |
| Site BL6<br>(reassessment of<br>site from GBA<br>Part 3) | Strong    | No        | Strong    | No        | Moderate  | Strong             | No                     | Removal of the site from the Green Belt could harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location. |

Figure 7 shows the overall contribution to Green Belt purposes for each of the sites – a larger version of this map is included in Appendix G.

**Figure 7. Map of Overall Assessment Findings**



## 7. Next Steps and Recommendations

The assessment findings in this study should be used to inform decision making alongside other evidence as part of the Council's site selection process. As set out previously, where it is concluded that removal of a site will not harm the function or integrity of the Green Belt, this does not imply that a site will or won't be released from the Green Belt. It is up to the Council to take the conclusions forward and consider them alongside other evidence. Decisions on whether to progress a site through the Local Plan process are ultimately determined on the basis of an evaluation of the Local Plan evidence base in its entirety, of which this study forms one component.

All 'grey belt' identified as part of this study is considered to be 'provisional grey belt' subject to a full assessment against footnote 7 (as per the definition of grey belt in Annex 2 NPPF). It should however be noted that the draft NPPF (December 2025) proposes to change the definition of grey belt to remove the reference to footnote 7.

Paragraph 001 of the PPG on Green Belt makes 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 NPPF.

Alterations to Green Belt boundaries require exceptional circumstances, which are fully evidenced and justified, in accordance with paragraph 145 and 146 of the NPPF. The Council will need to develop the exceptional circumstances case if they intend to release sites from the Green Belt. The exceptional circumstances case should consider whether the proposed alterations to the Green Belt would fundamentally undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. The findings from the study will help to feed into the fundamentally undermine test.

Where it is considered necessary to release Green Belt land (including grey belt), the need to promote sustainable patterns of development will need to be taken into account as per paragraph 148 NPPF.

In taking sites forward for further consideration, the Council will need to apply the new sequential approach to Green Belt release, as set out in paragraph 148 NPPF, requiring consideration of previously developed Green Belt land first, followed by grey belt which is not previously developed, and then other Green Belt locations, and at all stages taking into account the need to promote sustainable patterns of development.

If the Council concludes that it is necessary to release sites from the Green Belt, the Golden Rules (contributions) set out in paragraph 156 and 157 of the NPPF will apply.

# Appendix A

## Review of Comparative Examples of Green Belt Assessments and Recent Appeals

## A.1 Review of comparative examples

### A.1.1 Overview

There is no prescribed methodology for undertaking GBAs. It is generally accepted that GBAs should take account of good practice advice and comparator studies<sup>15</sup>, with authorities generally taking a variety of approaches to date. The following section considers a comparative review of Green Belt studies undertaken by other local planning authorities (including neighbouring authorities) whose Local Plans have been found sound at Examination and have been adopted.

Although currently no GBAs have been tested at Local Plan Examination under the new national policy and guidance, it is still useful to understand how other local planning authorities have conducted GBAs to date, as key principles still apply. It is acknowledged that there are likely to be differences in approach however this still provides useful context and understanding, particularly in relation to purposes c and e which PPG does not provide any guidance on.

### A.1.2 Comparative review of existing Green Belt studies

The comparative review has focused on the general approach and scope of the Green Belt studies and the approach to assessing the five Green Belt purposes.

The approaches of the following six authorities have been considered:

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Joint Plan adopted 21 March 2024)
- Warrington Council (Local Plan adopted 4 December 2023)
- Calderdale Council (Local Plan adopted 22 March 2023)
- North Hertfordshire Council (Local Plan adopted 8 November 2022)
- Staffordshire Moorlands Council (Local Plan adopted September 2020)
- Cheshire East Council (Local Plan adopted July 2017)

The key findings are summarised below and a detailed review of these is provided in Section A.1.3. These reviews have been selected as they have been completed relatively recently, completed by a variety of consultants or inhouse by the local planning authorities, and/or the Inspector's reports provide specific comments on the GBA. The neighbouring authority of Staffordshire Moorlands is included. The neighbouring authority of Newcastle-under-Lyme is considered in the following section (Section A.1.4), as well as the other remaining neighbouring authority of Stafford who does not have a Green Belt study which has been through Examination at this point in time. Further detail on these authorities is provided in Section A.1.4 below.

#### A.1.2.1 General approach and scope

All of the studies involved a multi-stage process, and the terminology applied to these studies varies considerably; some authorities refer to Stage 1 and Stage 2 Green Belt Reviews or Assessments

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<sup>15</sup> Mary Travers, The Planning Inspectorate (2020) Report on the Examination of the Runnymede 2030 Local Plan. [Runnymede Inspectors Report document link.](#)



whilst others incorporate elements within their Site Selection or Site Allocation process after completion of an initial Green Belt Assessment or Review.

Whilst the approaches vary in terms of the detailed methodological elements, there are similarities which can be drawn in terms of the overall process and approach, and which can be applied in shaping the approach. All of the studies reviewed involved a process of defining/identifying parcels, areas, or sites, and assessing these against Green Belt purposes. All of the studies utilised a desktop assessment combined with site visits.

The North Hertfordshire Local Plan Inspector acknowledged there is no prescribed method for undertaking Green Belt studies, acknowledging the need for a rational and suitable approach to inform the planning judgements in the assessment. At paragraph 156 of the Inspector's Report, the Inspector states: *"There is no prescribed methodology for undertaking Green Belt assessments of this sort. As I see it, the general approach and methodologies used by the Council are appropriate for the task. All the criteria used throughout the various assessments are rational and suitable. Although laden with planning judgements on the part of the authors, that is inescapable and does not undermine the work in any way. I note that the assessments do not rely on desk top studies but have included field work and visits to the land in question. This is reassuring and bolsters the confidence one can place in the judgements reached."*

#### **A.1.2.2 Approach to assessing the five Green Belt purposes**

##### **Rating**

All of the authorities used a qualitative scoring system against each of the purposes with slightly different terminology. Greater Manchester Combined Authority and Warrington both used strong, moderate, weak, and no contribution. Calderdale used 'yes/no/partial' against each of the purposes. North Hertfordshire used significant, moderate, and limited contribution. Cheshire East used major, significant, contribution, and no contribution. Staffordshire Moorlands used significant, contribution and limited contribution.

##### **Purpose A**

Most of the studies defined 'large built-up area' for the purposes of the study. Greater Manchester Combined Authority, Warrington, Staffordshire Moorlands and Calderdale provided a specific definition of the large-built up area. Greater Manchester Combined Authority defined this as the visible continuous urban mass that stretches across all of the ten local authorities. Warrington defined this as the Warrington urban area, and Calderdale defined this as the seven main towns and the smaller settlements some of which were continuous to the built-up area. Whereas North Hertfordshire and Cheshire East both used all inset settlements/urban areas identified in the Local Plan.

The criteria to assess purpose a involved consideration of a range of factors. Greater Manchester Combined Authority considered existing sprawl/open character, boundary features, nature of the settlement form (including potential for rounding off), potential for ribbon development, and potential for sprawl to occur beyond the parcel boundary. Warrington and Cheshire East considered adjacency to the large built-up area, whether there were existing durable boundaries to prevent sprawl, the potential for rounding off, and the parcel's role in preventing ribbon development. Staffordshire Moorlands considered the relationship with the built up area, ribbon development, rounding off, and whether the Green Belt prevented another settlement being absorbed into the large built up area and coalescence between other settlements. Calderdale considered boundaries, ribbon development, irregular settlement patterns, connection to the built-up area, and proximity to

the built-up area. North Hertfordshire considered the role of the land in preventing the spread of development.

### **Purpose B**

Cheshire East Council, North Hertfordshire and Greater Manchester Combined Authority defined 'neighbouring town' as all inset settlements. Warrington specifically defined 'neighbouring town' taking into account population size. Calderdale used the same settlements that were defined as 'large built-up areas' for purpose a. Staffordshire Moorlands specifically defined the neighbouring towns.

All of the studies considered the role of the land in maintaining the separation of the towns, including the physical and visual role of the parcel in preventing merging and the sensitivity and integrity of the gap if development of the parcel were to take place. None of the studies used a distance measurement to determine purpose b. Calderdale also included additional criteria relating to existing natural or infrastructure barriers which could contain development, the presence of any existing development, and the potential for ribbon development.

### **Purpose C**

The criteria to assess purpose c involved consideration of a range of factors. Greater Manchester Combined Authority considered whether the parcel had the characteristics of countryside and whether it had been affected by encroachment. Staffordshire Moorlands considered existing boundaries, the characteristics of countryside, the level of enclosure or containment by the urban area, adjacent urbanising built form, incremental erosion of the open character and evidence of severance from the surrounding Green Belt. Cheshire East and Warrington considered existing land use and encroachment, the degree of connection to the countryside, the degree of openness, the existing boundaries between the parcel and the settlement and the parcel and the countryside, and whether it serves a beneficial use of the Green Belt. North Hertfordshire considered existing urbanising influences, whether there was a strong boundary to contain development and the openness of the parcel. Calderdale included similar factors to above but also considered other factors such as landscape, wildlife, geological, geomorphic designations, public access or recreational use, and the agricultural land grading.

### **Purpose D**

Warrington, Cheshire East, Staffordshire Moorlands and Greater Manchester Combined Authority define 'historic town' using existing evidence including historic town surveys and historic landscape characterisation studies. In undertaking the assessment, the presence and proximity of the historic town's Conservation Area is taken into account focusing on the relationship to the Green Belt which is judged by the proximity or level of separation. Calderdale considered historic settlement to be any settlement with historic features. The Local Plan Inspector noted that the interpretation of the purpose was broader than the terminology in the NPPF given it included all historic features rather than 'historic towns'. As a result, the Inspector required the Council to undertake a sensitivity test to demonstrate the impact of omitting purpose d on the conclusions of the assessment. The Council's sensitivity test demonstrated that omitting the purpose would only impact upon a small number of parcels. North Hertfordshire did not define historic towns but assessed the links between the Green Belt and historic parts of the town.

Cheshire East had initially not assessed purpose d in the previous Green Belt Assessment however this was raised as a flaw in the methodology in the Inspector's Interim Views. Purpose d was therefore included in the Green Belt Assessment Update. In his Further Interim Views, the Local Plan Inspector commented on the approach to purpose d in paragraph 45: "*The assessment utilises a*

*variety of historical evidence, which enables a full assessment of the smaller settlements; this could be criticised as being too detailed for a Green Belt assessment which focuses on the larger historic towns, but is not necessarily inappropriate or irrelevant.”*

## **Purpose E**

Both North Hertfordshire and Greater Manchester Combined Authority did not assess purpose e. The Greater Manchester study noted that although purpose e was important and should be afforded equal weight as the other purposes, it was not possible to assess it on a parcel-by-parcel basis. The Inspector commented that this was an adequate and proportionate approach. In relation to North Hertfordshire, the justification for not including purpose e was that the other four purposes acted as a proxy for it. The Local Plan Inspector considered this was a reasonable stance to take and this was suitable and proportionate.

Both Warrington and Calderdale assessed all parcels equally for purpose e, with Warrington applying a rating of 'moderate' and Calderdale assessing all parcels as 'yes'.

Cheshire East assessed purpose e on a settlement basis taking into account the percentage of brownfield urban potential within the settlement. The Council's previous version of the Green Belt Assessment had not considered purpose e and the Inspector had raised this as a flaw in the methodology in the Inspector's Interim Views.

Staffordshire Moorlands took a slightly different approach assessing purpose e on an individual parcel basis. The Council considered whether development would render previously developed land in the vicinity or further afield unattractive to develop and whether there was evidence of development pressure in the area (based on the SHLAA).

## **Overall assessment**

The Greater Manchester and Staffordshire Moorlands studies were the only ones not to provide an overall assessment. Warrington, Cheshire East, North Hertfordshire and Calderdale all included an overall assessment. Most of these studies provided guidance in the method on how to undertake the overall assessment. Elements of professional judgement were applied. For the overall assessment, Calderdale concluded parcels were either most sensitive or mid sensitive.

The North Hertfordshire Local Plan Inspector noted that some participants had commented that the overall score should reflect the highest contribution to any of the individual purposes however the Inspector did not agree with this view. At paragraph 158, the Inspector states: *"In the absence of prescription, it seems to me logical to 'step back' and reach a rounded judgement taking into account the performance of the land in question in relation to all the Green Belt purposes overall...To offer the facility of meaningful comparison, it strikes me as most instructive to consider performance against the purposes of including land in the Green Belt overall."*

## **Consideration of Green Belt harm**

Beyond the initial parcel or site assessments against Green Belt purposes, nearly all of the authorities produced further evidence to assess Green Belt harm. The exception to this was Calderdale Council who used the outcomes from the purpose assessment as an indicator of harm applying a sensitivity scale to this.

In the case of Cheshire East, this assessment formed part of their Site Selection Process and considered the following: potential area of Green Belt for release, Green Belt assessment for

potential area of release, resulting Green Belt boundary, assessment of surrounding Green Belt, and exceptional circumstances.

In comparison, North Hertfordshire undertook an assessment of harm to the Green Belt of the proposed allocations and submitted this as part of the statements and evidence during the Local Plan Examination.

Both the Warrington and Greater Manchester studies had a more detailed approach to the harm assessment. Both assessments focused on the proposed site allocations and considered the site's existing contribution to Green Belt purposes, the impact of releasing the site on the surrounding retained Green Belt land, any cumulative impacts, and the resultant Green Belt boundary. The Warrington study provided a conclusion as to whether removal of the site from the Green Belt would harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt. The Greater Manchester study took a slightly different approach identifying variations in harm (Very High, High, Moderate-High, Moderate, Low-Moderate, Low or Very Low) to the Green Belt within the allocation.

### A.1.2.3 Summary of Findings

Key findings from the above sections which are relevant to this study are as follows:

- Local planning authorities have taken a variety of approaches but there is a significant degree of commonality across studies.
- All of the comparative examples incorporated the same fundamental elements of a Green Belt purpose assessment providing a local interpretation of the five purposes based on detailed criteria. The assessments were undertaken based on a desktop analysis combined with site visits.
- Green Belt is assessed against the NPPF purposes although not all authorities assess Purpose E. The inclusion and exclusion of Purpose E has been accepted by Inspectors where a justification for this has been provided.
- A variety of qualitative scales, involving either a binary or three or four-point scoring or rating system, are used to assess the level of contribution to Green Belt purposes.
- In most cases, the comparative examples provided an overall assessment against Green Belt purposes which includes a rounded judgement taking into account all purposes.
- Beyond the initial assessments against Green Belt purposes, nearly all the comparative examples produced further evidence to assess Green Belt harm. This tended to focus on the proposed site allocations.

### A.1.3 Detailed comparative review table

| Local Authority                                                                                                                                                                                          | Summary of Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Local Plan Inspector Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><b>Greater Manchester Combined Authority Places for Everyone Plan (adopted 21 March 2024)</b></p> <p><b>Stage 1<sup>16</sup> and Stage 2<sup>17</sup> Green Belt Studies (2016 to 2021) (LUC)</b></p> | <p><b>General approach and scope</b></p> <p>The Stage 1 Green Belt Assessment divided the entire Greater Manchester Green Belt into parcels. Two types of parcels were identified: Areas adjacent to built up area and broad areas of Green Belt more remote form. No standard maximum and minimum sizes for the land parcels were set – they were defined according to recognisable boundaries. In addition, a number of Strategic Green Belt Areas were defined and assessed in order to recognise the importance of adequately capturing the strategic as well as the parcel specific role of areas of Green Belt in meeting the purposes defined in NPPF. All parcels were then assessed against the five Green Belt purposes on a desktop basis combined with a field survey of each site.</p> <p><b>Approach to defining parcels</b></p> <p>Parcels were defined using the following features:</p> | <p>The Places for Everyone Inspector's Report<sup>18</sup> at paragraphs 202-204 comments on the Green Belt evidence. The Inspector states:</p> <p><i>“202. The role that each allocation serves in checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas, safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, preventing neighbouring towns merging into one another and preserving the setting and special character of historic towns, along with the impact that the proposed development would have on those Green Belt purposes, was assessed during the preparation of the Plan in a consistent and systematic manner [through the Stage 1 and 2 Green Belt Studies 2016 to 2021].</i></p> |

<sup>16</sup> [Stage 1 Green Belt Assessment document link](#)

<sup>17</sup> The Stage 2 study involved a suite of assessments including: Assessment of Proposed 2019 GMSF Allocations (2020), Addendum: Assessment of Proposed 2020 GMSF Allocations (2020), Contribution Assessment of Proposed 2020 GMSF Green Belt Additions (2020), Cumulative Assessment of Proposed 2020 GMSF Allocations and Additions (2020), Identification of Opportunities to Enhance the Beneficial Use of the Green Belt in the vicinity of Proposed 2019 Allocations (2020) and PfE Addendums to the Stage 2 Greater Manchester Green Belt Study (2021) – as described in the Green Belt Topic Paper ([Green Belt Topic Paper document link](#))

<sup>18</sup> [Places for Everyone Inspector's Report document link](#)

| Local Authority | Summary of Approach                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Local Plan Inspector Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Natural features; for example, substantial watercourses and water bodies.</li> <li>Man-made features; for example, motorways, A and B roads and railway lines.</li> </ul> <p>Where no other suitable boundary exists, less prominent features were used to define the parcel boundaries. This includes walls, woodland, hedgerows, tree lines, streams and ditches.</p> <p><b>Approach to assessing the five Green Belt purposes</b></p> <p><u>Rating</u></p> <p>The parcels were rated strong, moderate, weak, no contribution or not applicable. The Strategic Green Belt Area had slightly different rating of strong, moderate-strong, moderate, weak-moderate, weak, and no contribution.</p> <p><u>Purpose A</u></p> <p>The ‘large built-up area’ is defined for the purposes of the study taking into account the original purpose of the Manchester Green Belt. The study notes there is a visible continuous urban mass that stretches across all of the ten local authorities and therefore all settlements within this main urban area should be included.</p> <p>Criterion 1a considers whether land has already been affected by sprawl and whether it retains an open character.</p> <p>Criterion 1b considers the role of boundary features, the nature of the settlement form (i.e. potential for rounding off), the presence of roads (i.e.</p> | <p><i>203. The potential impact of removing any particular site from the Green Belt on urban regeneration is difficult to assess. Various policies in the Plan aim to make as much use as possible of previously developed land, and this will be taken forward through individual local plans and planning decisions. Part of the justification for removing many of the allocations from the Green Belt is that, because of their location and/or scale, they provide opportunities for different types of development to that which could be attracted to urban brownfield sites. Overall, we are satisfied that the development proposed on the 38 allocations in the Plan would not have any significant impact on urban regeneration, and that the assessment of the impact on Green Belt purposes represents adequate and proportionate evidence.</i></p> <p><i>204. That evidence indicates that development on each allocation would cause harm to one or more Green Belt purpose, and that the overall harm in each case would vary from low to very high. Whilst the assessments are judgement-based, we are satisfied that the approach taken was informed and consistent. Unless otherwise specified below in relation to a particular site, we agree with the level of harm to Green Belt purposes identified.”</i></p> |



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|                 | <p>potential for ribbon development), and potential for sprawl to occur beyond the parcel boundary (i.e. due to boundaries or enclosure) in affecting the potential for urban sprawl to occur in the absence of the Green Belt designation.</p> <p><u>Purpose B</u></p> <p>The study defines ‘neighbouring towns’ as all inset settlements in Greater Manchester and identifies a number of settlement outside of Greater Manchester.</p> <p>The assessment does not provide a distance measurement and instead considers the physical and visual role of the parcel in preventing the merging of settlements (including consideration of perceptual issues).</p> <p><u>Purpose C</u></p> <p>The criteria considers whether the parcel has the characteristics of countryside and/or connects to land with the characteristics of countryside. It also considers whether the parcel has been affected by encroachment.</p> <p><u>Purpose D</u></p> <p>The study defines ‘historic town’ by reference to the Greater Manchester Historic Landscape Characterisation combined with analysis of Conservation Areas. For those settlements outside of Greater Manchester, the presence of a Conservation Area was used as the determining factor. In assessing the historic towns, a theoretical analysis based on standard building height and bare ground topography using a digital ground model was undertaken. This was then confirmed through a field survey.</p> <p><u>Purpose E</u></p> |                               |

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|                 | <p>The study notes that Purpose E is important and should be afforded equal weight with Purpose A-D however states it is not possible to assess the performance of Purpose E on a parcel by parcel basis. No assessment of Purpose E was undertaken.</p> <p><u>Overall assessment</u></p> <p>The study presents the findings based on each purpose. No aggregation of ratings is undertaken.</p> <p><b>Consideration of Green Belt harm</b></p> <p>The Stage 2 study provided an assessment of harm based on the proposed site allocations. It considers the extent to which the release of land within each proposed site allocation would reduce the contribution to Green Belt purposes, through both the loss of openness of the released land and the resulting impact that this could have on the adjacent Green Belt, bearing in mind factors such as the extent to which adjacent retained Green Belt would become contained by new development and the impact on the strength of remaining Green Belt boundaries. The assessment involved five key steps:</p> <p>Step 1 – Consideration of the relevance of each Green Belt purpose to the area;</p> <p>Step 2 – Analysis of how the allocated site relates to the urban edge and/or wider countryside;</p> <p>Step 3 – Assessment of the contribution of land within the allocation to the Green Belt purposes;</p> |                               |

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|                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Step 4 – Assessment of the impact of release from the Green Belt on adjacent retained Green Belt land</p> <p>Step 5 – Identification of variations in harm to the Green Belt within the Allocation i.e. as sub areas where relevant, marking out areas more or less suitable for development with a view to potential for minimising harm.</p> <p>Each allocation and sub-area received a ‘harm’ rating of Very High, High, Moderate-High, Moderate, Low-Moderate, Low or Very Low. The assessment does not draw conclusions on what land should be released to accommodate development but identified variations in harm to the designation.</p>                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Warrington Local Plan (adopted 4 December 2023)</b></p> <p><b>Green Belt Assessment (2016)<sup>19</sup> and Implications of Green Belt</b></p> | <p><b>General approach and scope</b></p> <p>The Green Belt Assessment undertook a two stage approach dividing the entire Warrington Green Belt into general areas and assessing these against the five purposes. Following on from this, one width of parcels were defined around the Warrington urban area, all inset settlements, and settlements in neighbouring authorities which abutted the Green Belt boundary. These parcels were assessed against the five Green Belt purposes. The general area assessment was undertaken on a desktop basis only. The parcel assessment involved a combination of desktop assessment and a site visit of each parcel.</p> <p><b>Approach to defining parcels</b></p> | <p>The Local Plan Inspector’s Report<sup>22</sup> focuses on the strategic and site level exceptional circumstances case and the outcomes of the Green Belt site assessments however it does not comment on the approach or the methodology.</p> |

<sup>19</sup> [Green Belt Assessment \(2016\) document link](#)

<sup>22</sup> [Warrington Local Plan Inspector’s Report document link](#)

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| <b>Release Report (2021)<sup>20</sup> (Arup)</b> | <p>General area were defined using the strongest boundaries consisting of motorways, A roads, main waterways, and railway lines. As this resulted in a number of disproportionately small general areas, some of these were merged. A threshold of 150ha was used as this was considered to maintain a strategic emphasis.</p> <p>In defining parcels, ‘durable features’ were used in the first instance, following by ‘features lacking durability’. Table 3 of the report sets out how these features are defined.</p> <p><b>Approach to assessing the five Green Belt purposes</b></p> <p><u>Rating</u></p> <p>A qualitative scoring system was applied to each purpose and overall consisting of strong, moderate, weak and no contribution.</p> <p><u>Purpose A</u></p> <p>The ‘large built-up area’ was defined for the purposes of the assessment as the Warrington urban area.</p> <p>The assessment included four criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether the parcel was adjacent to the large built up area. Parcels which were not adjacent were assessed as no contribution.</li> <li>• Whether there was an existing durable boundary between the parcel and the built up area which could prevent sprawl.</li> </ul> |                               |

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<sup>20</sup> [Implications of Green Belt Release Report document link](#)

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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The connection to the built up area (i.e. the potential for rounding off).</li> <li>• Whether the parcel plays a role in preventing ribbon development.</li> </ul> <p><u>Purpose B</u></p> <p>‘Neighbouring towns’ were defined as the Warrington urban area and the inset settlements of Culcheth and Lymm, as well as a number of settlement in neighbouring authorities. Not all inset settlements were considered relevant for Purpose B and only those settlements defined as neighbourhood centres in the Warrington Retail Centres Report and the Local Plan Core Strategy were deemed relevant as these had the highest level of population outside of the main urban area.</p> <p>The assessment considered whether a reduction in the gap between the neighbouring towns would compromise the openness of the Green Belt and lead to the actual or perceived merging of the towns. This was on a case by case basis and not set by distance measurements. The following terminology was used to define the gap: essential gap, largely essential gap, and less essential gap.</p> <p><u>Purpose C</u></p> <p>The assessment used the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether there were existing durable boundaries which would contain any future development and prevent encroachment in the long term (taking into account both the boundary between the parcel and the settlement, and the boundary between the parcel and the countryside).</li> </ul> |                               |

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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whether there was existing encroachment (i.e. the existing land use).</li> <li>• The degree of connection to the countryside and the degree of openness (taking into account built form, the presence of views, and vegetation).</li> <li>• Whether the parcel serves a beneficial use of the Green Belt.</li> </ul> <p><u>Purpose D</u></p> <p>The assessment defines ‘historic town’ based on the Cheshire Historic Landscape Characterisation (2007) and the Cheshire Historic Towns Survey (2003). Lymm and Warrington are defined as historic towns, in addition to the neighbouring authorities of Widnes and Runcorn. In reviewing the relevant Conservation Area appraisals, a number of important viewpoints were identified and mapped and are considered as part of the assessment.</p> <p>The assessment uses the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the parcel adjacent to a ‘historic town’ and/or crosses an important viewpoint of the spire of the Parish Church of St Elphins?</li> <li>• Assess the proximity of the town’s relevant Conservation Areas to the Green Belt (a 250m was applied to undertake this in order to bring the relationship between the Conservation Area and the Green Belt into focus).</li> <li>• Is there modern built development which reduces the role of the Green Belt in preserving the setting and special character?</li> <li>• Are there any other designated heritage assets within the 250m buffer which add to the setting and special character and / or does the parcel</li> </ul> |                               |



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|                 | <p>crosses an important viewpoint of the spire of the Parish Church of St Elphins?</p> <p><u>Purpose E</u></p> <p>All Green Belt was assessed as ‘moderate contribution’ for this purpose. The assessment notes that the alternative approach of assessing the urban potential by individual settlement within the authority would result in a skewed assessment given the size of the inset settlements.</p> <p><u>Overall assessment</u></p> <p>The document provides guidance on how to assess the overall contribution. Where there is a clear majority contribution, this is applied in most cases. In other cases, professional judgement is applied taking into account the overall aim and purpose of the Green Belt.</p> <p><b>Consideration of Green Belt harm</b></p> <p>The 2016 assessment did not consider the potential harm to the Green Belt of releasing certain parcels as this was not within the scope. Further in the plan-making process, an assessment of the implications for the Green Belt resulting from the proposed allocations was undertaken which considered the site’s existing contribution to Green Belt purposes, the impact of removing the site on Green Belt purposes, any cumulative impacts, and the resultant Green Belt boundary. A conclusion on the Green Belt impact was made (Implications of Green Belt Release report (August 2021)<sup>21</sup>).</p> |                               |

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<sup>21</sup> [Implications of Green Belt Release Report document link](#)

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| <p><b>Calderdale Council Local Plan (adopted 22 March 2023)</b></p> <p><b>Green Belt Review (2017) (Calderdale Council)<sup>23</sup></b></p> | <p><b>General approach and scope</b></p> <p>The method consists of three distinct stages: initial sieving, parcel identification, and parcel testing. The initial sieving process considered the whole of the Calderdale Green Belt and the area around Todmorden (although this is not in the Green Belt) and removed areas protected by national and international designations (SPA and SAC) and areas which scored below 6 in the Council's Settlement Hierarchy model. Areas scoring less than 6 were deemed to have a low sustainability score and therefore contradicted the NPPF paragraph 84 which required Green Belt boundaries to take into account the need to promote sustainable patterns of development. Following the sifting process, parcels were then defined and assessed against the five NPPF purposes. Council officers undertook the assessment through a desktop basis as well as site visits.</p> <p><b>Approach to defining parcels</b></p> <p>Parcels were defined using the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parcels should not cross significant boundaries such as motorways, rivers or protected woodlands. Each parcel should be clearly defined by durable, significant and strong physical boundaries wherever possible;</li> <li>• Parcels should take account of changing landscape and landform and should therefore be of similar character and land-use;</li> </ul> | <p>During the Examination hearing sessions, the Local Plan Inspector sought justification from the Council on the local interpretation of Purpose D in the Green Belt Review and Green Belt Assessment of Site Options.</p> <p>Following discussions at the Matter 12 hearing, the Inspector requested that the Council undertake sensitivity testing on Purpose D for the Green Belt Review and the Green Belt Assessment of site options by omitting Purpose D in order to show if its omission changes the overall results/conclusions. The Council produced a document: 'Green Belt Review and Green Belt Site Assessment Sensitivity Testing Paper' (December 2020).<sup>24</sup> This concluded that the omission of Purpose D from the Green Belt Review and the Green Belt assessment of site options would not impact on the allocations for development put forward by the Council. Whilst a small number of filtered sites would be affected by a sensitivity change in Green Belt status from most sensitive to medium sensitive, this change would not affect the Council's decision to filter those sites with other factors determining this</p> |

<sup>23</sup> [Green Belt Review \(2017\) document link](#)

<sup>24</sup> [Green Belt Review and Green Belt Site Assessment Sensitivity Testing Paper document link](#)

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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The land within each parcel should have a similar impact on the openness of the Green Belt; and</li> <li>• Parcels should be smaller in area where they are located close to existing boundaries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Approach to assessing the five Green Belt purposes</b></p> <p><u>Rating</u></p> <p>The criteria against each purpose were assessed on a ‘yes/no/partial’ basis resulting in an overall purpose rating of ‘yes/no’.</p> <p><u>Purpose A</u></p> <p>The method defines ‘large built-up area’ as including the seven main towns (Halifax, Brighouse, Elland, Sowerby Bridge, Mytholmroyd, Hebden Bridge and Todmorden) and the smaller settlements some of which are continuous to the built-up area (these including Ripponden and Rishworth, and Luddenden and Luddenden Foot). The method notes that the definition of large built-up area and town is same for the purposes of the Green Belt Review unless otherwise stated.</p> <p>The assessment criteria for Purpose A is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the parcel act as an effective barrier against sprawl from large built-up areas?</li> <li>• Does the parcel constitute, as part of a wider network of sites, a strategic barrier against the sprawl of large built-up areas?</li> </ul> | <p>decision. Whilst one allocated site would experience a change in sensitivity due to the omission of Purpose D, this change would be from most sensitive to medium sensitive and would not change the Council’s decision to allocate the site.</p> <p>The Local Plan Inspector’s Report<sup>25</sup> comments on the Green Belt evidence at paragraph 191-192:</p> <p><i>“191. For site options in the Green Belt, the Council’s Green Belt Review (2017) was also a key document. The review focuses on land outside the urban area that is not within the SPA/SAC and which scores highly in terms of sustainability. The approach is consistent with the need to protect internationally important ecological areas, and national guidance that requires authorities to take account of patterns of sustainable development when drawing up Green Belt boundaries.</i></p> <p><i>192. The fourth Green Belt purpose is interpreted in the Green Belt Review and site assessment process as preserving the setting and special character of historic features, rather than historic towns as set out in paragraph 80 of the NPPF 2012. However, sensitivity testing involving the neutralisation of this element shows that only a</i></p> |

<sup>25</sup> [Calderdale Local Plan Inspector’s Report document link](#)

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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is there a robust permanent Green Belt/ development boundary?</li> <li>• Is the land separate from the large built up area?</li> <li>• Would the loss of this Green Belt land potentially lead to ribbon development?</li> <li>• Would development result in an isolated development site not connected to existing boundaries?</li> <li>• Would development of the parcel create an irregular settlement pattern?</li> <li>• Is this Green Belt parcel connected by two or less boundaries to the built up area?</li> <li>• Is the land contiguous with other Green Belt up to and beyond the District boundary?</li> </ul> <p><u>Purpose B</u></p> <p>The areas defined as ‘large built up area’ for Purpose A are considered to represent ‘towns’ for the assessment of Purpose B. The criteria for Purpose B therefore makes reference to ‘large built up area’.</p> <p>The method includes the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the parcel provide part of a gap or space between existing large built-up areas?</li> <li>• What is the nature of the countryside between the towns, rural or semi- rural?</li> <li>• Is there visibility between large built up areas?</li> <li>• Do natural features and infrastructure provide a good physical barrier or boundary to the parcel that would ensure that development was contained?</li> <li>• Is the parcel sparsely developed or undeveloped?</li> </ul> | <p><i>small number of parcels and sites would change from most sensitive to medium sensitive and conclusions regarding suitability for release are not affected as other factors were determinant. The Green Belt Review provides an appropriate framework for assessing harm and has been carried out in a consistent and robust manner.”</i></p> |

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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would the loss of this Green Belt land lead to a significant reduction in the distance between towns?</li> <li>• Would the loss of this Green Belt land increase the potential merging of towns?</li> <li>• Would the loss of this Green Belt land potentially lead to ribbon development between towns?</li> </ul> <p><u>Purpose C</u></p> <p>The method includes the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the parcel free from significant encroachment? If there is significant encroachment, what is the proportion as a % of the parcel?</li> <li>• Is there a strong, defensible boundary between the existing urban area and the parcel?</li> <li>• Is there a landscape designation?</li> <li>• Is there a wildlife designation or value?</li> <li>• Is there a geological or geomorphological designation or value?</li> <li>• Is there a rural land use?</li> <li>• Is the land tranquil?</li> <li>• Is there public access or recreational use?</li> <li>• Are the functions of the land consistent with its Green Belt designation?</li> <li>• Does the parcel include any best grade 1, 2 or 3 agricultural land?</li> <li>• Is the parcel free from derelict brownfield land?</li> <li>• Is the predominant use of land and buildings agricultural?</li> </ul> |                               |

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|                 | <p><u>Purpose D</u></p> <p>The method has regard to where there is a clear visual link between open space within the Green Belt and recognisable historic settlement patterns, for example through the presence of a Conservation Area.</p> <p>A historic settlement was deemed to be a settlement or place with historic features identified in local policy or through conservation areas or other historic designations.</p> <p>The method includes the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the land part of the setting of a historic place or settlement, listed building or conservation area?</li> <li>• Would the loss of this Green Belt land adversely affect the special character of a historic place or settlement?</li> <li>• Would the loss of this Green Belt land reduce the significance of a historic place or settlement?</li> <li>• </li> </ul> <p><u>Purpose E</u></p> <p>All parcels are scored the same against this purpose and were therefore scored 'yes' for Purpose E.</p> <p><u>Overall assessment</u></p> <p>The assessment judges the value of the Green Belt on the basis of parcel sensitivity by establishing if each parcel meets the five purposes. Parcels that meet 3-5 of the identified purposes are assessed as 'most sensitive' and it is proposed that these will be retained in the Green Belt. The remainder of the parcels, meeting 0-2 of the identified purposes have been classified as 'mid-sensitive'. It is considered that these parcels should ideally be taken</p> |                               |



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|                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>forward and considered for detailed study. Each purpose is considered to be equal and no weighting to any of the assessment criteria is applied.</p> <p><b>Consideration of Green Belt harm</b></p> <p>The Green Belt Review did not have a specific harm assessment however the consideration of harm was linked to the sensitivity classification applied as part of the overall assessment process above. The higher number of purposes a Green Belt parcel satisfied, the greater its sensitivity and value. By setting the ‘most’ sensitive classification as Green Belt meeting 3-5 purposes, it was considered that the most valuable Green Belt would be identified and offered protection. By setting the ‘mid’ sensitive classification as Green Belt meeting 0-2 purposes, the least valuable Green Belt would be identified.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <p><b>North Hertfordshire Council Local Plan (adopted 8 November 2022)</b></p> <p><b>Green Belt Review (2016)<sup>26</sup> (North Hertfordshire Council and</b></p> | <p><b>General approach and scope</b></p> <p>The Green Belt Review and Green Belt Review Update seek to assess the performance of strategic land parcels, sub-parcels and sites being considered for development in the Plan against the purposes of Green Belt.</p> <p>The Green Belt Review is split into two parts: Part 1 is a strategic level review of the current Green Belt and a more detailed assessment of potential development sites. Part 2 is an assessment of the countryside beyond the Green Belt.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <p>The Local Plan Inspector’s Report<sup>30</sup> at Issue 3 (paragraph 148 onwards) considers whether the Green Belt Review and its update was a robust evidential basis for determining exceptional circumstances. The Inspector states:</p> <p><i>“150. The Review and the Update consider Green Belt issues in depth. The Review assesses the contribution made by parcels of land to four of the five purposes for including land in the Green Belt. It does not include an assessment against the</i></p> |

<sup>26</sup> [Green Belt Review document link](#)

<sup>30</sup> [North Herts Local Plan Inspector’s Report document link](#)

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| <p><b>Amec Foster Wheeler)</b></p> <p><b>Green Belt Review Update (2018)<sup>27</sup> (North Hertfordshire Council) and Appendices<sup>28</sup></b></p> <p>(Note: The Green Belt Review Update was undertaken following the submission of the Local Plan due to more recent case law on the definition of ‘openness’ which confirmed it had both a spatial and visual dimension. The Update</p> | <p>For Part 1, the entire Green Belt was divided into parcels which were assessed against the four purposes of Green Belt. The parcels were then sub-divided into sub-parcels and the same criteria was applied in assessing these against the four purposes of Green Belt. The analysis of strategic parcels and sub-parcels is based on the assessment of the situation ‘as is’.</p> <p>Following the parcel and sub-parcel assessment, sites were assessed against the four Green Belt purposes. The assessment of sites gives consideration to impacts upon Green Belt should the site be developed in future. Sites which passed the three key tests of suitability, availability and achievability in the SHLAA were assessed.</p> <p>The review was completed using a desktop analysis combined with fieldwork involving a visit to each parcel.</p> <p><b>Approach to defining parcels</b></p> <p>The entire Green Belt was divided into parcels using boundaries of roads and other clearly visible physical features in the landscape. Following on from this, the parcels were sub-divided into sub-parcels.</p> <p><b>Approach to assessing the five Green Belt purposes</b></p> <p><u>Rating</u></p> <p>Qualitative scoring was applied based on the parcel or site making a significant, moderate or limited contribution to Green Belt purposes.</p> | <p><i><b>fifth purpose</b> of including land in the Green Belt, being to assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land. The Council considers that, in effect, the assessments against the other four purposes act as a proxy for this purpose. <b>That is a reasonable stance to take, and I regard the approach taken here to be both suitable and proportionate.</b> Looking firstly at larger swathes of land and then ‘drilling down’ to analyse much smaller sub-parcels, the Review also presents the view of its authors about the overall contribution made by each individual sub-parcel.</i></p> <p><i>151. Potential development sites are also assessed in the Review, again against the same four purposes of including land in the Green Belt. This includes all the sites currently in the Green Belt that are proposed for allocation in the Plan. Criteria are used to represent each purpose, and a scoring system is deployed. For example, in relation to the purpose of preventing towns merging, one criterion used is the distance from the edge of the site to the nearest built-up edge of</i></p> |

<sup>27</sup> [Green Belt Review Update document link](#)

<sup>28</sup> [Green Belt Review Update Appendices document link](#)

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| <p>sought to ensure that both spatial and visual elements of openness had been properly considered in the assessments – this predominantly related to Purpose C).</p> | <p><u>Purpose A</u></p> <p>The assessment criteria is as follows: What role does the land play in preventing the spread of development outwards from larger settlements?</p> <p>The method does not specifically define ‘large built-up area’ and it is not clear what the larger settlements are deemed to be.</p> <p><u>Purpose B</u></p> <p>The assessment criteria is as follows: What role does the land play in maintaining the separation of towns?</p> <p>The method does not specifically define ‘neighbouring towns’ for the purposes of the assessment. The assessment seems to relate to all inset settlements.</p> <p><u>Purpose C</u></p> <p>The assessment criteria is as follows: Are there already urbanising influences? Does a strong boundary exist to contain development?</p> <p>The Green Belt Review Update mainly impacted upon Purpose C in ensuring that both the spatial and visual dimensions of openness had been considered. Additional criteria were included in the Update to assess ‘visual openness’ and ‘physical openness’ based on low/mixed/high. It is not clear from the method how the ratings were applied and what specifically was taken into account.</p> <p><u>Purpose D</u></p> | <p><i>a town, and scores from one to three are assigned depending on the distance involved.</i></p> <p><i>152.The Review also reaches a view about the overall contribution made by each potential development site to the purposes of including land in the Green Belt. The scoring for each of the individual Green Belt purposes has been considered and professional judgement applied to reach an overall conclusion as to whether the site makes a significant, moderate or limited contribution.</i></p> <p><i>...156. <b>There is no prescribed methodology for undertaking Green Belt assessments of this sort. As I see it, the general approach and methodologies used by the Council are appropriate for the task. All the criteria used throughout the various assessments are rational and suitable.</b> Although laden with planning judgements on the part of the authors, that is inescapable and does not undermine the work in any way. I note that the assessments <b>do not rely on desk top studies but have included field work and visits</b> to the land in question. This is reassuring and bolsters the confidence one can place in the judgements reached.</i></p> <p><i>157. One consequence of the methodology used is that it is possible for a site’s overall contribution</i></p> |

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|                 | <p>The assessment criteria is as follows: Is there a link with or views to the historic parts? What relationship or connection does the land have with the character of the town?</p> <p>The method does not specifically define ‘historic town’.</p> <p><u>Purpose E</u></p> <p>The method notes that the re-use of previously developed land is achieved consistently through the application of Green Belt policy. Therefore no assessment is made against this criterion.</p> <p><u>Overall assessment</u></p> <p>An overall evaluation of the contribution to Green Belt purposes is undertaken however the approach to this is not described in the method.</p> <p><b>Consideration of Green Belt harm</b></p> <p>The Green Belt Review and Green Belt Review Update does not consider Green Belt harm per se. They consider the existing contribution of parcels and sub-parcels to Green Belt purposes. The assessment of sites considered the impact on the Green Belt should the site be developed. The Housing and Green Belt Background Paper<sup>29</sup> considers the harm to the Green Belt of the proposed allocations at a strategic scale. It considers potential mitigation which could alleviate impacts upon the wider Green Belt. The Green Belt Review Update at paragraph 1.6 refers to ‘...statements and evidence submitted to the Examination by NHDC which considered the harm to the Green Belt of the proposed allocations in the Plan on a case-</p> | <p><i>to the Green Belt to be judged as less than the contribution it makes in respect of some individual Green Belt purposes. For example, it is possible that a site considered to make a significant contribution in relation to checking unrestricted sprawl could be judged to make a moderate overall contribution. Some suggest that, as a matter of principle, the overall ‘score’ should reflect the highest contribution to any one of the individual purposes.</i></p> <p><i>158.I disagree. <b>In the absence of prescription, it seems to me logical to ‘step back’ and reach a rounded judgement taking into account the performance of the land in question in relation to all the Green Belt purposes overall. Without such a ‘sense check’, one purpose could skew the outcome. For example, almost any incursion of built development into the Green Belt would be at risk of falling foul of the purpose of safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. In an exercise where the purpose is to evaluate the relative value of land parcels to the Green Belt, that would not be helpful. To offer the facility of meaningful comparison, it strikes me as most instructive to consider performance against the purposes of</b></i></p> |

<sup>29</sup> [Green Belt Background Paper document link](#)

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|                 | <p><i>by-case basis. In line with the principles of relevant case law, this evidence also considered the extent to which these harms might be ameliorated to the fullest reasonable extent should sites be developed.'</i></p> | <p><b><i>including land in the Green Belt overall. On this point, therefore, I consider the Council's approach to be appropriate for the task.</i></b></p> <p><i>159. In a number of cases the Update leads to different conclusions from the Review about the overall performance of sites in relation to the purposes of including land in the Green Belt, one way or another. However, this does not undermine the proposed allocations. In my view, taking account of the Council's sustainability appraisal work and the site selection methodology, which I consider later in this report, I am satisfied that the changes involved do not lead to other sites being preferable.</i></p> <p><i>160. Some disagree with the judgements reached in some cases. That is not surprising – even two wholly rational and unbiased individuals can reach different conclusions where judgements of this nature are concerned. Others claim that the methodologies have been applied inconsistently. But I am not persuaded that any inconsistencies undermine the work overall or lead to any wholly unfounded or irrational outcomes.</i></p> <p><i>161. Overall, I am satisfied that the Review and the Update, taken together, properly reflect the fundamental aim of Green Belts, their essential characteristics of openness and permanence, and</i></p> |

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| <p><b>Cheshire East Council Local Plan Strategy (adopted 27 July 2017)</b></p> <p><b>Green Belt Assessment Update (2015) (Arup)<sup>31</sup></b></p> | <p><b>General approach and scope</b></p> <p>The Green Belt Assessment undertook a two stage approach dividing the entire Cheshire East Green Belt into general areas and assessing these against the five purposes. Following on from this, one width of parcels was defined around all inset settlements and settlements in neighbouring authorities which abutted the Green Belt boundary. These parcels were assessed against the five Green Belt purposes. The general area assessment was undertaken on a desktop basis only. The parcel assessment involved a combination of desktop assessment and a site visit of each parcel.</p> <p><b>Approach to defining parcels</b></p> <p>General areas were defined using the strongest boundaries consisting of motorways and A roads.</p> <p>In defining parcels, national and international designations (SSSI, Ramsar, SAC and SPA) were firstly screened out. Parcels were drawn from the settlement inset boundary to the nearest strong boundary in the first instance, followed by moderate and then weak boundaries. A grading priority was given to the boundary features, and this is set out on Table 4-1 of the assessment. All parcels over 5ha were deemed to be ‘large’ and</p> | <p>Local Plan Inspector Interim Views (October 2014)<sup>33</sup> - following the Inspector’s Interim Views, several flaws were identified in the Council’s Green Belt Assessment methodology, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There were several cases where the Green Belt assessment does not support the release of specific sites from the Green Belt and the review appears to have given greater weight to other factors, such as land ownership, availability and deliverability when preparing and finalising the Plan.</li> <li>• There is inconsistency in the scale of the parcels assessed, in that, very large tracts of land have been assessed against smaller sites and some very small areas of land have been omitted.</li> <li>• The review does not consider all the purposes of the Green Belt, omitting the contribution to urban regeneration and preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.</li> </ul> |

<sup>31</sup> [Green Belt Assessment Update document link](#)

<sup>33</sup> [Cheshire East Local Plan Inspector’s Interim Views document link](#)



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|                 | <p>where possible these parcels were reduced using the next categorisation down of boundary features.</p> <p><b>Approach to assessing the five Green Belt purposes</b></p> <p><u>Rating</u></p> <p>A qualitative scoring system was applied consisting of major, significant, contribution, and no contribution.</p> <p><u>Purpose A</u></p> <p>The ‘large built-up area’ was not specifically defined and was deemed to include all inset urban areas.</p> <p>The assessment included three criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Would future development be firmly contained by strong or physical features?</li> <li>• Does the parcel protect open land that is well connected or contained by the urban area and would development help “round off” the settlement pattern?</li> <li>• What role does the parcel play in preventing ribbon development?</li> </ul> <p><u>Purpose B</u></p> <p>‘Neighbouring towns’ were defined as all inset settlement and villages.</p> | <p>Although the latter purpose may apply only to historic towns like Chester, the impact on urban regeneration does not seem to have been assessed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>In response, a Green Belt Assessment Update was prepared by Arup in 2015 which defined both General Areas and Green Belt parcels.</p> <p>Local Plan Inspector Further Interim Views (December 2015)<sup>34</sup> - following the Green Belt Assessment Update (GBAU), the Inspector published his further interim views. Paragraphs 41-46 discuss the Green Belt Assessment Update. The Inspector noted that the independent two stage assessment of general areas followed by smaller parcels, assessing the relative significance of the contribution of each parcel against the five purposes of Green Belt followed by an overall assessment enabled a <b>comprehensive, consistent and proportionate approach</b> to be taken. He notes that only ‘Green Belt factors’ are assessed without potential areas for development thus providing a key input into the site selection process:</p> |

<sup>34</sup> Inspector’s further interim views on the additional evidence produced by the Council during the suspension of the examination and its implications for the submitted Local Plan Strategy. Available at: [Cheshire East Local Plan Inspector’s Further Interim View document link](#)

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|                 | <p>The assessment considered whether a reduction in the gap between the neighbouring towns would compromise the openness of the Green Belt and lead to the actual or perceived merging of the towns. The following terminology was used to define the gap: essential gap, largely essential gap, and less essential gap. The assessment considered whether natural features or infrastructure played a role in maintaining the presence of the gap.</p> <p><u>Purpose C</u></p> <p>The assessment used the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there strong and robust boundaries to contain development and prevent encroachment in the long term?</li> <li>• Existing urbanising influences: A. What is the existing land use / uses? B. What is the proximity and relationship to the settlement? C. What is the relationship to the countryside?</li> <li>• Does the parcel protect the openness of the countryside? (taking into account built form, long line views and vegetation).</li> <li>• Does the parcel serve a beneficial use of the Green Belt which should be safeguarded?</li> </ul> <p><u>Purpose D</u></p> <p>The assessment defines ‘historic town’ based on the Cheshire Historic Towns Survey (2003) and the Cheshire Historic Landscape Assessment (2007). It also considered whether the settlement was listed in the Domesday Book and the historic fabric linked to a Conservation Area.</p> <p>The assessment uses the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the parcel near to a ‘historic town’?</li> </ul> | <p><i>“...the approach set out in the GBUA seems to reflect national policy and address most of the shortcomings of the previous Green Belt assessment. It provides a set of more comprehensive and proportionate evidence to inform, rather than determine, where the release of Green Belt land may be necessary at the site-selection stage.” (Paragraph 46)</i></p> <p>The Inspector dismisses participants concerns relating to boundary definition noting that “...in most cases, “strong” boundaries have been used, taking account of established physical features and committed new road schemes, where appropriate; the size of most of the larger land parcels has been reduced, with a 5ha indicative threshold for strategic sites, and detailed points about specific land parcels, including the identification of smaller and larger sites, can be reconsidered at the site-selection stage.” (Paragraph 44)</p> <p>The Inspector acknowledges the complexity of the process and the involvement of professional judgements. He emphasises the needs for consistency and transparency using available and proportionate evidence: <i>“This is a complex process, which needs to be undertaken in a consistent and transparent manner using available and proportionate evidence, involving</i></p> |

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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has the historic core been diluted through modern infill development within the development limits? In order to assess this, the proximity of historic elements to the Green Belt was considered based on a buffer of 500m for those ‘historic towns’ which were Principal Towns and 250m for those which were Key Service Centres and Local Centres.</li> <li>What role does the Green Belt play in preserving the setting and special character of the historic town? (This takes into account views, landmarks, and historic features).</li> </ul> <p><u>Purpose E</u></p> <p>The assessment of Purpose E took into account the brownfield and urban potential of settlements within Cheshire East as well as the neighbouring authorities. A percentage was calculated taking into the brownfield commitments within each settlement against the total dwellings within that settlement. A threshold range was attributed to the level of contribution and each parcel was assessed taking into account the brownfield urban potential of the respective settlement.</p> <p><u>Overall assessment</u></p> <p>The document provides guidance on how to assess the overall contribution. Where there is a clear majority contribution, this is applied in most cases. In other cases, professional judgement is applied taking into account the overall aim and purpose of the Green Belt.</p> <p><b>Consideration of Green Belt harm</b></p> | <p><i>professional judgements; it was not simply a desk-based study, but one which involved many site visits by CEC’s officers or consultants to confirm the assessments and judgements. More particularly, the GBAU is the only comprehensive evidence which assesses all potential land parcels on an objective, consistent and comprehensive basis” (Paragraph 44)</i></p> <p>In relation to the inclusion of Purpose D, the Inspector comments: “<i>The assessment utilises a variety of historical evidence, which enables a full assessment of the smaller settlements; this could be criticised as being too detailed for a Green Belt assessment which focuses on the larger historic towns, but is not necessarily inappropriate or irrelevant.</i>” (Paragraph 45)</p> <p>He notes that the assessment of Purpose E: “<i>...largely focuses on brownfield sites within the nearest settlement, and enables a differentiation between settlements to be made and provides a consistent, transparent and proportionate approach to this element of the assessment; the focus on regeneration issues internal to Cheshire East reflects the views of the Greater Manchester authorities. The overall assessment involves matters of judgement and confirms that each purpose was given equal weighting and provides</i></p> |

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|                 | <p>The Site Selection Methodology<sup>32</sup> details the Site Selection Process which included Green Belt Site Assessments which considered the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• potential area of Green Belt for release</li> <li>• Green Belt assessment for potential area of release</li> <li>• resulting Green Belt boundary</li> <li>• assessment of surrounding Green Belt</li> <li>• exceptional circumstances.</li> </ul> | <p><i>the reasons for the overall assessment.”</i><br/>(Paragraph 45)</p> <p>Local Plan Inspector Interim Views on the Further Modifications (December 2016) - the Inspector did not provide any further comments on the Green Belt methodology however reiterated his comments made in December 2015 supporting the approach and methodology taken.</p> |

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<sup>32</sup> [Cheshire East Site Selection Methodology document link](#)

#### **A.1.4 Review of Neighbouring Authorities**

It is relevant to consider the approach to the Green Belt taken by the Council's neighbouring authorities. The neighbouring authorities consist of Newcastle-under-Lyme Council, Stafford Council, and Staffordshire Moorlands Council

The approach taken by Staffordshire Moorlands has already been reviewed in Section A.1.2 above. As such, this section focuses on the remaining authorities:

- **Newcastle-under-Lyme Council** – Newcastle-under-Lyme Council submitted its Local Plan for Examination in December 2024 with hearing sessions held in May and June 2025. The Inspector's Report on the Local Plan is due imminently. The Local Plan was supported by the Joint Green Belt Assessment Part 1 and 2, and a Newcastle-under-Lyme Green Belt Assessment Part 3 (2023) and Part 4 (2024). The Part 3 assessment provided advice on safeguarded land, compensatory improvements and exceptional circumstances, as well as an assessment of additional Green Belt sites. The Part 4 assessment provided an assessment of additional Green Belt sites and incorporated this into a consolidated report of all of the Green Belt site assessments. The Local Plan was examined against the NPPF published in December 2023. The Council has commenced work on an updated Green Belt Assessment in light of the NPPF 2024 and the updated PPG 2025. Arup was involved in all of the previous studies and is currently preparing the updated assessment therefore the approach and methodology aligns with this study.
- **Stafford Council** – Stafford Council is currently preparing its emerging Local Plan 2020-2040<sup>35</sup> and has published the Preferred Options (Regulation 18) document. Policy 5 of the draft Plan states that the existing Green Belt boundary is not altered through the Plan. Policy 5 of the draft Plan confirms that no changes are proposed to the existing Green Belt boundary. Both the emerging Plan and the adopted Local Plan are not supported by any Green Belt studies.

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<sup>35</sup> [Stafford Local Plan Preferred Options Document link](#)

## A.2 Review of recent appeals

It is useful and necessary to examine case law as it provides guidance on the interpretation of key terms/concepts within the NPPF, hence increasing the robustness of the study as a whole. It is important to consider the impact of these judgements on Green Belt Assessment methodologies and approaches since Inspectors may consider this at Independent Examination, as was the case in North Hertfordshire, where the council was asked to review Green Belt outcomes with respect to recent judgements.

### A.2.1 Spatial and Visual Openness

Paragraph 142 of the NPPF states that one of the fundamental characteristics of the Green Belt is its openness. The PPG states that openness consists of both visual and spatial aspects, and that the degree of activity on a site can also impact overall openness. There have been various appeals that have highlighted the important considerations surrounding the interpretation of ‘openness of the Green Belt’ and are therefore relevant to the assessment of the land against Green Belt purposes.

The Turner judgement (2016)<sup>36</sup> highlighted important considerations on openness. It states that the concept of openness should not be limited to a volumetric approach comparing the size, mass and physical effect of openness before and after development. Greenness is also a visual quality, and the preservation of the visual openness should also be considered.

*‘There is an important visual dimension to checking “the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas” and the merging of neighbouring towns, as indeed the name “Green Belt” itself implies. Greenness is a visual quality: part of the idea of the Green Belt is that the eye and the spirit should be relieved from the prospect of unrelenting urban sprawl. Openness of aspect is a characteristic quality of the countryside, and “safeguarding the countryside from encroachment” includes preservation of that quality of openness. The preservation of “the setting ... of historic towns” obviously refers in a material way to their visual setting, for instance when seen from a distance across open fields.’*

Appeal cases in Three Rivers<sup>37</sup> and Cheshire West and Chester<sup>38</sup> further highlight the need to carefully consider ‘openness’. In the former case, the Inspector concluded the proposal for three dwellings should be allowed as it constituted limited infill development in a village and formed appropriate Green Belt development, therefore the impact of the proposal on openness did not need to be assessed. However, that being said, the Inspector concluded that, regardless, any possible impact on openness would be offset by the removal of an existing structure with a similar footprint to the proposed development.

*‘I therefore conclude that the proposal would constitute limited infill within a village and would therefore not be inappropriate development within the Green Belt. Accordingly, there*

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<sup>36</sup> Turner v Secretary of State CLG and East Dorset Council (2016) EWHC 2728 (Admin)

<sup>37</sup> Planning Inspectorate (2018) Appeal Ref: APP / P1940/W/17/3183388 – Clovercourt Ltd v Three Rivers District Council

<sup>38</sup> The Planning Inspectorate (2018) Appeal Ref: APP/ A0665/ W/ 17/ 3190601 – Clegg v Cheshire



*is no need to examine if very special circumstances exist to outweigh any harm arising from inappropriateness. ...*

*In view of my finding that the proposal is not inappropriate development, the impact on openness does not fall to be formally considered, but the impact of proposal on the openness of the Green Belt would be offset to a large degree by the removal of the barn that has a similar footprint to the proposed houses.'*

A case in Cheshire West and Chester concerned plans for a new home to be developed on previously developed land designated as Green Belt. The site concerned was a builder's yard on the edge of a washed over village. The Inspector concluded that it could not be considered infill development, given that it was widely spaced from neighbouring houses and had frontages onto different roads. Further the development would urbanise the site and its surroundings, thereby diminishing the openness of Green Belt. The appeal was accordingly dismissed as follows.

*'Indeed, in line with the 2016 Turner v Secretary of State and East Dorset Council judgement the concept of openness should not be limited to a volumetric approach comparing the size, mass and physical effect of openness before and after development. Such an approach would be far too simplistic and ignore the wider aspects of openness which goes beyond the physical effect of buildings or structures. Factors relevant include how built-up the Green Belt is now and how built-up would it be after development has taken place. Consequently, although it may be accepted that the proposal to redevelop a brownfield site may result in a reduced volume and footprint compared to the buildings and structures currently in place, there are wider factors that must be taken into account in defining the effect of the proposal on openness.'*

*In assessing the matter of openness there are a number of ways of determining whether there would be encroachment into the Green Belt. The effect of development as encroachment on the countryside may be in the form of loss of openness or intrusion. The Framework identifies that openness is an essential characteristic of the Green Belt.'*

The Secretary of State<sup>39</sup> approved plans to build a replacement secondary school and new homes on land designated as Green Belt east of Guildford, after ruling that 'very special circumstances' had been demonstrated. He agreed with the Inspector that the scheme represented a significant development in the Green Belt which would, inevitably and significantly reduce its openness and would erode the open context of the village. Noting the substantial harm to the Green Belt, however, he ruled that the provision of new housing and a new school carried greater weight.

The Inspector's note<sup>40</sup> for this appeal highlighted some key considerations in relation to Green Belt, which are relevant to this assessment:

- The two essential attributes of the Green Belt are its permanence and openness, in line with NPPF (paragraph 142);
- The key element to assess is the effect that a development has on the openness of the Green Belt;

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<sup>39</sup> Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Secretary of State (2018) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 – Section 78 Appeal Made by Berkley Homes (Southern) Ltd and The Howard Partnership Trust

<sup>40</sup> The Planning Inspectorate (2017) Report to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Guildford Borough Council Appeal by Berkley Homes (Southern) Ltd and the Howard Partnership Trust, APP/ Y3615/W/16/3151098

- The 'concept of 'openness' is generally considered to be land being free from built development.'; and
- Although openness should be assessed on an individual site/area basis, the cumulative impact on the Green Belt of development on adjacent sites/areas should be considered.

The Supreme Court in *R (Samuel Smith Old Brewery (Tadcaster) and others) v North Yorkshire County Council* [2020] UKSC 3<sup>41</sup> has provided important clarity as to the interpretation of the openness of the Green Belt and the relationship between 'openness' and 'visual impact' within the planning judgement of the decision maker. The judgment highlighted the important distinction in planning decisions between planning judgement and legal interpretation of planning policy. While visual impact may in the context of a particular case be judged a relevant factor by a decision maker in assessing openness of the Green Belt it, in itself, will not be a strict nor mandatory determinative factor.

On the interpretation of 'openness' and the issue of 'visual impact' it was noted that:

*'The concept of "openness" in paragraph 90 of the NPPF [now paragraph 142] seems to me a good example of such a broad policy concept. It is naturally read as referring back to the underlying aim of Green Belt policy, stated at the beginning of this section: "to prevent urban sprawl by keeping land permanently open ...". Openness is the counterpart of urban sprawl and is also linked to the purposes to be served by the Green Belt. As PPG2 made clear, it is not necessarily a statement about the visual qualities of the land, though in some cases this may be an aspect of the planning judgement involved in applying this broad policy concept. Nor does it imply freedom from any form of development.'*

Importantly, the Supreme Court reinforced the importance of planning judgement within the role of the decision maker by stating:

*'[Openness] is a matter not of legal principle but of planning judgement for the planning authority or the inspector.'*

In appeal decision APP/M3645/W/24/3354630 (14th March 2025)<sup>42</sup> the appellant's site was in use as a storage yard for construction materials, equipment and machinery and the inspector adjudged that the intensity of activity and use meant that the site's existing state made a limited contribution to Green Belt openness. In addition, the inspector noted that hedgerows around the site formed a defensible boundary which screened views of the storage yard, resulting in negligible impacts on visual openness.

In contrast, appeal APP/C4615/W/24/3345744 (2nd April 2025)<sup>43</sup> was dismissed by the inspector as it was adjudged that existing mature planting around the site perimeter was insufficient to screen the proposed development from adjacent rights of way, and that the proposed battery storage system would therefore be visually intrusive in its rural location.

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<sup>41</sup> [Link to appeal case](#)

<sup>42</sup> [Link to appeal case](#)

<sup>43</sup> [Link to appeal case](#)

A further lesson from the judgement of Baroness Taylor in appeal APP/P1940/W/24/3346061 (12th May 2025),<sup>44</sup> within Three Rivers District, is the confirmation that substantial weight does not have to be given to any harm to the Green Belt deriving from harm to its openness where a proposed development is not inappropriate in the Green Belt (in this case a large data centre deemed to be on grey belt). The ruling also confirms that country parks (one element of the development proposal) preserve openness providing there is not significant built development on them.

## **A.2.2 Definition of Sustainable Locations**

Paragraph 155 of the NPPF sets out four criteria that, if all met, would make any development appropriate in the Green Belt. Criteria C of paragraph 155 is that the development would be in a sustainable location, with reference to paragraphs 110 and 115. These paragraphs have a focus on access to sustainable transport and active travel modes; paragraph 110 states that “development should be focused on locations which are or can be made sustainable through limiting the need to travel and offering a genuine choice of transport modes”. Paragraph 115 requires that in assessing development sites it should be ensured that sustainable transport modes are prioritised, and that safe and suitable access to the site is available for all users.

In C Hall’s judgement in appeal APP/T2215/W/24/3354290 (26th February 2025)<sup>45</sup>, the inspector determined that one of the core principles of the Framework is to “actively manage patterns of growth to make the fullest possible use of public transport, walking and cycling”, and that the nine dwellings proposed on the appellant’s site at Newington Farm would be highly reliant on private cars due to limited access to local services and facilities by other transport modes. The inspector therefore dismissed the appeal, judging that the site was not in a sustainable location and did not satisfy the criteria in paragraph 155C.

This point of view was also advanced by A Knight in their judgement in appeal APP/B1930/W/24/3342701 (3rd February 2025)<sup>46</sup>. In this case the site was determined to be in a sustainable location, satisfying paragraph 155 criteria C, due to suitable access to public transport as the site had good pedestrian connections to local bus networks.

The judgement of A Wright in appeal APP/B1930/W/24/3349988 (19th March 2025)<sup>47</sup> builds on this principle. The appellant’s site was within 650m of the nearest bus stop, and the inspector determined that local facilities and services could be accessed within acceptable, comfortable or realistic walking distances as outlined in the Manual for Streets and other guidance. However, the inspector judged that the rural, unlit nature of the route and distances to bus stops and services did not satisfactorily meet the criteria of being accessible to all, or at all times (as outlined in NPPF paragraph 115), therefore making the site not sustainable under paragraph 155 criteria c.

The judgement of Baroness Taylor in appeal APP/P1940/W/24/3346061 (12th May 2025),<sup>48</sup> within Three Rivers District, builds on this principle. Baroness Taylor took in to account the definition of the nearby settlement, Abbots Langley, in the Core Strategy Spatial Strategy, as one of six key

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<sup>44</sup> [Link to appeal case](#)

<sup>45</sup> [Link to appeal case](#)

<sup>46</sup> [Link to appeal case](#)

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centres in the District. The fact that the Spatial Strategy describes these centres as the most sustainable locations in the District constituted a reason to describe the site as sustainable. Additionally, Baroness Taylor noted that the Council had already considered and stated the site as appropriate for housing and that were housing to be delivered here it would be seen as sustainably located on the edge of a growth settlement, further influencing the judgement that the proposed development was in a sustainable location.

### **A.2.3 Grey belt in unsustainable locations**

In the Newington Farm decision APP/T2215/W/24/3354290 (26th Feb 2025)<sup>49</sup> noted above, the appeal was dismissed due to the site being in an unsustainable location. This decision was made despite the site being identified as grey belt land. The inspector adjudged that the site did not contribute to purpose a, b or d, and additionally that as it was contained within the boundary of an existing farm which included existing buildings and hardstanding, it made a limited contribution to openness thus not fundamentally undermining the performance of the wider Green Belt. Being in an unsustainable location due to distance from local services and public transport options however was determined to override the grey belt status, making development inappropriate.

Similarly, Inspector D Lewis adjudged in appeal decision APP/Z0116/W/24/3342877 (26th Mar 2025)<sup>50</sup> that the proposed site was not in a sustainable location and moreover was not in a location that could be made sustainable. Although the site was agreed by all parties to be grey belt land, not performing strongly against any of the purposes a, b, or d, the unsustainability of the location was determined to render the proposal inappropriate development within the Green Belt, and the appeal was dismissed.

### **A.2.4 Definition of Towns and Sprawl**

NPPF paragraphs 143b and d state that two of the purposes of the Green Belt are to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another, and to preserve the setting of historic towns. There is no definition given in the NPPF as to what constitutes a ‘town’, but some recent appeal decisions provide some guidance.

In appeal APP/D3640/W/24/3347530 (12th March 2025)<sup>51</sup>, an inspector ruled that the settlements of Bagshot and Windlesham did not constitute towns, being instead “villages of varying scales”, and that the appellant’s site which fell in between the two settlements did not play a role with respect to paragraph 143b. Both Bagshot and Windlesham had been defined as towns in the local planning authority’s Green Belt Assessment, but the inspector ruled that this carried less weight than the Council’s Core Strategy, in which the settlement hierarchy defined Bagshot as a large village and Windlesham as a smaller village. The inspector also opined that even if both settlements were considered towns, that the parcel of land in their view would not materially erode the gap between them if released for development. Given that the site did not play a role with regards to paragraph 143b, the inspector determined that it constituted grey belt land.

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<sup>49</sup> [Link to appeal case](#)

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The judgement in appeal APP/H2265/W/24/3347410 (13th February 2025)<sup>52</sup> also provides guidance on the interpretation of Green Belt purposes with regard to preventing urban sprawl and the merging of neighbouring towns. The appellant's site was argued by the council to play a role in preventing urban sprawl as the proposals would contribute to ribbon development along the A20, however the inspector judged that paragraph 143a only refers to the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas. The nearest settlement (Wrotham) was judged to be a village and therefore not of relevance to this purpose, so the inspector determined that although the site would contribute to ribbon development, this did not amount to the sprawl of a large built-up area. The same appeal judgement also stated that London is the most relevant large built-up area with respect to paragraph 143a, and that the site in question therefore did not perform strongly against this purpose.

In appeal APP/G5180/W/24/3354266 (31st March 2025)<sup>53</sup>, the inspector judged that neighbouring settlements of Chislehurst, Bickley and Petts Wood had the character of local centres rather than distinct towns as they have significantly merged, and that therefore the appellant's site had a essentially suburban setting, and could not be considered to play a role with regards to preventing neighbouring towns from merging. Given this context, the inspector additionally judged that the site could not play a role in preserving the setting or special of historic towns and the site did not fulfil the purposes set out in paragraphs 143b or d.

In appeal APP/M1520/W/24/3351658 (15th April 2025) the Inspector acknowledged that the settlement of Daws Heath in Essex had been classed as a town in the latest Green Belt Assessment and a village in other development plan documents. The Inspector deemed Daws Heath to be a village for the purposes of judging an appeal site close to the settlement on the basis stated that as services and facilities are limited and Daws Heath is not of a large scale, it must be considered a village. The Inspector reiterated that the appeal site could not, therefore, contribute to purposes a or b given this relates to large built-up areas and towns and not villages.

### **A.2.5 Scale, granularity and proportionality of assessment parcels**

In determining a series of six appeals – APP/H1515/W/24/3341474-79 (16th Jan 2025)<sup>54</sup> – Inspector T Gilbert-Wooldridge noted that all parties to the appeals agreed that the six parcels of land in question would not fundamentally undermine the purposes (taken together) of the remaining Green Belt across the plan area. The reasoning behind this was that the parcels were small in size compared to the 'considerable extent' of the Green Belt across the borough (Brentwood). The inspector adjudged that the sites' scale caused them to make no more than a limited contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas.

Additionally, the inspector stated the following: "Looking at parcels is helpful in a strategic sense to inform plan making and future development growth. However, for decision making, it seems more relevant to look at a site specific level for determining grey belt land, otherwise the scale could be too large and skewed by land some distance from the actual site". This aligns with the text of the Green Belt PPG, which indicates that, when identifying grey belt land, using a small number of large parcels will generally not be an appropriate approach and assessment areas should be

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<sup>52</sup> [Link to appeal case](#)

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sufficiently granular to enable their varied contributions to the Green Belt purposes to be functionally determined.

In the Wrotham appeal covered above – APP/H2265/W/24/3347410 (13th Feb 2025)<sup>55</sup> – the inspector noted that the proposal would represent an irreversible encroachment of built form into open and undeveloped countryside. However, it was adjudged that “the area lost would be small in relation to the totality of Green Belt which covers nearly three-quarters of the borough”, and that it would therefore not fundamentally undermine the purposes of the Green Belt across the local authority area. As in the Brentwood example, the local authority in this instance (Tonbridge & Malling) was covered by over 70% Green Belt by total area, resulting in the impact of the release of a small land parcel being judged to be proportionally much less significant.

#### **A.2.6 Footnote 7 land**

A further lesson to be drawn from the Wrotham appeal – APP/H2265/W/24/3347410 (13th Feb 2025)<sup>56</sup> – is that the presence of a footnote 7 designation on a site does not automatically mean a proposal will be refused. The site in question was within the Kent Downs National Landscape, but the inspector adjudged that the proposal would only have a “limited and localised” impact on the protected landscape, therefore not providing the ‘strong reason’ for refusal required by paragraph 006 of the Green Belt PPG.

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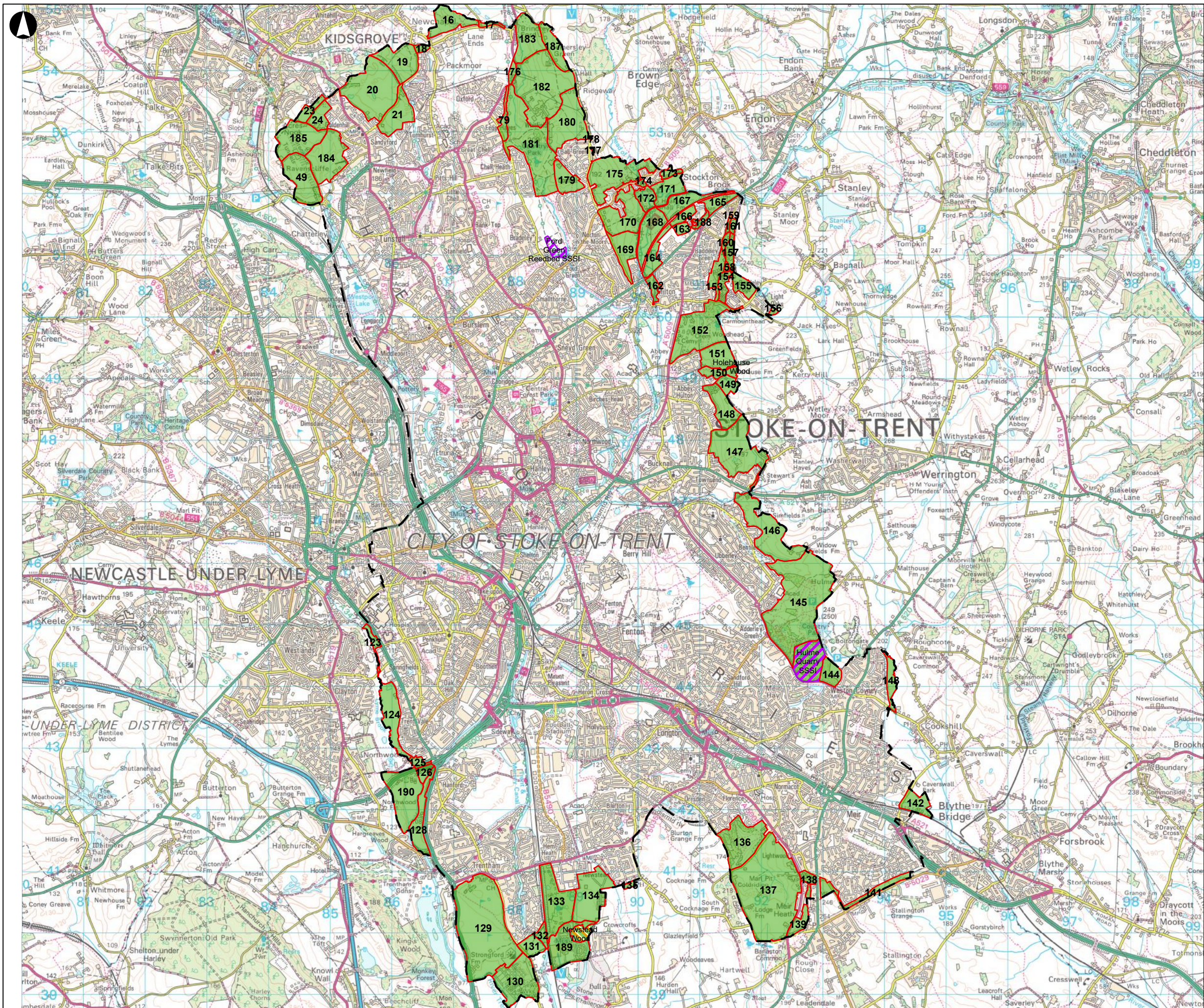
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# Appendix B

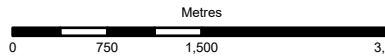
## Map - Green Belt Parcels





**Key**

- Stoke-on-Trent boundary
- Parcel Boundary
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient Woodland
- Green Belt



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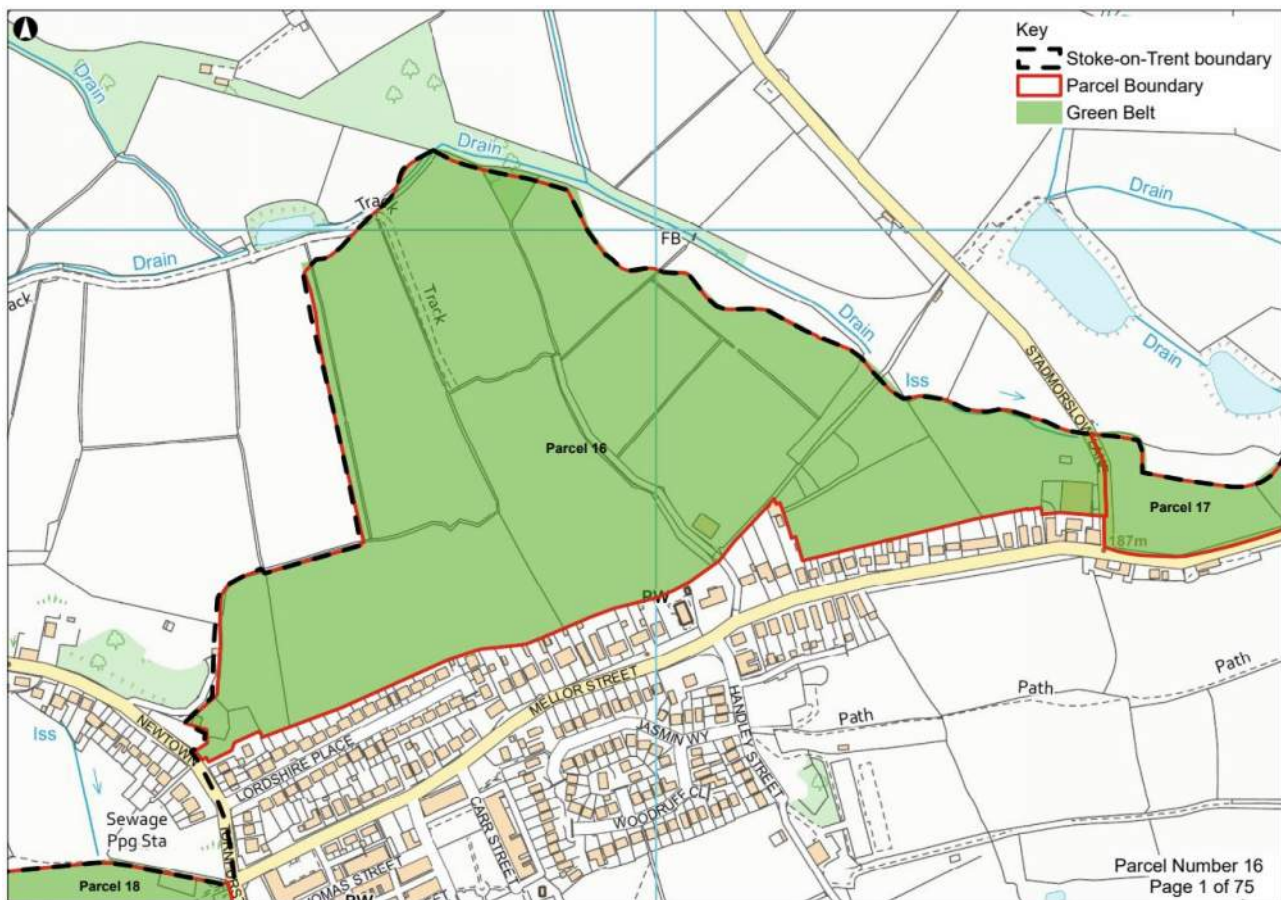
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# Appendix C

## Green Belt Parcel Assessment Proformas

## C.1 Parcel 16



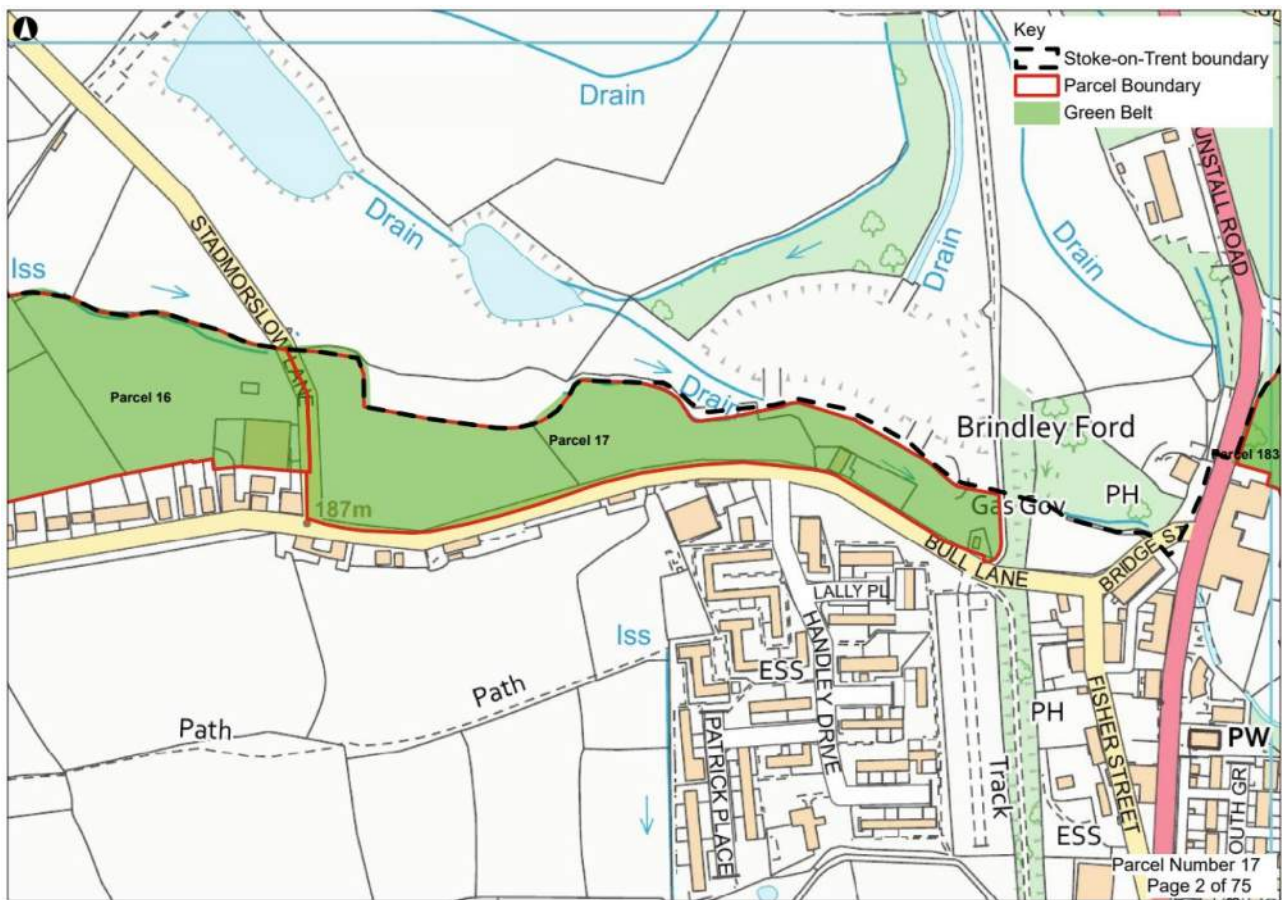
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                            |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a caravan park, and an agricultural building. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of fencing/back of residential gardens to the south. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are also less durable consisting partly of field boundaries and partly of undefined boundaries with no physical features to the north, east, and west. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel lacks physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its southern boundary and due to its level of connection and less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme, and between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Biddulph in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove where development would significantly, both visually and physically, reduce the separation between the defined neighbouring towns, resulting in their perceived merging due to the existing development to the west along Newtown Road. In relation to Stoke-on-Trent and Biddulph, the parcel forms part of the gap between these defined neighbouring towns where there is scope for some development without reducing the visual, or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land, however it also includes a caravan park to the southwest, and two agricultural buildings to the south. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from certain viewpoints when looking northeast, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography slopes down to the northeast. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the north and northeast. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Contribution        |
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| The parcel makes a strong contribution to three purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. | Strong contribution |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                          |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and b and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

## C.2 Parcel 17



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Contribution               |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                            |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a residential property in the east of the parcel. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are durable consisting of Bull Lane to the south. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are less durable consisting of undefined boundaries to the north. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its southern boundary and given it would extend development to the north of Bull Lane combined with the less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Biddulph in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose                                                                                                                                                                            | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land, however it also includes a residential property in the east. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography slopes down to the north. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                 | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Strong contribution   |



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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                 |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

## C.3 Parcel 18



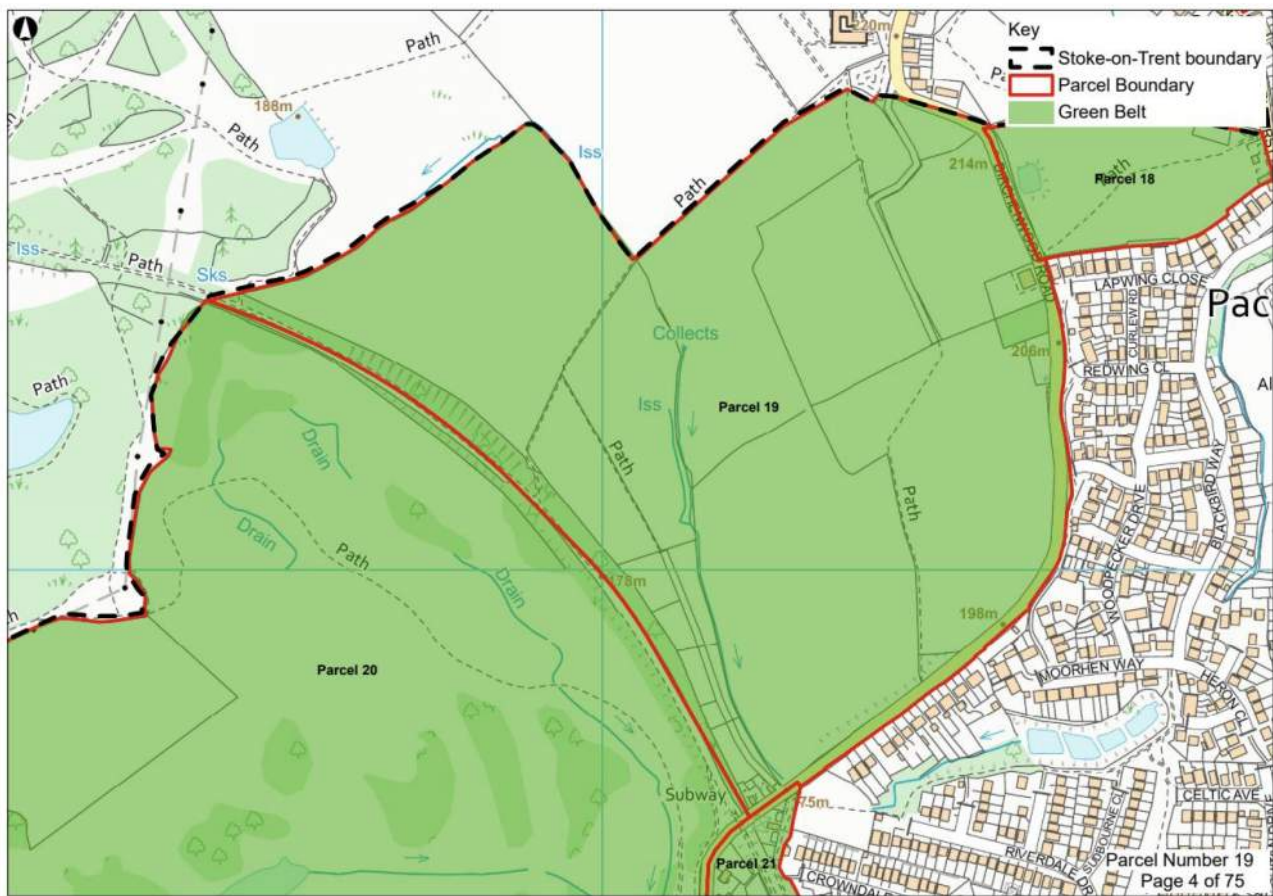
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some limited existing development including garages in the east of the parcel. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly less durable consisting of fencing/back of residential gardens to the south and a short section of Turnhurst Road to the east. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed, consisting of Birchwood Road to the west, with the remaining boundary to the north being undefined by any features on the ground albeit Kidsgrove is in close proximity to the north. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area along the parcel's southern and eastern boundaries, and the parcel is partly enclosed by the large built-up area such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would significantly, both visually and physically, reduce the separation between the defined neighbouring towns, resulting in their perceived merging due to the existing development to the north and northwest along Station Road and Newtown Road. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                     | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including open fields, however it also includes a small area of garages in the east of the parcel. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from certain viewpoints when looking west. The parcel generally consists of low levels of vegetation and its topography slopes downwards towards the northeast. The parcel is partly enclosed by the urban area to the south and east, and by existing development in the Green Belt to the north and northwest which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to three purposes, and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution |
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| <p>overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Although the parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing towns from merging, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it is partly enclosed by the large built-up area and existing development in the Green Belt with Kidsgrove located further to the north. As such, development would be contained which would prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall.</p> |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                        |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |  |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose b and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |  |

## C.4 Parcel 19



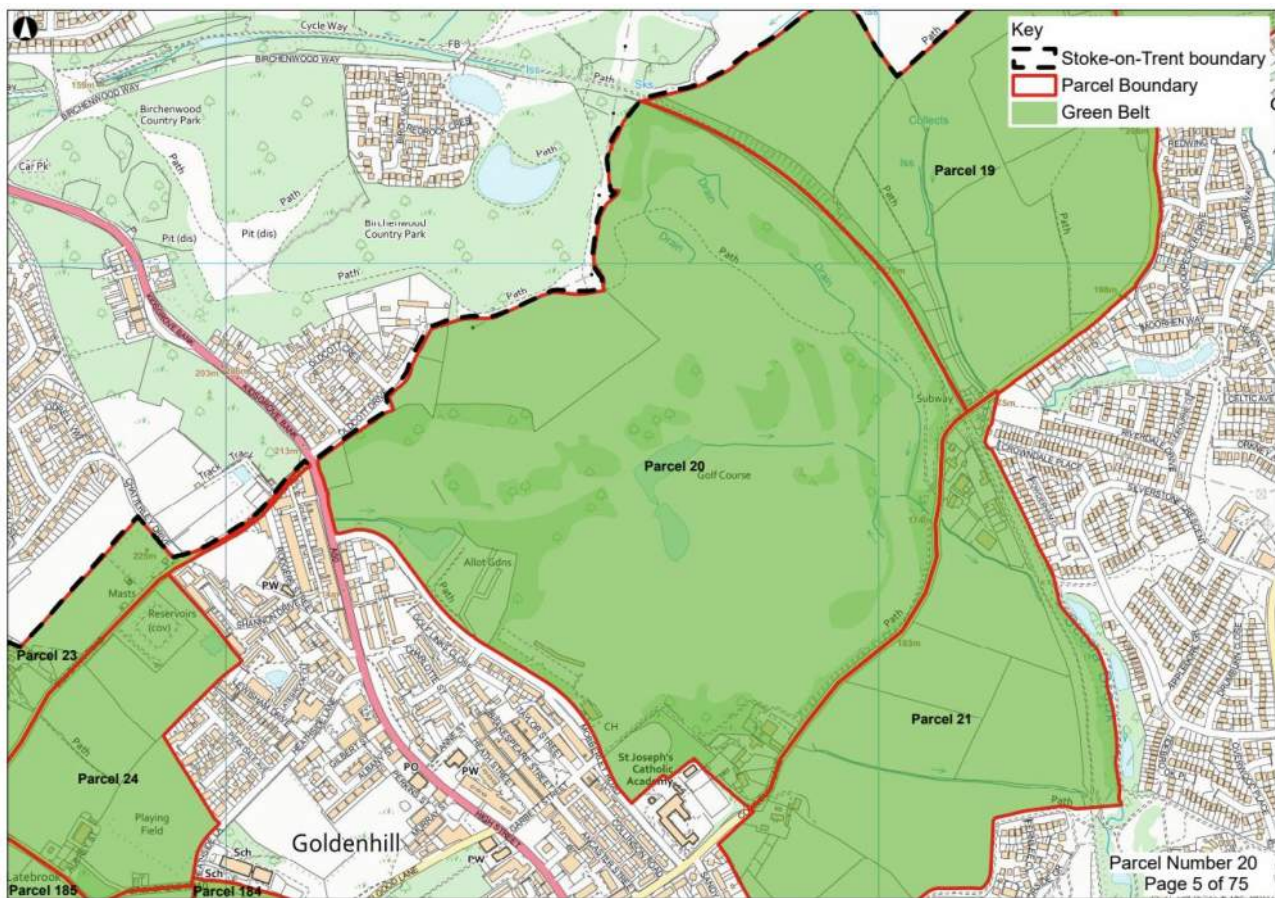
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution               |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a residential property in the east of the parcel and stables in the southwest. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are durable consisting of Birchenwood Road to the south and east. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are predominantly less durable consisting of hedgerow to the north and un-made roads to the west. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's southern and eastern boundaries and due to its level of connection, combined with its shape, and less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove where development (particularly to the east of the parcel) would significantly, both visually and physically, reduce the separation between the defined neighbouring towns, resulting in their perceived merging due to the existing development to the northeast along Station Road. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p>        | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including open fields and horse paddocks, however it also includes a residential property in the east of the parcel. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography slopes towards the southwest. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the northwest and west. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                             | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a strong contribution to three purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Strong contribution   |



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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                          |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and b and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

## C.5 Parcel 20



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside and a former golf course although it contains some existing development including a residential property and commercial warehousing in the south of the parcel. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly durable consisting of Oldcott Drive, Kidsgrove Road, and Mobberley Road to the northwest and west, with the limits of St Joseph's Catholic Academy to the south. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Colclough Lane to the southeast, with the remaining boundaries to the north and northeast consisting of a footpath along the disused railway, tree line, field boundaries and parts of the boundary which are undefined. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The western section of the parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area along the parcel's northwestern and western boundaries, such that new development would</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

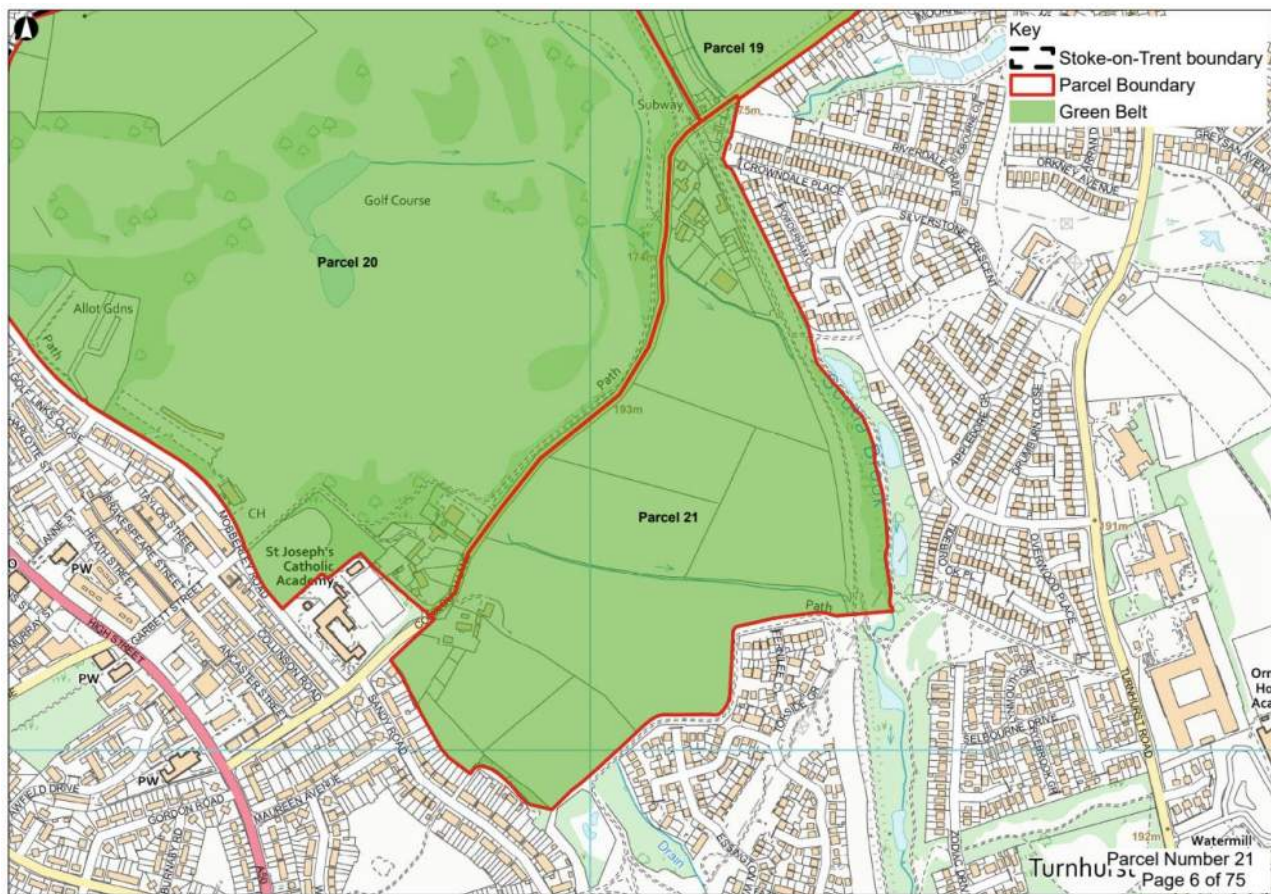
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution          |
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| not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would significantly, both visually and physically, reduce the separation between the defined neighbouring towns, resulting in their perceived merging. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including allotments and a former golf course, however it also includes a residential property and commercial warehousing in the south of the parcel. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography is undulating, generally sloping towards the northeast. The western section of the parcel is partially enclosed by the urban area however the parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the north and northeast. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to one purpose. In                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Strong contribution   |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                          | Contribution |
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| line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                         |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                     |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purposes b and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |



## C.6 Parcel 21



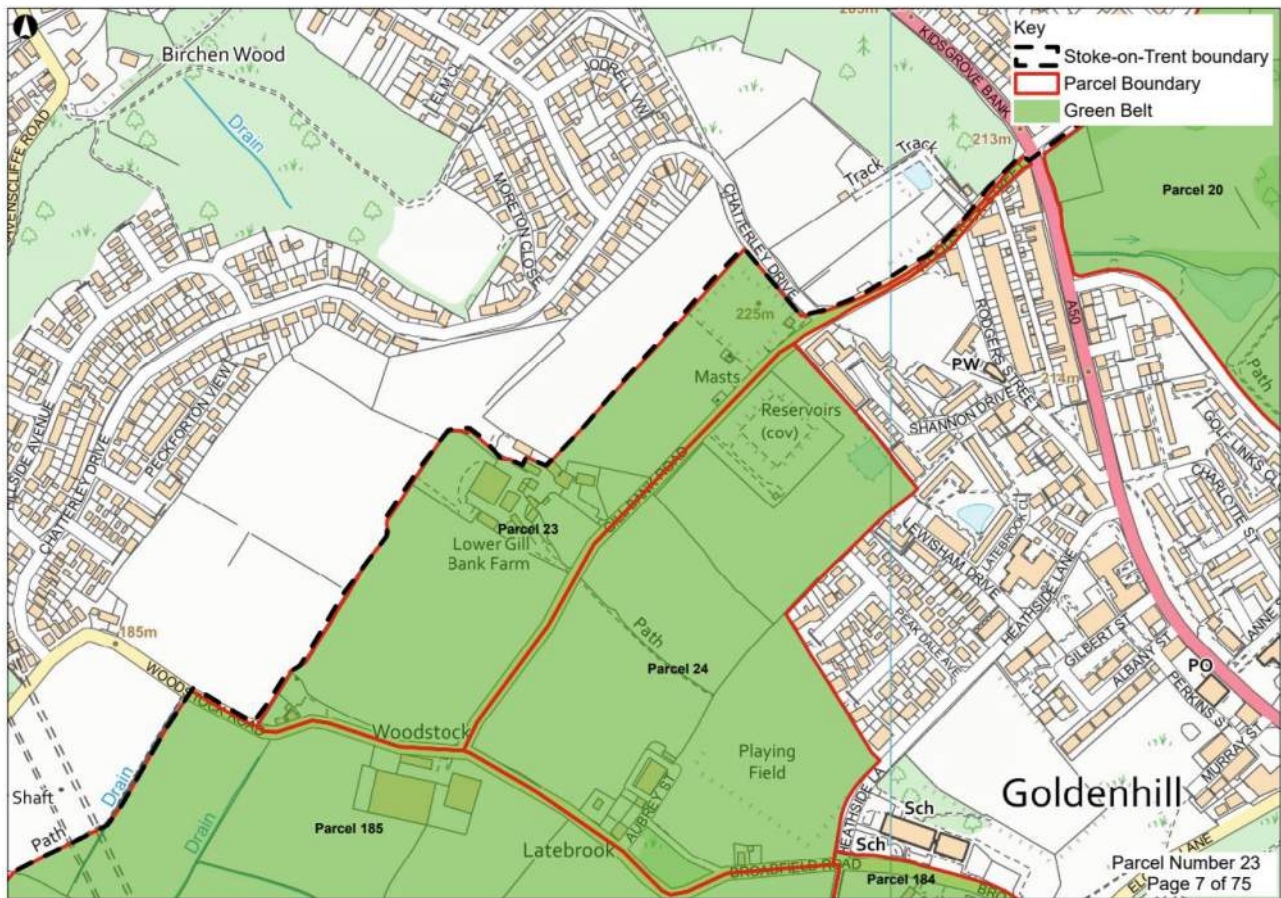
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution             |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a residential property and warehousing in the southwest of the parcel, and a cluster of residential properties and light industry in the north. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of hedges/back of residential properties to the south and northeast, and a brook to the east. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Colclough Lane to the northwest. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along the parcel's western, southern, and eastern boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land and open fields, however it also includes a residential property and warehousing in the southwest of the parcel, and a cluster of residential properties and light industry in the north. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography is undulating, forming a valley from east to west. The parcel is connected to the open countryside to the north however the parcel is largely enclosed by the urban area along the parcel's western, southern and eastern boundaries which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Weak contribution     |



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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.7 Parcel 23



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution        |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                     |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a farm with associated agricultural and residential properties and two residential properties in the southwest of the parcel, and an underground reservoir and associated infrastructure in the northeast. The boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area is durable, consisting of a very small section of Gill Bank Road to the northeast. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed, consisting of B roads to the southeast, southwest, and northeast (Chatterley Drive, Gillbank Road, Woodstock Road) with the remaining boundaries comprised of hedge line and undefined boundaries. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity although Kidsgrove is located to the northwest. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its northeastern boundary and due to its level of connection, combined with its shape and partly less durable outer</p> | Strong contribution |

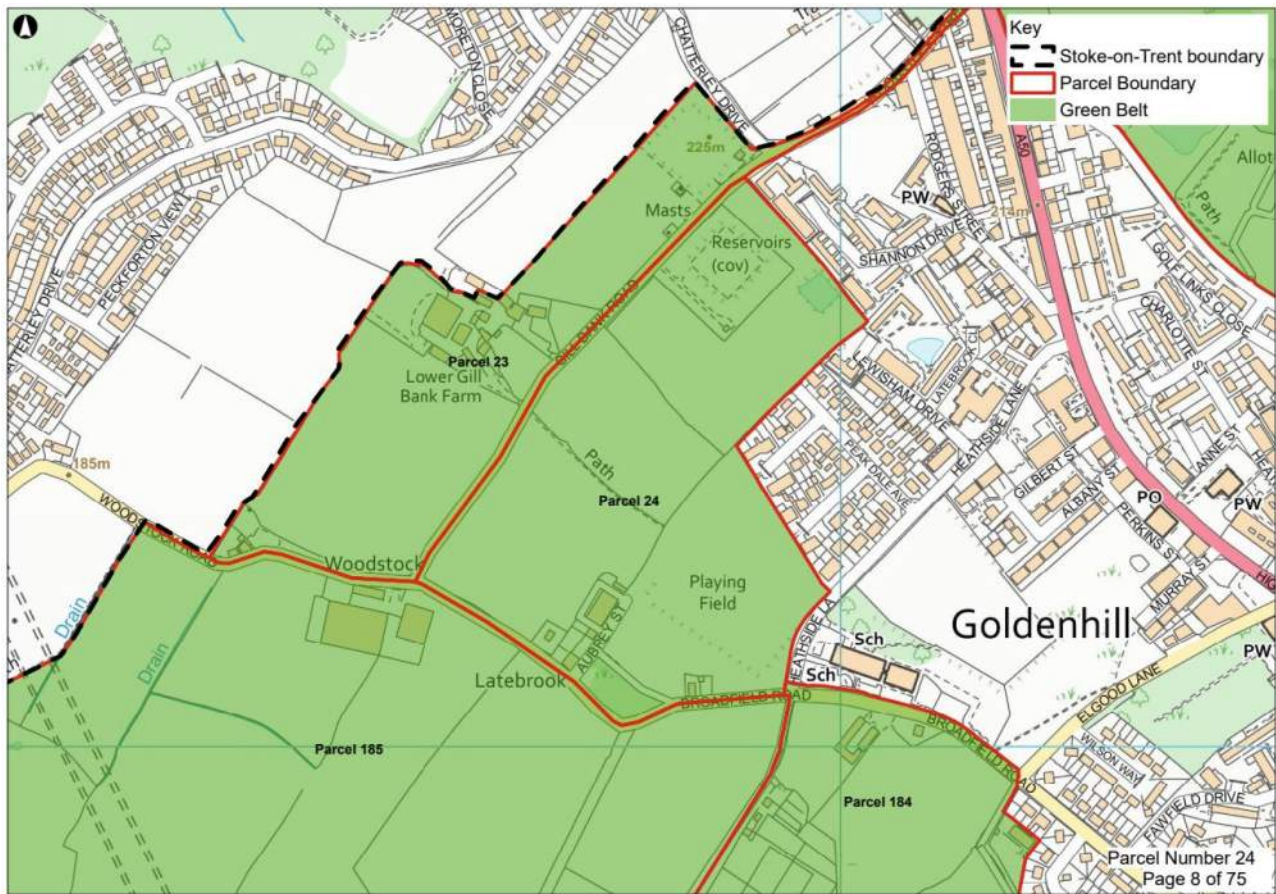
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Contribution          |
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| boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would significantly, both visually and physically reduce the separation between the towns resulting in the perceived merging due to the sloping topography in the north of the parcel towards Kidsgrove. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose                                                                | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land and a farm, however it also includes scattered residential properties and utility infrastructure. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints. The parcel consists of low levels of vegetation and slopes towards the west. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                            | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to three purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, and a weak to one purpose. In line with the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Strong contribution   |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                            | Contribution |
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| methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                            |  |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purposes a and b, and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |  |



## C.8 Parcel 24



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including residential properties in the southwest of the parcel, and a covered reservoir and associated infrastructure in the north. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly less durable consisting of existing development and fencing/rear gardens to the east and a small section of Heathside Lane to the southeast. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of B roads to the south and west (Broadfield Road and Gillbank Road). As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is partly enclosed by the large built-up area along the parcel's northeastern and southern boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |

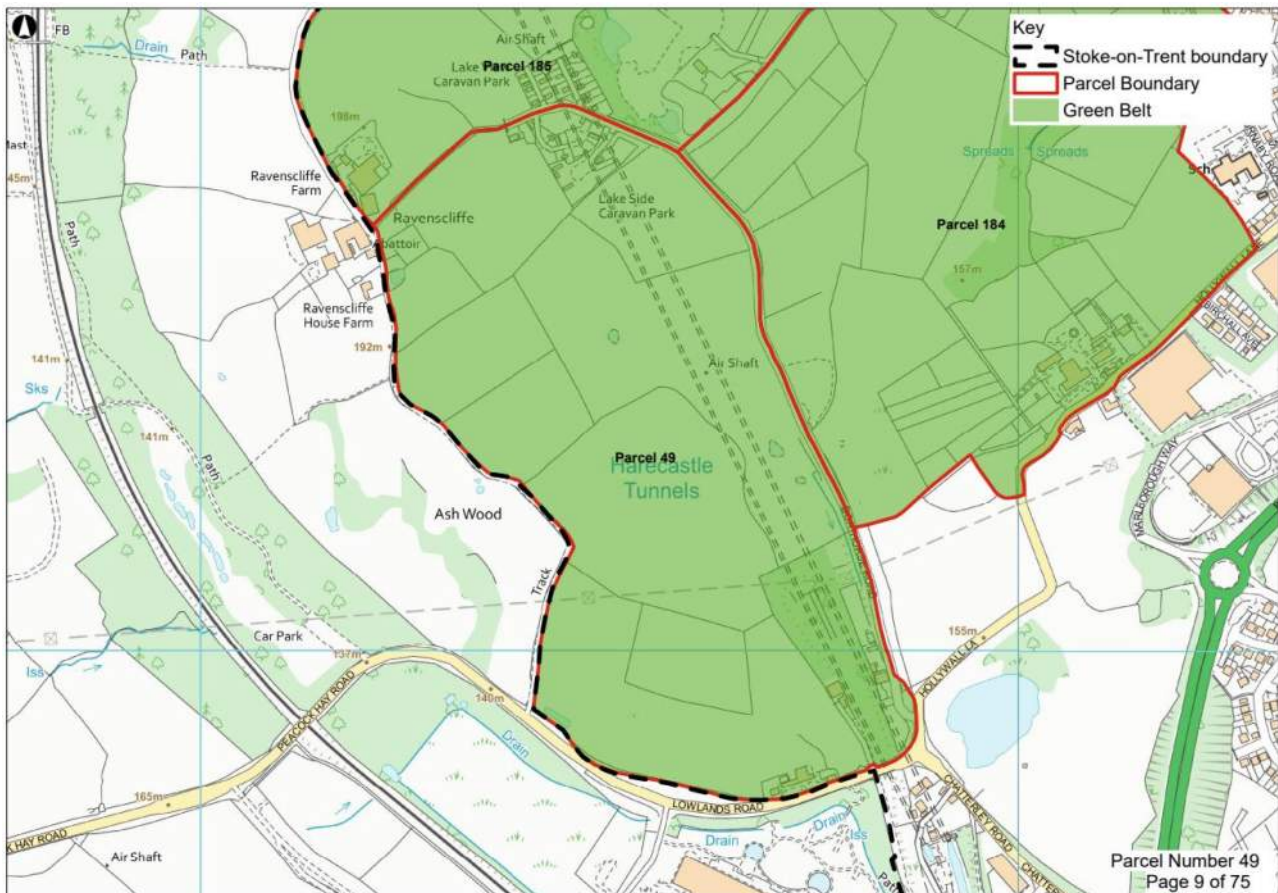
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The parcel forms part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where there is scope for some development without reducing the perceived separation between the towns as the gap is already narrower to the northeast of the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land; however it also includes some existing development including residential properties in the southwest of the parcel, and a covered reservoir and associated infrastructure in the north. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from certain viewpoints when looking west. The parcel consists of low levels of vegetation and slopes towards the south. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the south and west. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to three purposes, and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the parcel supports a strong degree of openness, and makes a strong contribution to</p>                                                                                                                                                      | Moderate contribution |



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution |
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| safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt which can contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.9 Parcel 49



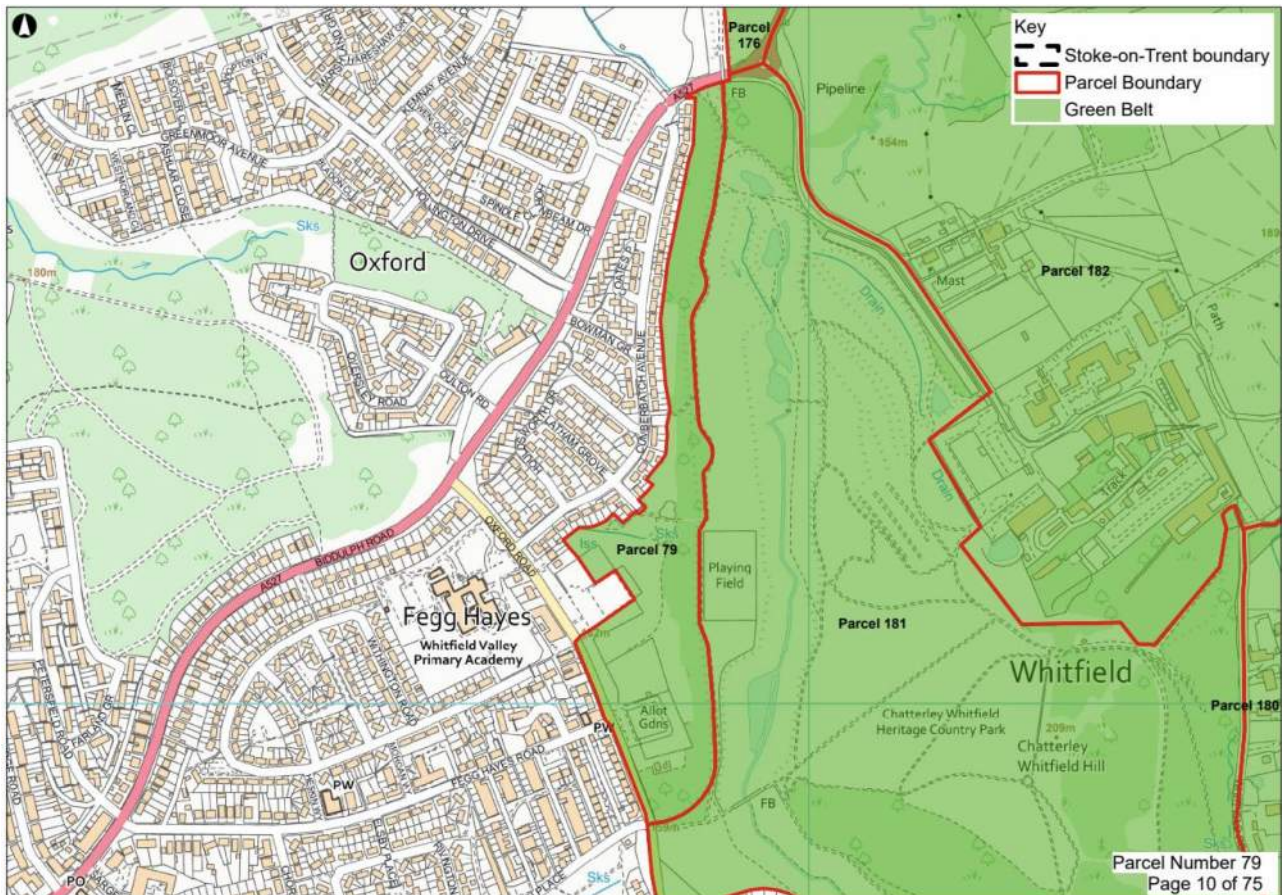
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Contribution               |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some limited existing development including a caravan park in the north of the parcel, a motocross track in the east, and residential properties to the south. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are durable consisting of Boathorse Road and Lowlands Road to the south and southeast. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Boathorse Road to the north and east, with the remaining boundaries to the west being hedgerow and un-made roads. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its southern and southeastern boundary and due to its level of connection, combined with the shape of the parcel, and the partly less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution          |
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| development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The parcel forms part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where there is scope for some development without reducing the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside however it also includes residential properties to south, a caravan park to the north, and a motocross facility to the east. The motocross facility is not considered built form as it consists of earthworks. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from certain viewpoints when looking east. The parcel consists of low levels of vegetation and slopes towards the east and south. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Strong contribution   |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                        |
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| Is the parcel provisional grey belt?                                                                           |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |



## C.10 Parcel 79



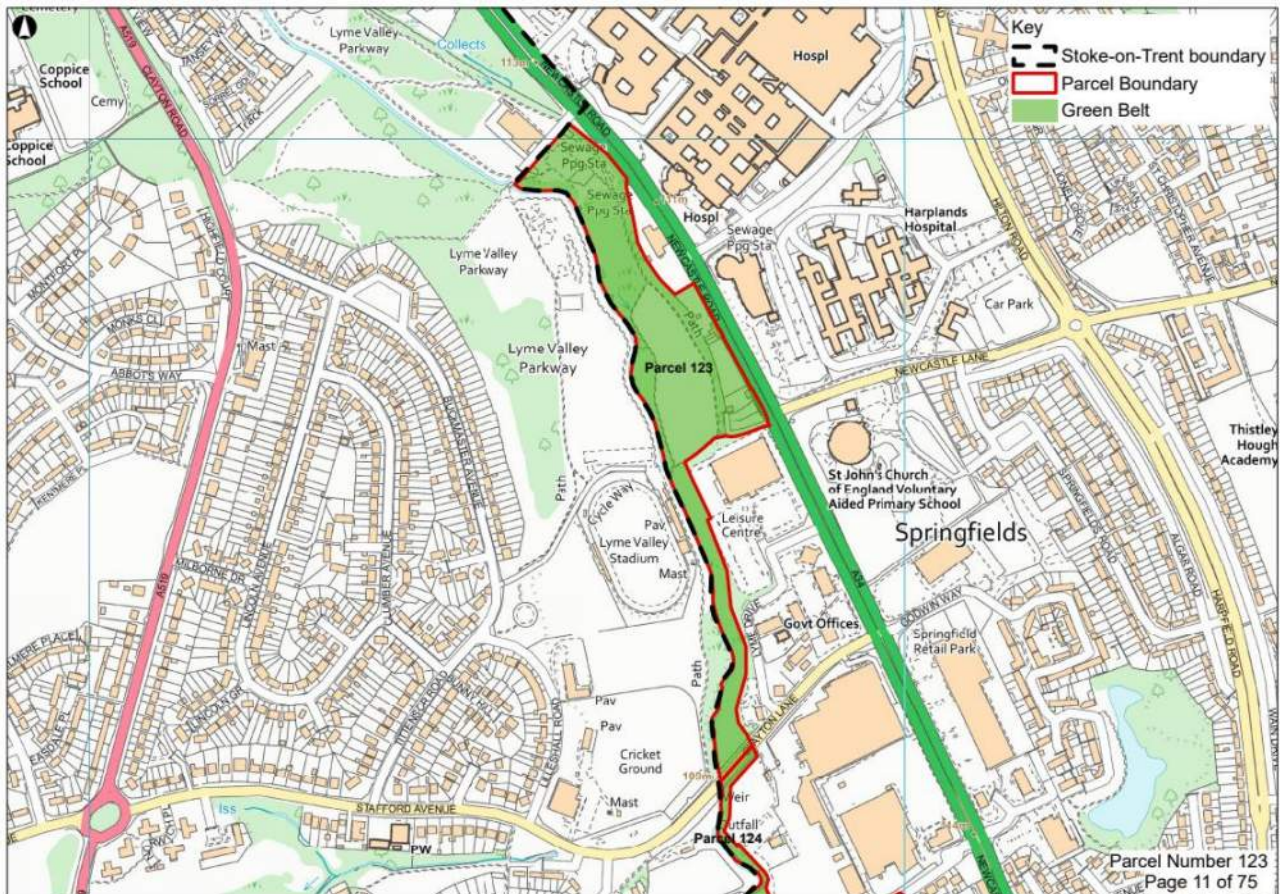
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution      |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                   |
| The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a vehicle storage yard, playground, and car park. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of durable boundaries to the southwest and far north of the parcel including Oxford Road, with the remaining boundaries being backs of residential properties. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of a ridgeline to the east. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area along its southwestern boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                   |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The parcel predominantly consists of open countryside and rural land uses including allotments, however it also includes a car park, vehicle storage yard, and a playground. The parcel has a moderate-weak degree of openness with less than 20% built form and open long line views from certain viewpoints looking east. The parcel consists of dense vegetation in parts and its topography slopes towards the east. The parcel is partly enclosed by existing development along some of its boundaries, which reduces its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to three purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the majority contribution should be applied. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |



## C.11 Parcel 123



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists of open fields (including an open playing field for rugby use) with Lyme Valley car park to the north and properties located along Newcastle Road. The northern section of the parcel is wooded. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly durable. The eastern boundary consists of Newcastle Road (A34) which is durable however it also extends around some existing development which is less durable. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable. The western boundary follows Lyme Brook, the southern boundary follows Clayton Lane, and the northern boundary follows Newcastle Road. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is somewhat enclosed by both the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent urban areas such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |

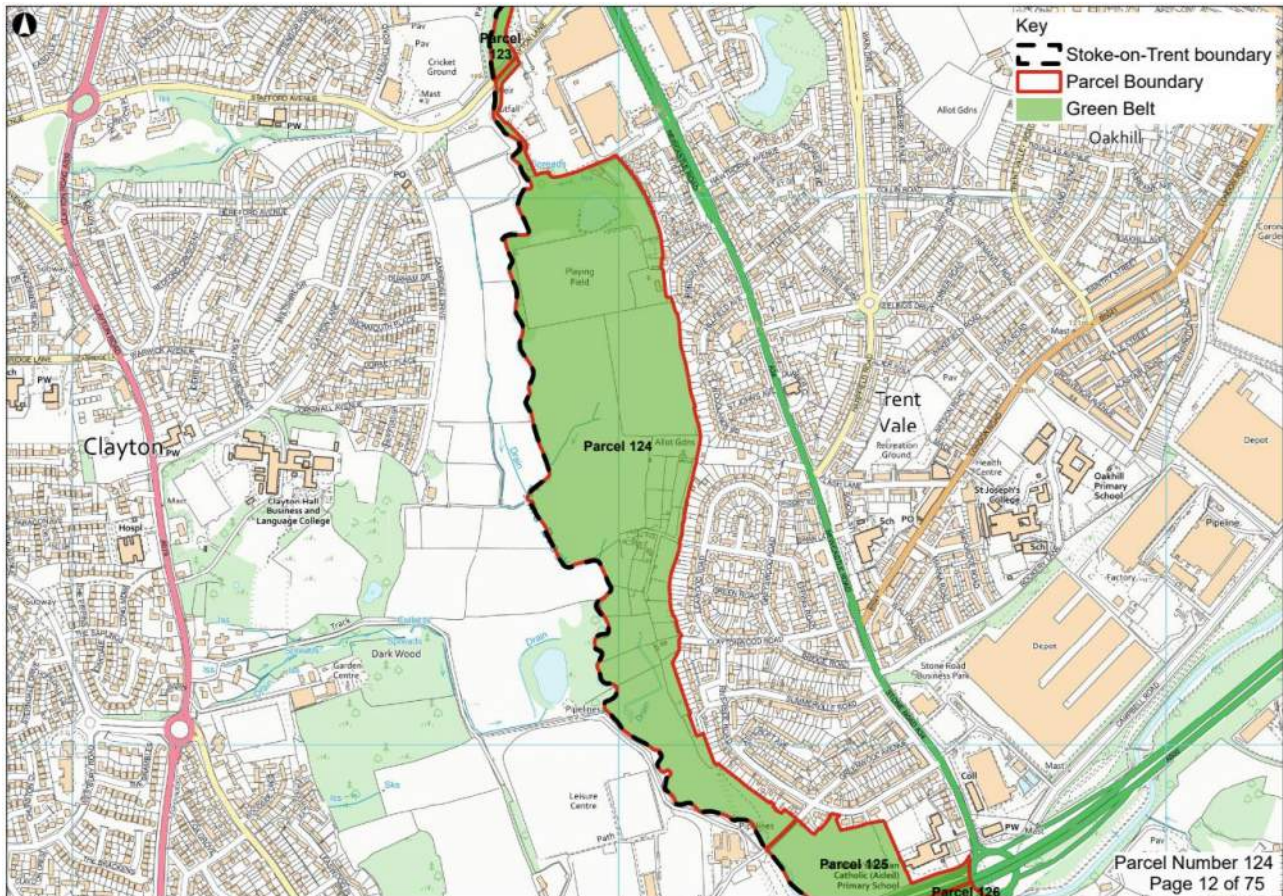
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area and the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. Although the urban areas have already merged there are a few remaining gaps which are clearly defined due to the administrative boundary. The parcel forms part of the gap between the towns where there is scope for some development without reducing the perceived separation between the towns given the gap is already narrower to the south of the parcel. Development of the parcel would not result in further merging of the urban areas. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel consists primarily of open fields (including an open playing field for rugby use) with Lyme Valley car park to the north and properties located along Newcastle Road. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness as there is less than 10% built form within the parcel, there are no long line views available throughout the parcel, and there are areas of dense vegetation. The topography of the parcel is largely flat. The parcel is connected to open countryside to the west and southwest however it is largely enclosed by both the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent urban areas impacting its sense of openness. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution          |
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| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to four purposes and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to the Green Belt purposes. | Moderate contribution |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.12 Parcel 124



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists of open fields (playing fields), a pond and allotment gardens. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area to the east are less durable consisting of the limits of existing development (Tesco Superstore) and the rear gardens of residential properties. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Lyme Brook to the west, Clayton Lane to the north, and Rosetree Avenue to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is largely enclosed by both the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent urban areas such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |

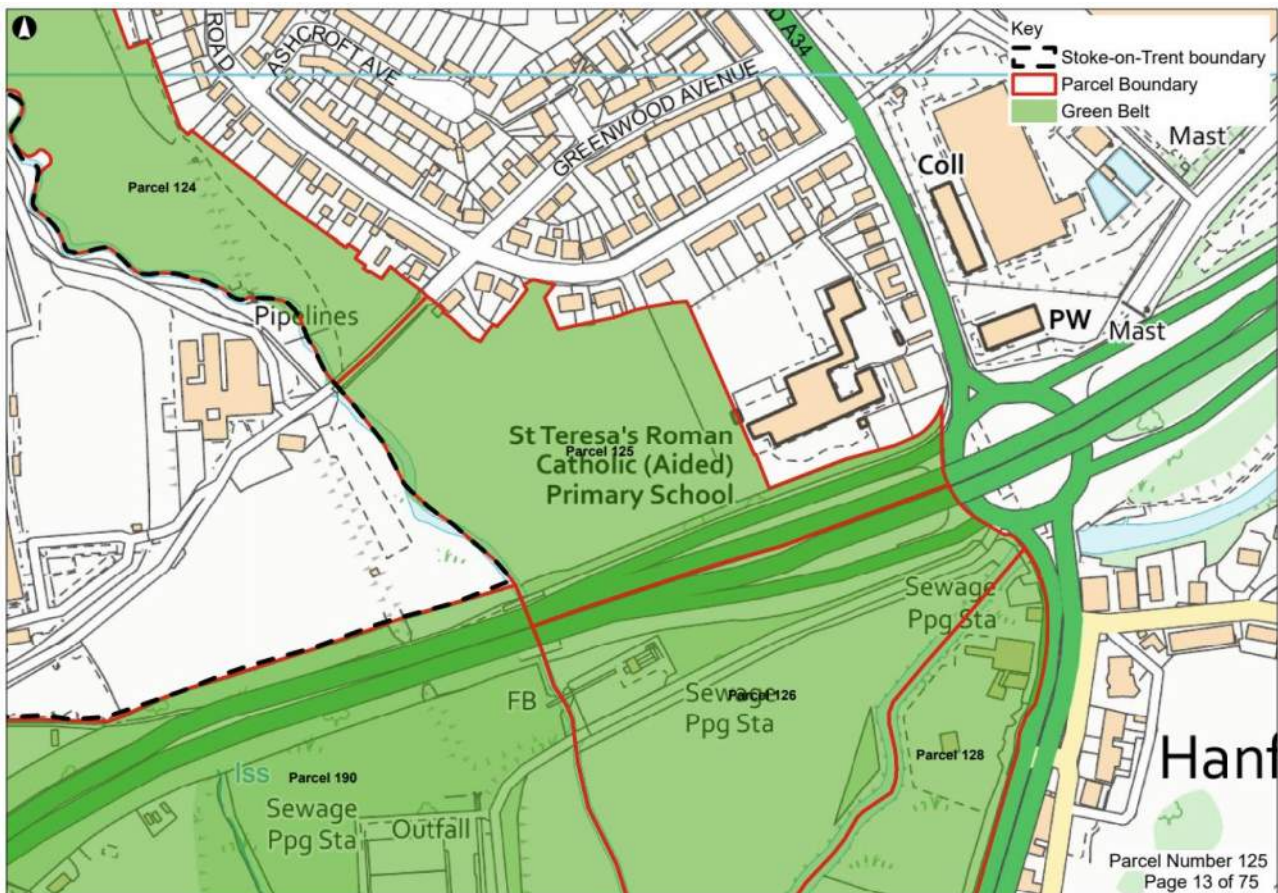
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution                 |
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| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area and the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. Although the urban areas have already merged there are a few remaining gaps which are clearly defined due to the administrative boundary. The parcel forms a substantial part of the remaining gap between the defined towns where development would significantly reduce the actual separation between the towns resulting in further merging and closing of the remaining gap. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p>   |
| <p><b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                              |
| <p>The parcel consists primarily of open fields and no discernible built form. The topography of the parcel is largely flat. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness, as it has no built form, low levels of vegetation and some limited long line views. The parcel is mainly connected to the wider open countryside to the south as it is largely enclosed by both the Newcastle-under-Lyme and Stoke-on-Trent urban areas impacting its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                      | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <p><b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                               | <p>Weak contribution</p>     |
| <p><b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <p><b>Overall Assessment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                              |
| <p>The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a strong contribution to one purpose and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Although the</p>                                                                                                                          | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution |
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| <p>parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing the further merging of the urban areas, the parcel is largely enclosed by the urban areas and there are predominantly durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the north, west and south which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall.</p> |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                               |
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| <p><b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b></p>                                                                    |
| <p>No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose b and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt.</p> |

## C.13 Parcel 125



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution          |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists of open fields including a playing field. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area to the east and north are less durable consisting of the limits of existing development (St Teresa's Roman Catholic Primary School) and the rear gardens of residential properties. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Lyme Brook to the west, Rosetree Avenue to the north and Queensway (A500) to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area along the parcel's northern and eastern boundaries and therefore development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |

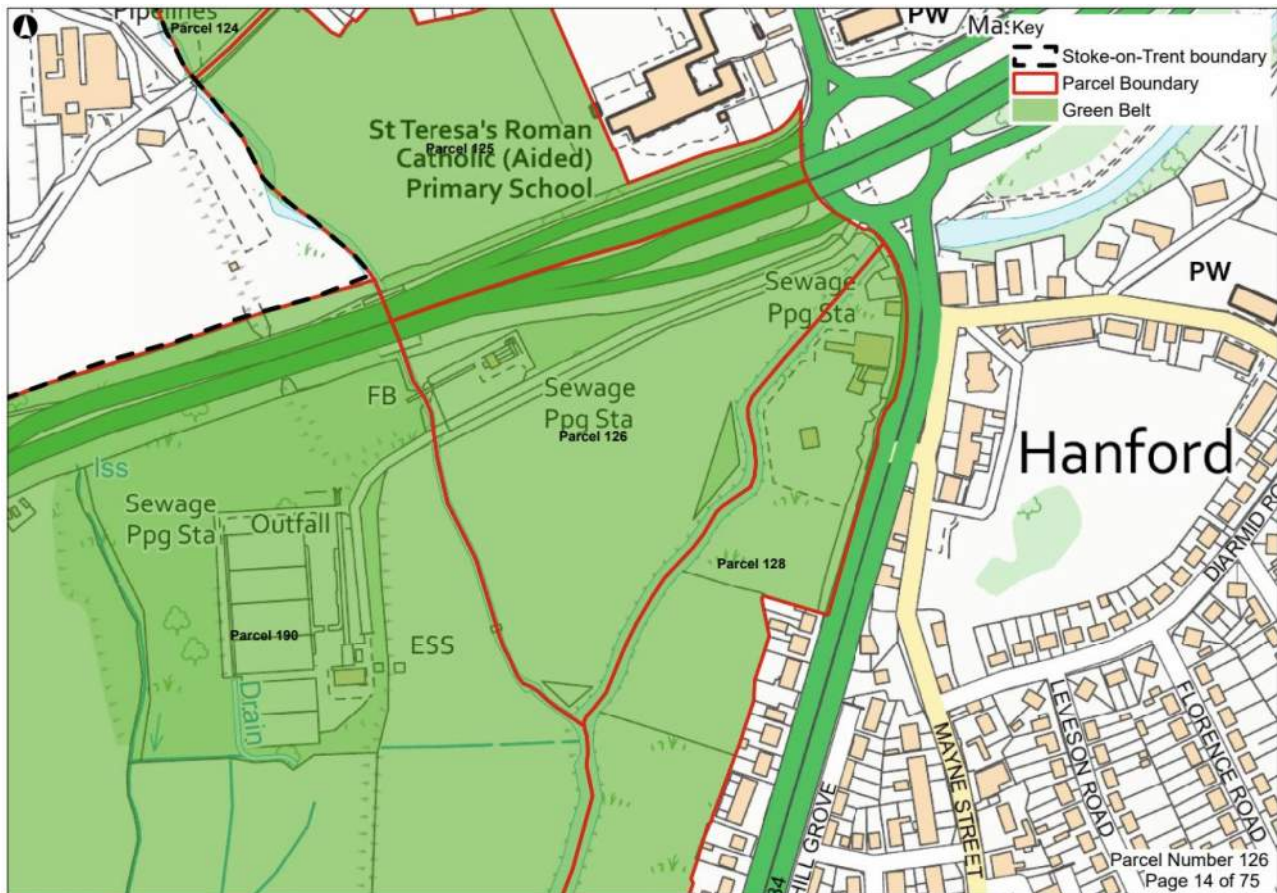
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Contribution          |
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| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area and the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. Although the urban areas have already merged there are a few remaining gaps which are clearly defined due to the administrative boundary. The parcel forms part of the gap between the towns where there is scope for some development without reducing the perceived separation between the towns given the gap is already narrower to the north of the parcel. Development of the parcel would not result in further merging of the urban areas. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists of open fields. There is no built form in the parcel and minimal dense vegetation except at the boundaries, allowing for some long line views to the southwest. The parcel therefore has a strong degree of openness. The topography of the parcel is largely flat. The parcel is connected to the open countryside to the west. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Strong contribution   |
| <p><b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                   | Weak contribution     |
| <p><b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Overall Assessment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a strong contribution to one purpose and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a strong degree of openness, and it makes a strong contribution to</p>                                                                                                                         | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Contribution |
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| safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, however there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the north, west and south which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |  |



## C.14 Parcel 126



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution          |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists of open fields, with pockets of dense vegetation in the north of the parcel, and part of a sewage works. The inner eastern boundary between the parcel and large built-up area is durable as it follows the roundabout at Stone Road/Queensway (A500). The remaining three boundaries between the parcel and wider Green Belt are durable consisting of the River Trent to the south, Lyme Brook to the west, and Queensway (A500) to the north. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area along the parcel's eastern boundary, and the eastern part of the parcel is somewhat enclosed by the large built-up area such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |

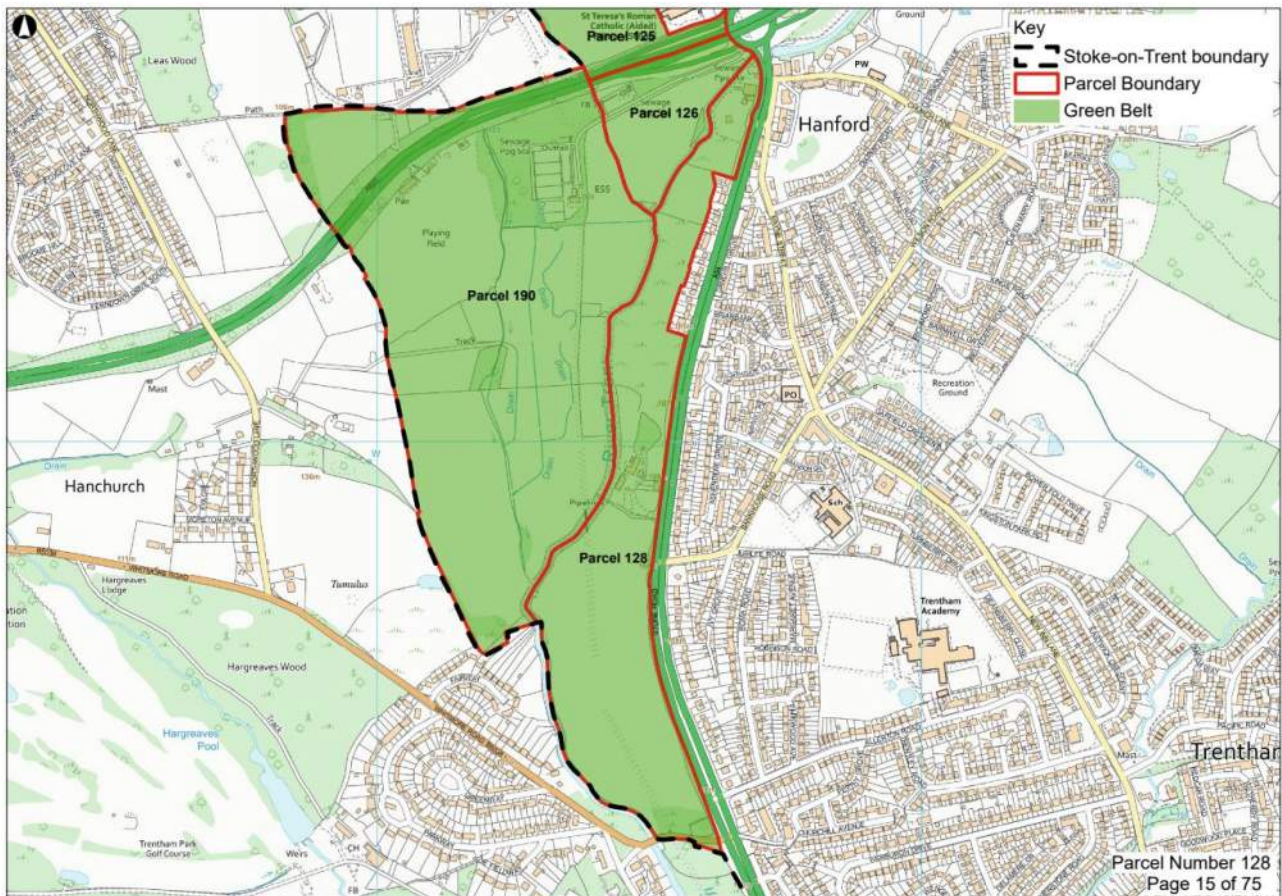


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution          |
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| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area and the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. Although the urban areas have already merged there are a few remaining gaps which are clearly defined due to the administrative boundary. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns given the gap is already narrower to the north of the parcel. Development of the parcel would not result in further merging of the urban areas. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | Weak contribution     |
| <p><b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists of open fields, with pockets of dense vegetation in the north of the parcel and part of a sewage works. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form within the parcel and low vegetation, allowing some long line views. Additionally, the parcel is connected to open countryside along most of its boundaries although there is some existing development in the Green Belt to the west (the sewage works) and to the east (warehouses). Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                               | Strong contribution   |
| <p><b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                          | Weak contribution     |
| <p><b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Overall Assessment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a strong contribution to one purpose and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution |
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| <p>make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a strong degree of openness, and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, however there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the north, west and south which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall.</p> |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| <p><b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b></p> <p>Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status.</p> |

## C.15 Parcel 128



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists primarily of open fields with existing development in the centre (a garage/MOT centre) and north of the parcel (warehouses). The inner eastern boundary between the parcel and large built-up area is mixed consisting of Stone Road and the rear gardens of some residential properties. The outer boundary between the parcel and wider Green Belt to the west is durable consisting of the River Trent. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area along the parcel's eastern boundary which extends along the full extent of the parcel, such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |

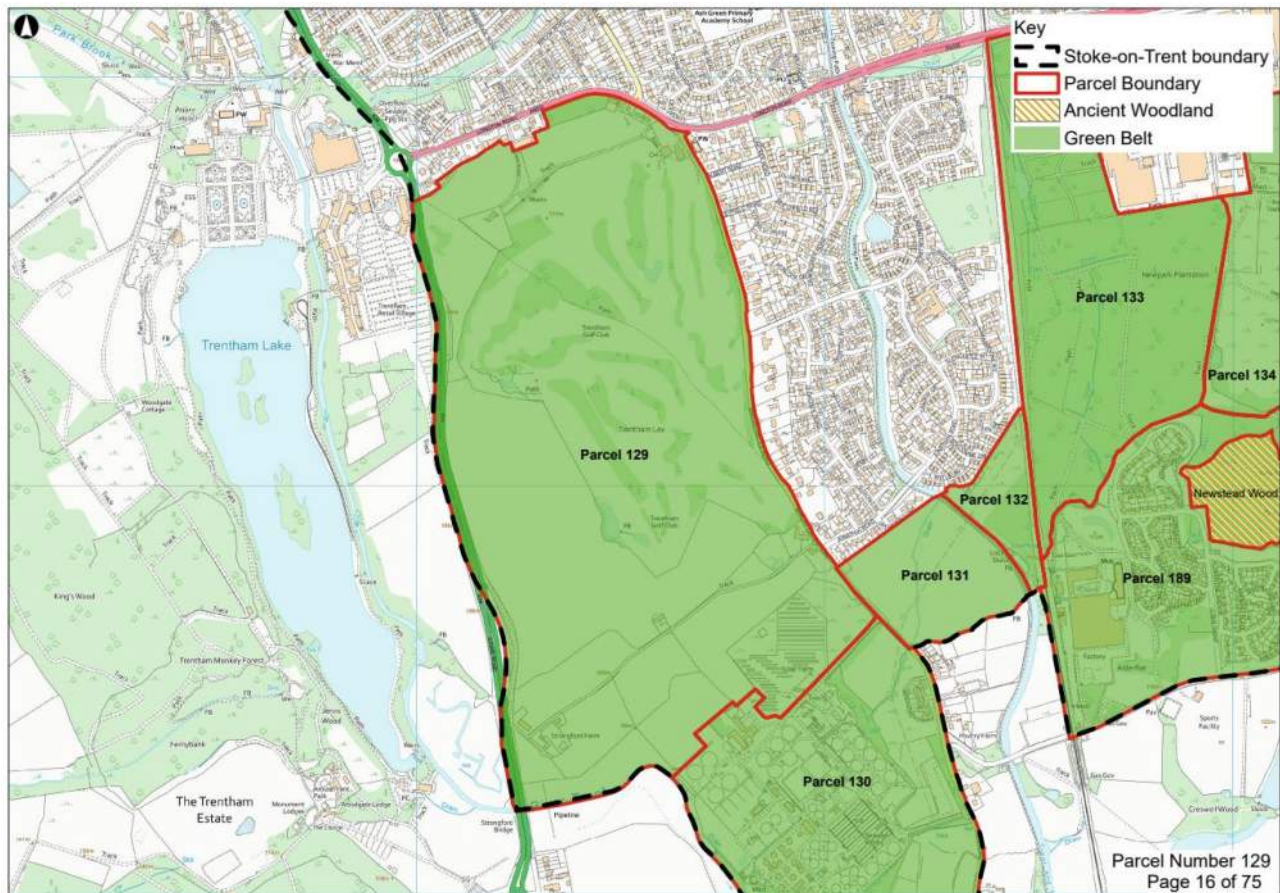
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution          |
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| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area and the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. Although the urban areas have already merged there are a few remaining gaps which are clearly defined due to the administrative boundary. The parcel forms part of the gap between the towns where there is scope for some development without reducing the perceived separation between the towns given the gap is already narrower to the north of the parcel. Development of the parcel would not result in further merging of the urban areas. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                       | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists primarily of open fields and rural land uses although there is some existing development to the north of the parcel consisting of warehouses, and to the centre of the parcel consisting of a garage/MOT centre. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and low levels of vegetation, allowing some long line views. The parcel is connected to open countryside along the western boundary and connected to the large built-up area along the eastern boundary. There is existing development in the Green Belt to the south (in neighbouring Stafford) forming part of Trentham. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution   |
| <p><b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Weak contribution     |
| <p><b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Overall Assessment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a strong contribution to one purpose and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution |
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| <p>applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a strong degree of openness, and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, however there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the west which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall.</p> |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <p>Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status.</p> |  |



## C.16 Parcel 129



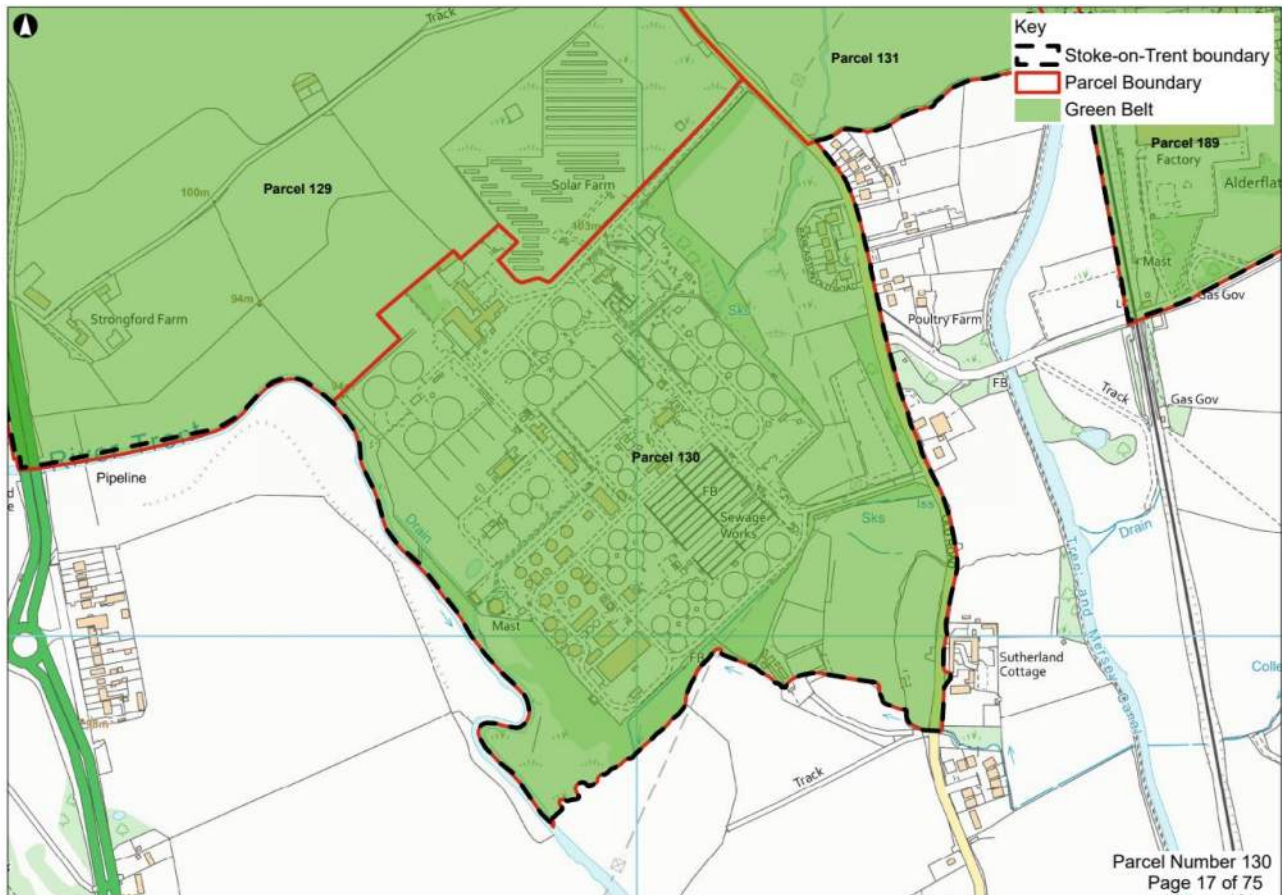
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists primarily of Trentham Golf Club and Golf Course with some residential properties to the north, a farm to the southwest and a solar farm to the southeast. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of Longton Road (A5035) and the rear gardens of properties to the north, and Barlaston Old Road to the east. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are predominantly durable consisting of Stone Road (A34) to the west, and the River Trent and the limits of the sewage works (Severn Trent Water Pump Station) to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area along the parcel's northern and eastern boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel consists of open field and agricultural land with a large part of the parcel consisting of Trentham Golf Club and Golf Course with some residential properties to the north, a farm to the southwest and a solar farm to the southeast. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form, long line views and low levels of vegetation throughout. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the west and southwest although there is existing development in the Green Belt to the northwest (Trentham Shopping Village) and to the south (Severn Trent Water Pump Station). Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a strong contribution to one purpose and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution |
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| <p>strong degree of openness, and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, however there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the west and south which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall.</p> |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p><b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status.</p> |

## C.17 Parcel 130



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution           |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                        |
| <p>The parcel is located near to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area as it is functionally linked by Barlaston Old Road. The parcel is largely developed consisting of a sewage works (Severn Trent Water Pump Station), residential properties, and Middleton Livery Yard. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Barlaston Old Road to the east which is durable, the River Trent to the west which is durable, and the limits of the sewage works to the north which is durable. The southern boundary is less durable as it follows field boundaries and in parts is not defined by any physical features. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is not directly connected to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area however due to the existing development within the parcel, development of the parcel would not be considered to result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes no contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>No contribution</p> |



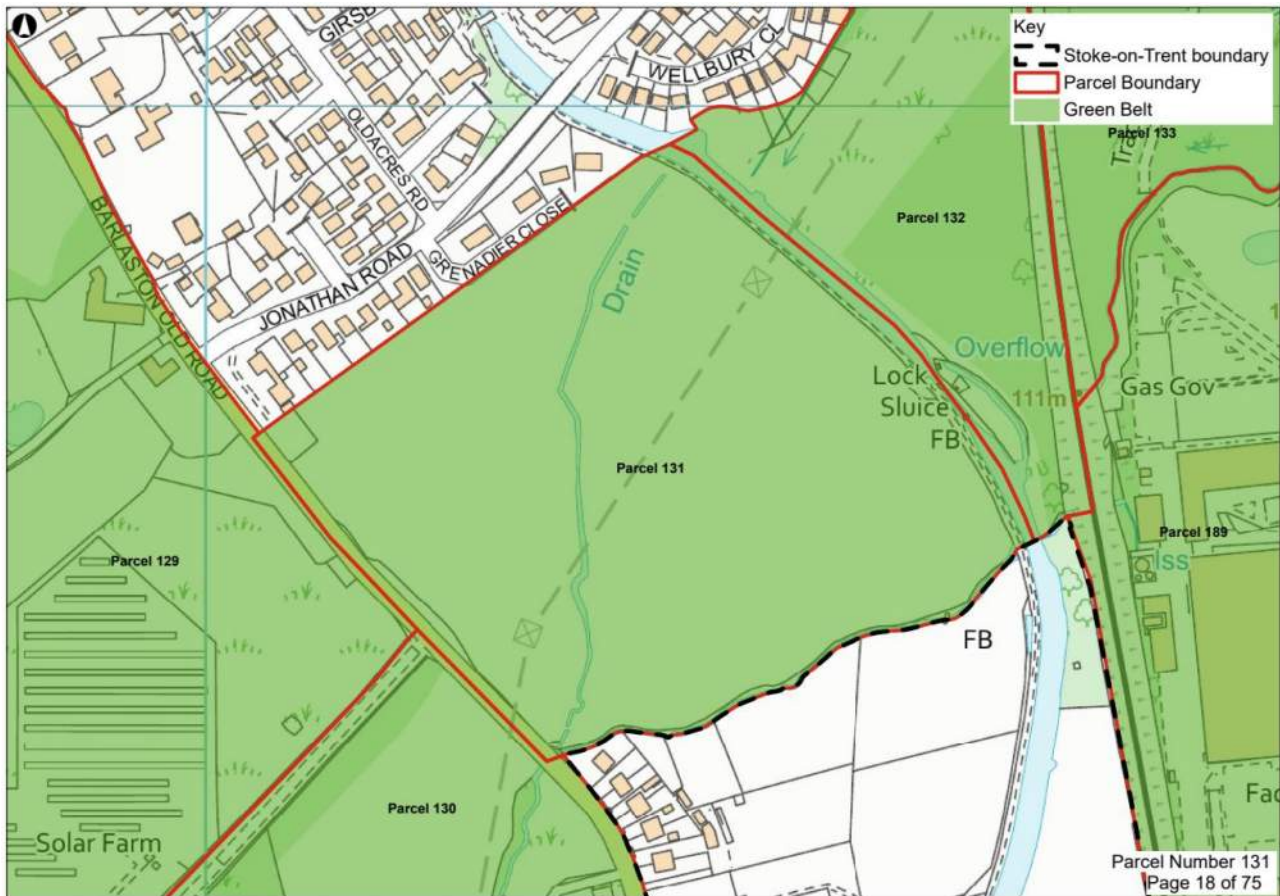
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns and given that the parcel is already largely developed it does not contribute to maintaining the separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel consists largely of existing development (Severn Trent Water Pump Station, residential properties, and Middleton Livery Yard) and some smaller fields and rural uses. The parcel has no degree of openness as it has approximately 60% built form, low levels of vegetation and no long line views due to the level of development. The topography is relatively flat. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along all of its boundaries although there is a solar farm in the Green Belt to the north and some existing development along Barlaston Old Road to the east. Overall, the parcel makes no contribution to this purpose. | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to, and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town, and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to four purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel makes an overall weak contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Weak contribution     |

| Identification of provisional grey belt |
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| Is the parcel provisional grey belt?    |



Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status.

## C.18 Parcel 131

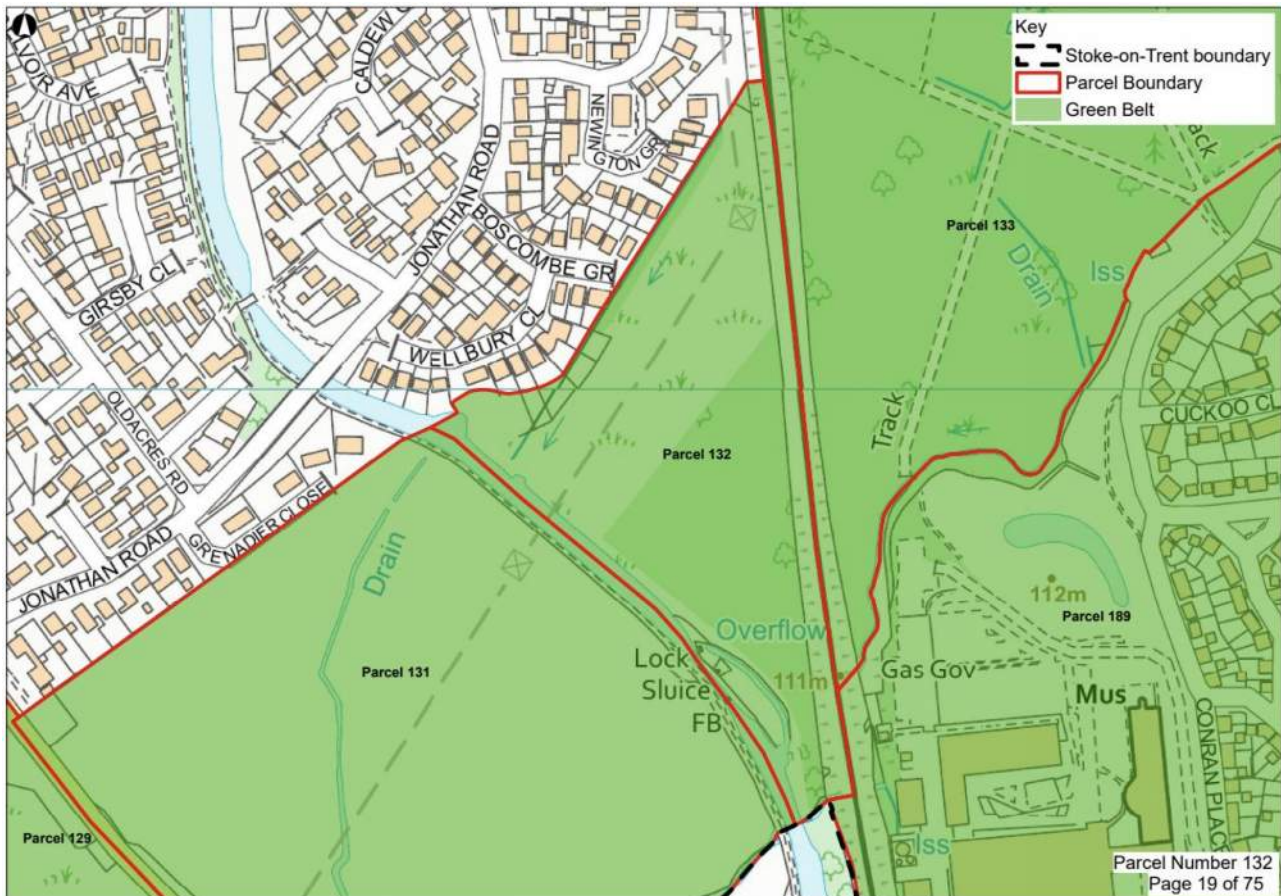


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists primarily of open fields with sparse tree cover. The boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area to the north is mixed consisting of Grenadier Close and the rear gardens of residential properties. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of the Trent and Mersey Canal to the east, Barlaston Old Road to the west and tree line to the south. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its northern boundary, and due to the existing settlement pattern, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                              |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution          |
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| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Weak contribution     |
| <p><b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists primarily of open fields. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with no built form, low vegetation apart from along the boundaries and some long line views. The topography of the parcel is flat. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside in parts although there is existing development in the Green Belt to the east (World of Wedgewood), west (solar farm and sewage works) and to the south (ribbon development along Barlaston Old Road) which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                      | Weak contribution     |
| <p><b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Overall Assessment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to the Green Belt purposes.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Moderate contribution |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.19 Parcel 132



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists of open fields with dense vegetation. The inner boundary between the parcel and large built-up area is less durable consisting of the rear gardens of residential properties to the north. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mostly durable consisting of the Trent and Mersey Canal to the west and a railway line to the east with a short southern boundary which consists of tree line. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its northern boundary, and due to the shape of the parcel, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <p><b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |

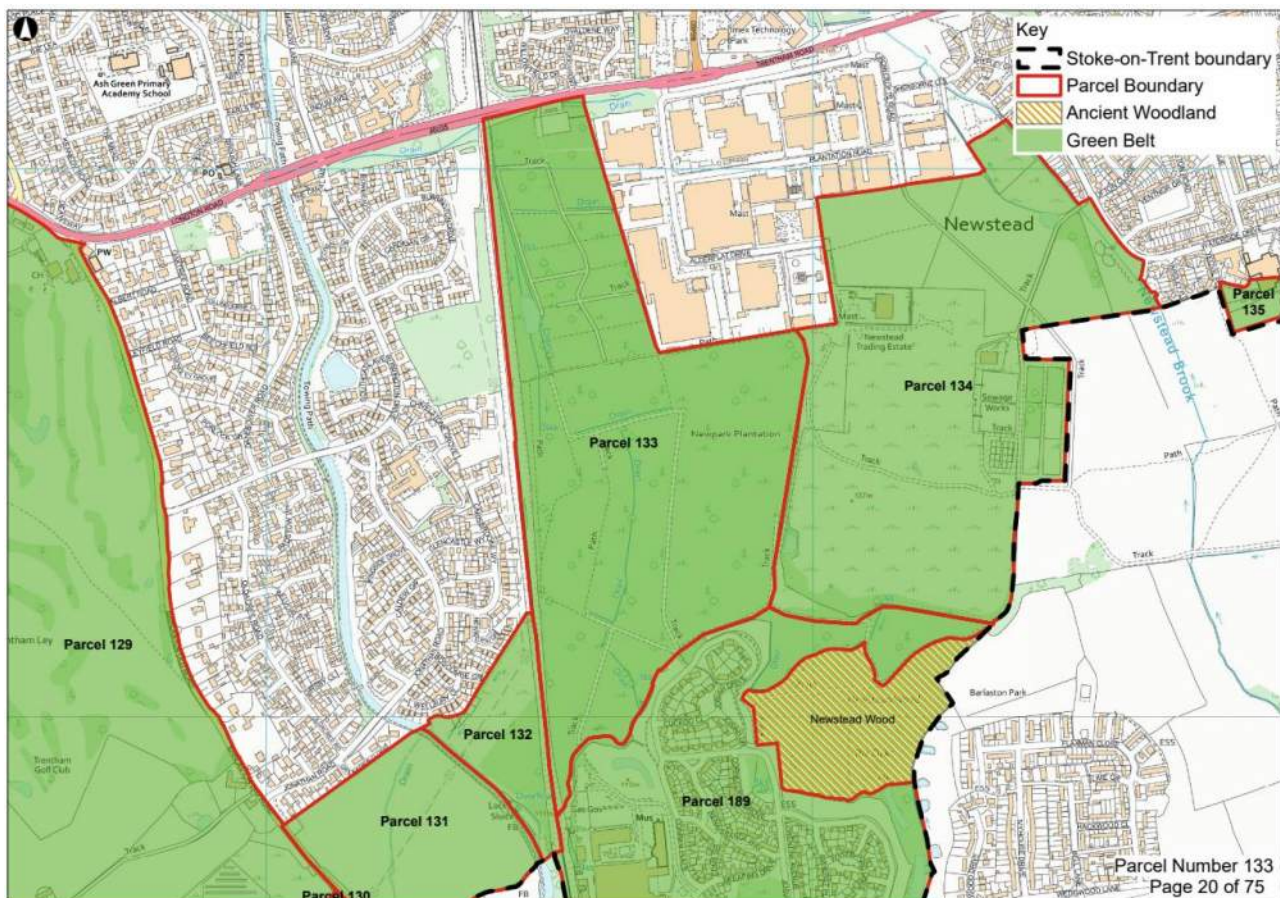


| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                              | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel consists primarily of open fields with dense vegetation. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness as it has no built form, but it has dense vegetation which restricts views. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the northeast and southwest although there is existing development in the Green Belt to the southeast (World of Wedgewood). Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                       | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to the Green Belt purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                               | Moderate contribution |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b> |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>    |

Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status.

## C.20 Parcel 133



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists primarily of woodland, including Hem Heath Woods and Newpark Plantation. The inner boundaries between the parcel and large built-up area are durable consisting of a railway line to the west, Longton Road/Trentham Road to the north, and the limits of Newstead Industrial Estate to the northeast which has clearly defined boundaries. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of the railway line to the west which is durable, a track to the east which is less durable, and the limits of World of Wedgewood and Wedgewood Park to the south which is less durable. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's northern, western and northeastern boundaries with the northern half of the parcel being relatively enclosed by the large built-up area. As such, new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

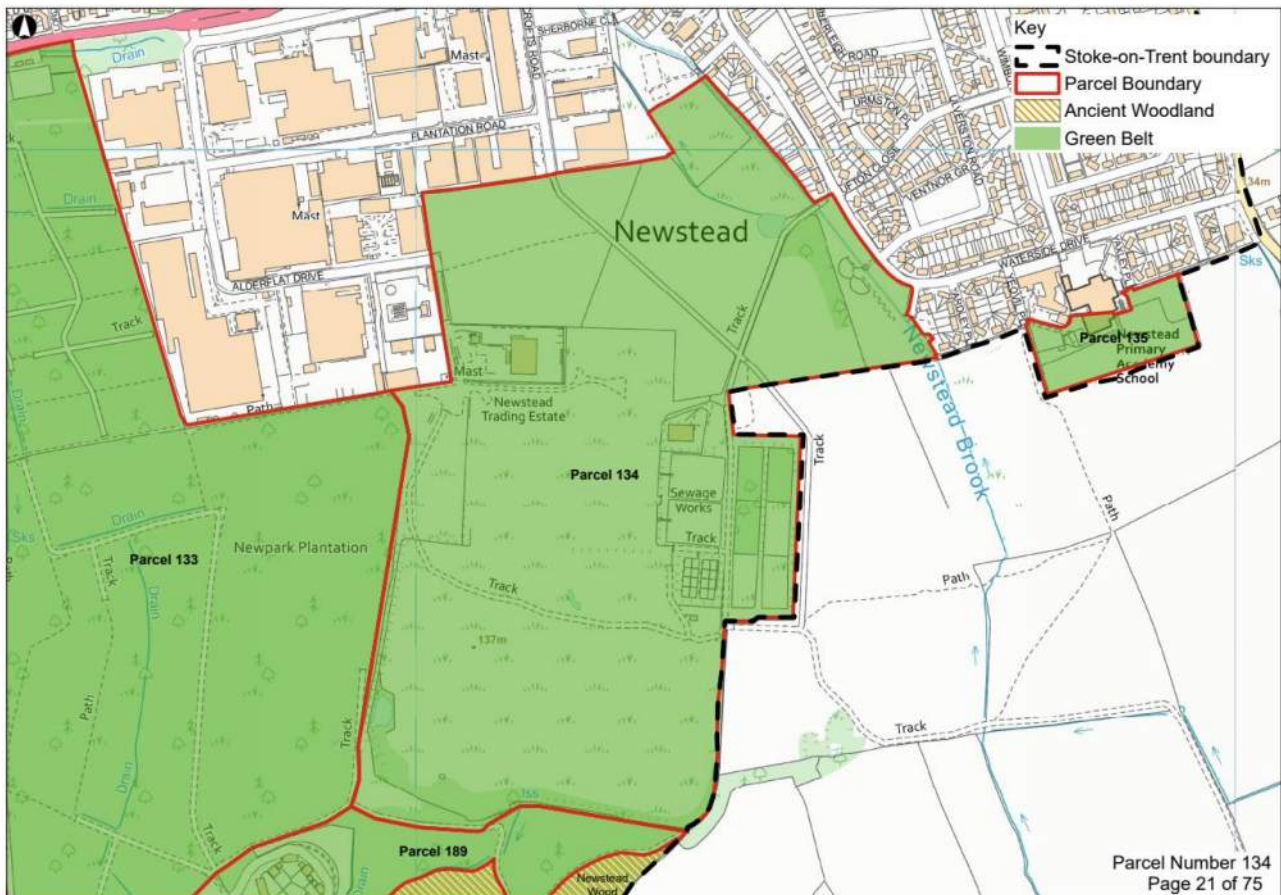
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution          |
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| and development of the northern half of the parcel could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel consists of woodland including Hem Heath Woods and Newpark Plantation. Due to the dense tree coverage throughout, no long line views are possible across the parcel. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness and it has no built form, dense vegetation and no long line views. The northern half of the parcel is relatively enclosed by the urban area, and the parcel is surrounded by the open countryside to the east however it is also enclosed by existing development in the Green Belt to the south due to World of Wedgewood and Wedgewood Park. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                              | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                         | Contribution |
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| contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to the Green Belt purposes. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.21 Parcel 134



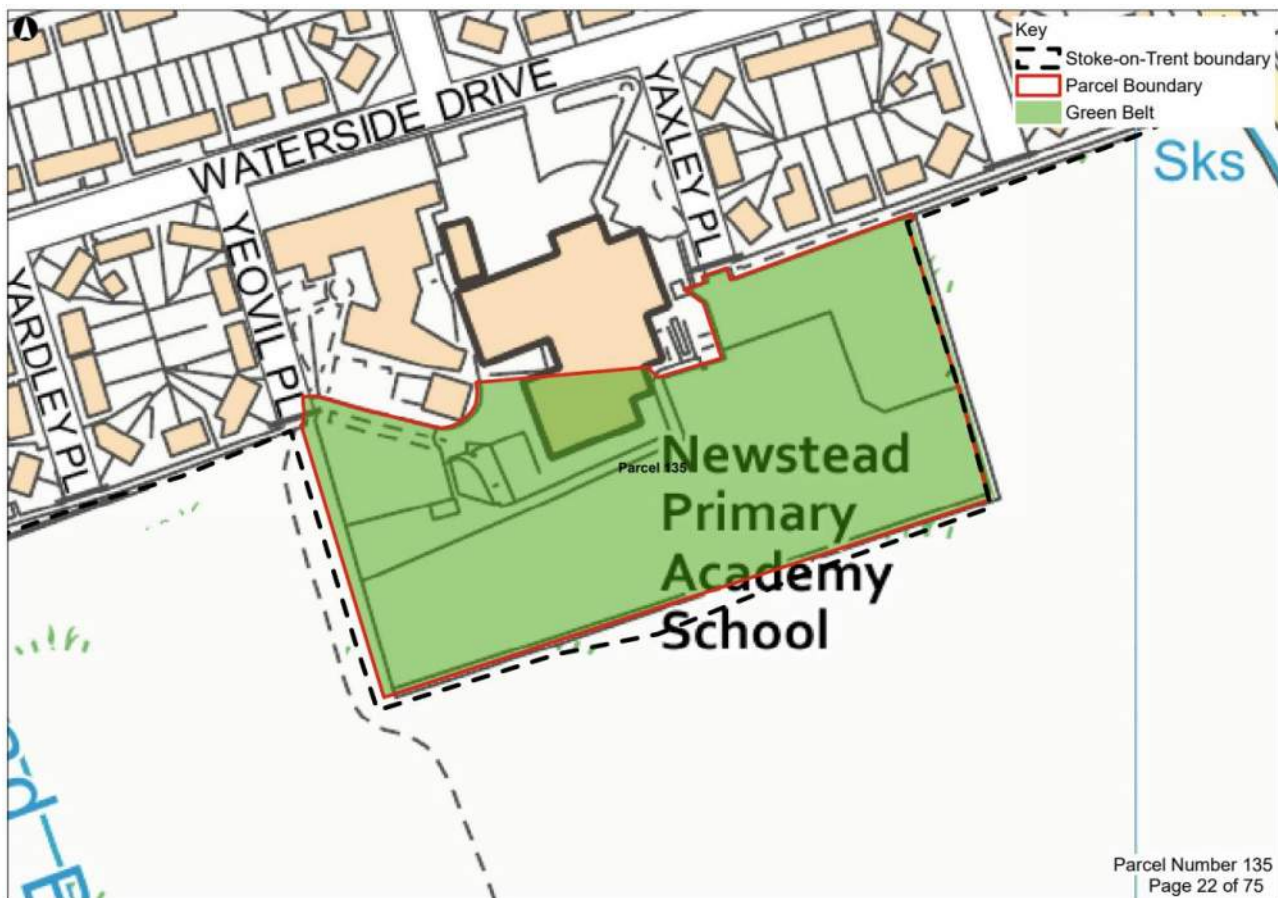
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists of open fields however it includes some existing development including part of Newstead Industrial Estate, a sewage works, and a children's play area (Newstead Park). The inner boundaries between the parcel and large built-up area are mixed consisting of Waterside Drive and the rear gardens of residential properties to the northeast, and the limits of Newstead Industrial Estate to the north and northwest which has clearly defined boundaries. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are less durable consisting of tree line and tracks and in parts the boundaries are not defined by any features on the ground. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's northeastern, northern and northwestern boundaries with the northern section of the parcel being relatively enclosed by the large built-up area. As such, new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and development of the northern section of the</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution          |
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| parcel could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel consists primarily of open fields however it includes some existing development including part of Newstead Industrial Estate, a sewage works, and a children's play area (Newstead Park). The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness as it has less than 10% built form, low levels of vegetation and open long line views in parts. The northern part of the parcel is enclosed by the urban area, and the parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the east however there is existing development in the Green Belt to the south (Barlaston) and south west (Wedgewood Park). Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                         | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                         | Contribution |
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| contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to the Green Belt purposes. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.22 Parcel 135



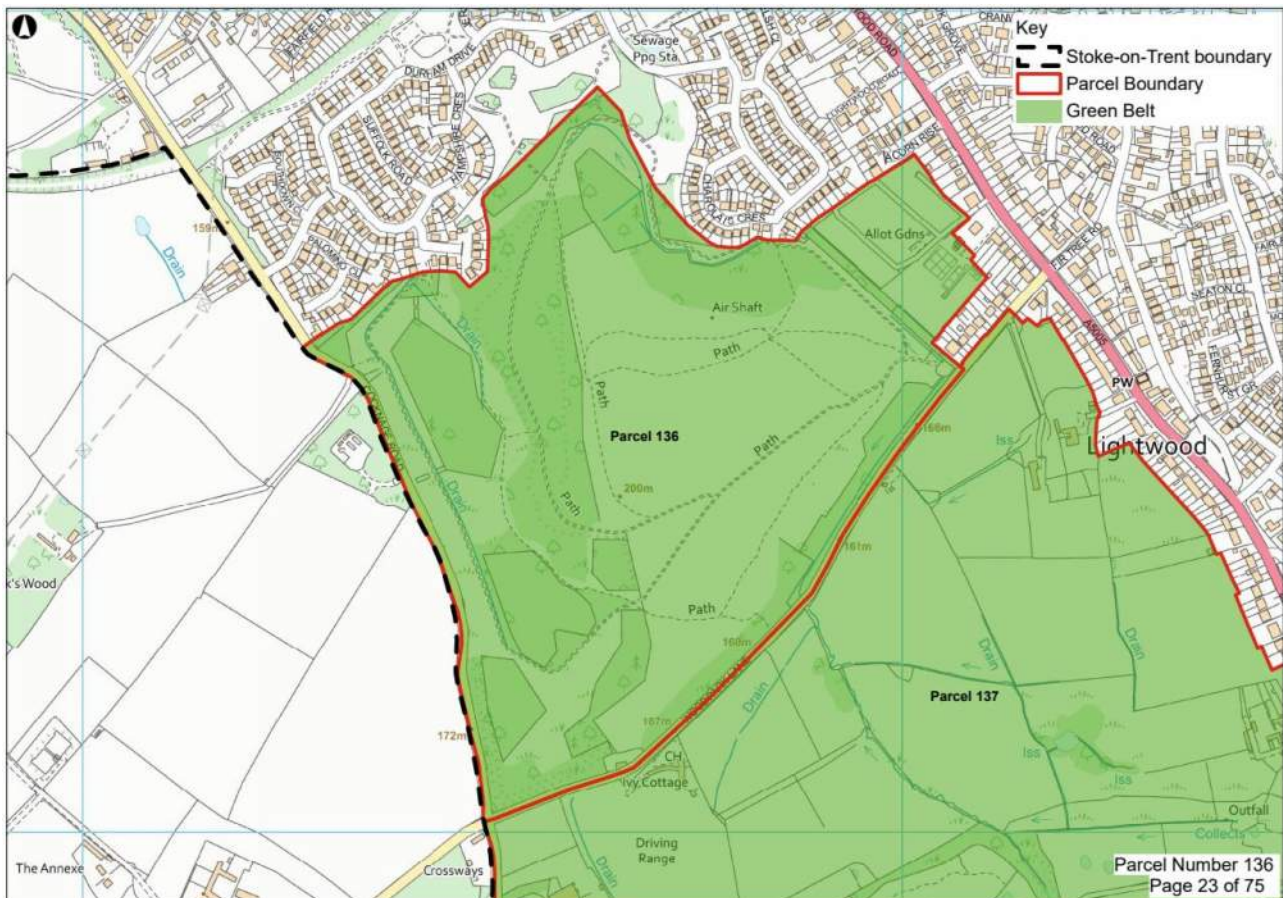
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists of part of the buildings of Newstead Primary School and associated car parking, playground, sports pitch and playing fields. The boundary between the parcel and large built-up area to the north is less durable as it follows a line of properties and footpath along Zetland Walk, and it cuts through the school building and follows the edge of the school curtilage. The boundary between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the east, south and west is less durable consisting of fencing which marks the edge of the playing field. As such, the parcel has limited physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's northern boundary and due to the existing development within the parcel, development of the parcel would not be considered to result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                              | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel consists of semi-urban land uses including Newstead Primary School and its associated car parking, playground, sports pitch and playing fields. The parcel has a weak degree of openness as it has between 20 and 30% built form, low levels of vegetation and limited long line views. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the east, south and west. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                       | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this parcel makes a weak contribution to the Green Belt purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Weak contribution     |



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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.23 Parcel 136



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel primarily consists of a Country Park with allotments located to the east. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of the rear gardens of properties to the north and east with a section of boundary which is not defined by any features. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Cocknage Road to the west and Woodpark Lane to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's eastern and northern boundaries and new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development given that the parcel is contained by durable road boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |

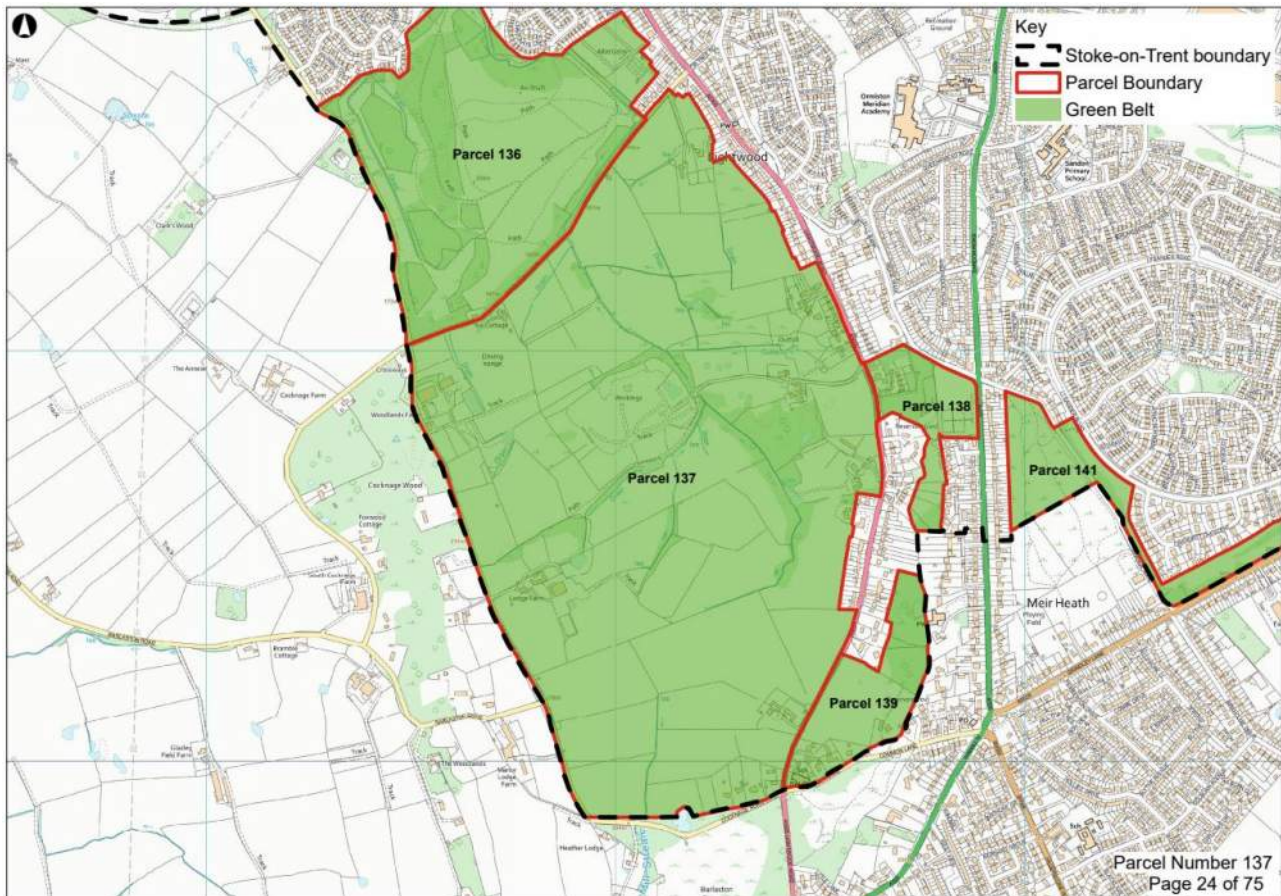
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution          |
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| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Weak contribution     |
| <p><b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| <p>The parcel is predominantly rural in nature consisting of a Country Park with woodland, dense vegetation and several footpaths as well as allotments to the east. The parcel has less than 10% built form and the topography of the parcel declines and ascends sporadically throughout the parcel. There are some long line views possible north, east and southeast from the southern section of the parcel creating a strong-moderate degree of openness overall. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the south and west. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution   |
| <p><b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                         | Weak contribution     |
| <p><b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Overall Assessment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment however</p>                              | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution |
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| there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt, which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |  |



## C.24 Parcel 137



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside (fields, sporadic tree coverage, and farm buildings), but it also contains some existing development including Copshurst Quarry, sparse residential properties, and Lightwood Golf driving range. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area to the east are mixed but are predominantly less durable consisting of the rear gardens of residential properties with some short sections of A5005 Lightwood Road. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Woodpark Lane to the north, Cocknage Road to the west, and Cocknage Road/Common Lane to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's eastern boundary and new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development given that the parcel is</p> | Moderate contribution |

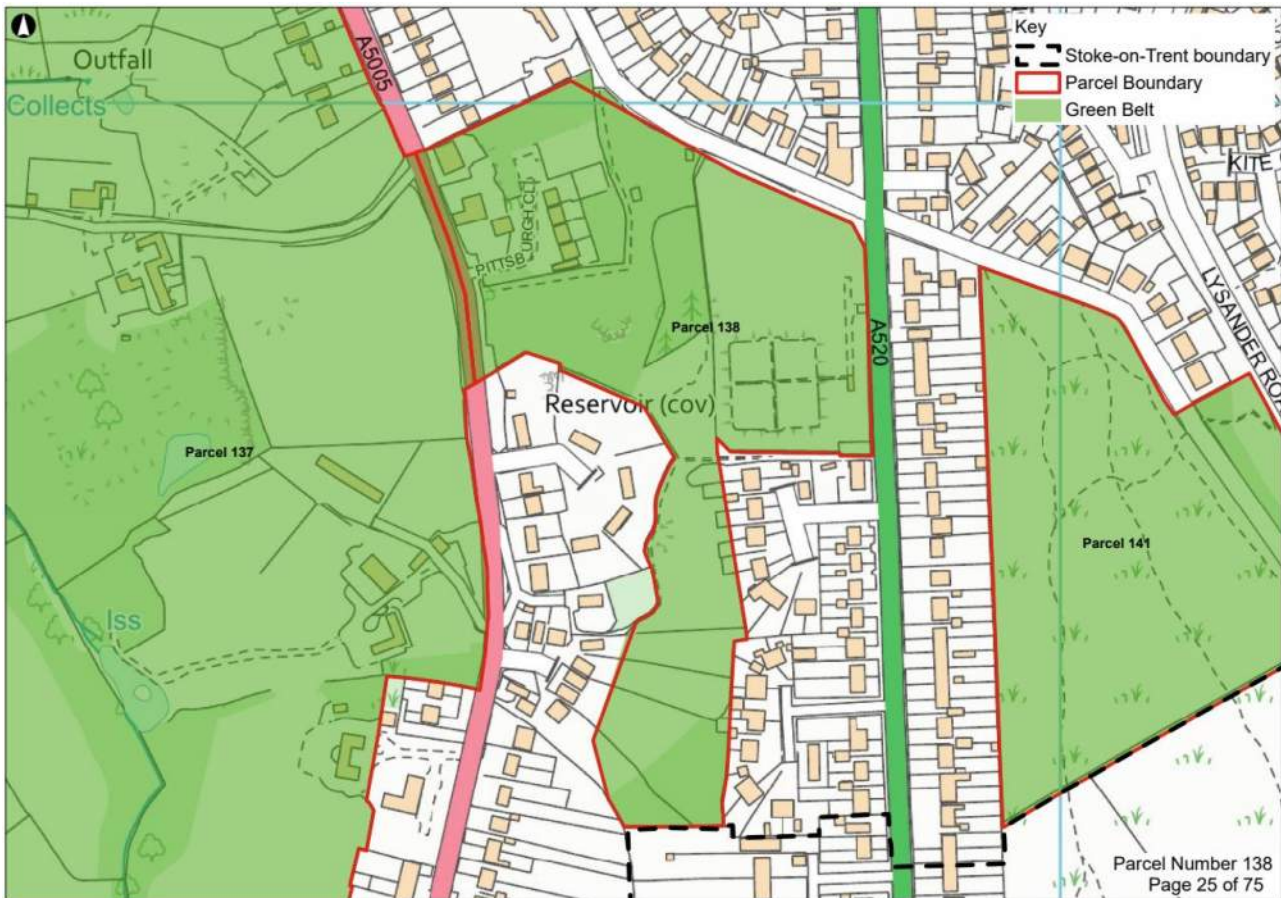


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution          |
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| contained by durable road boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The parcel is predominantly open countryside, consisting of rural land uses including farm buildings as well as sparsely located residential properties and Lightwood Golf driving range. Although not a rural land use, but typically located in rural areas, Cophurst Quarry is located in the middle of the parcel. The parcel has less than 10% built form and has open long line views from multiple viewpoints due to its low level of development and vegetation creating a strong sense of openness. The parcel's topography declines towards the south. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries including the northern, western, and southern boundaries with the settlement of Meir Heath located to the southeast. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Contribution                 |
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| <p>The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment however there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt, which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p><b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status.</p> |

## C.25 Parcel 138



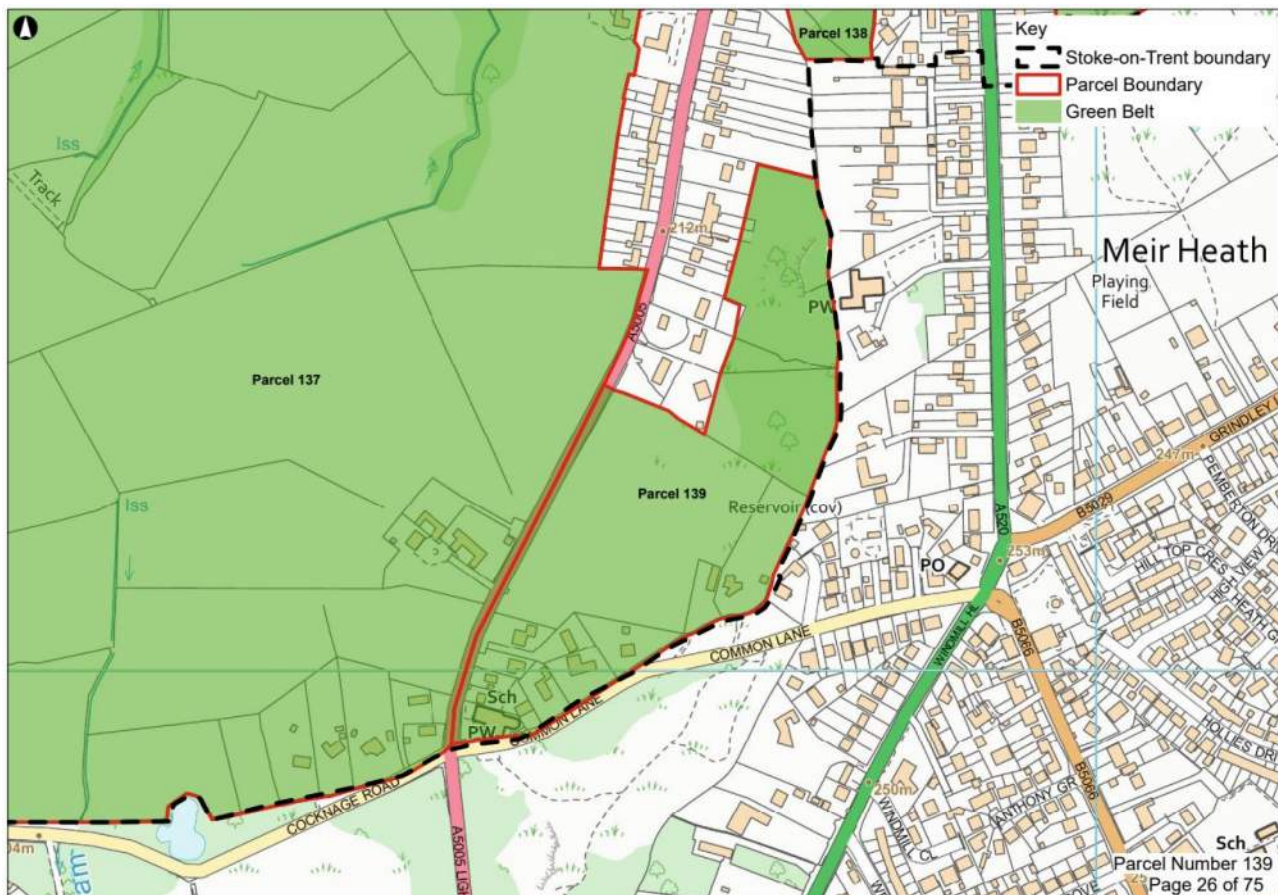
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution             |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel partly consists of open fields and dense vegetation with some residential development in the west and a covered reservoir in the east. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of Gravelly Bank to the north which is durable, Sandon Road to the east which is durable and the rear gardens of residential properties to the northwest and south which are less durable. The boundary between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the west is durable consisting of Lightwood Road (A5005). As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along the parcel's northern, eastern and southern boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between two or more neighbouring towns as it is enclosed by the urban area, therefore it makes no contribution to this purpose. Overall, this parcel makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open fields and dense vegetation and partly consists of residential development, and a covered reservoir. The parcel has a weak degree of openness as it has between 20 and 30% built form, and minimal long line views due to dense vegetation throughout the parcel. Additionally, the topography of the parcel inclines from the western to eastern boundary. The parcel is largely enclosed by the urban area (including Meir Heath) to the north, east, and south which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, this parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to any defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                      | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| This parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to three purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this parcel makes a weak contribution to the Green Belt purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Weak contribution     |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.26 Parcel 139



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution             |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                          |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel partly consists of open fields and dense vegetation with residential properties and a school to the south. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of the rear gardens of residential properties to the north and east. The boundary between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the west is durable consisting of Lightwood Road (A5005). As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The northern section of the parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area to the north, east and west, such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                          |

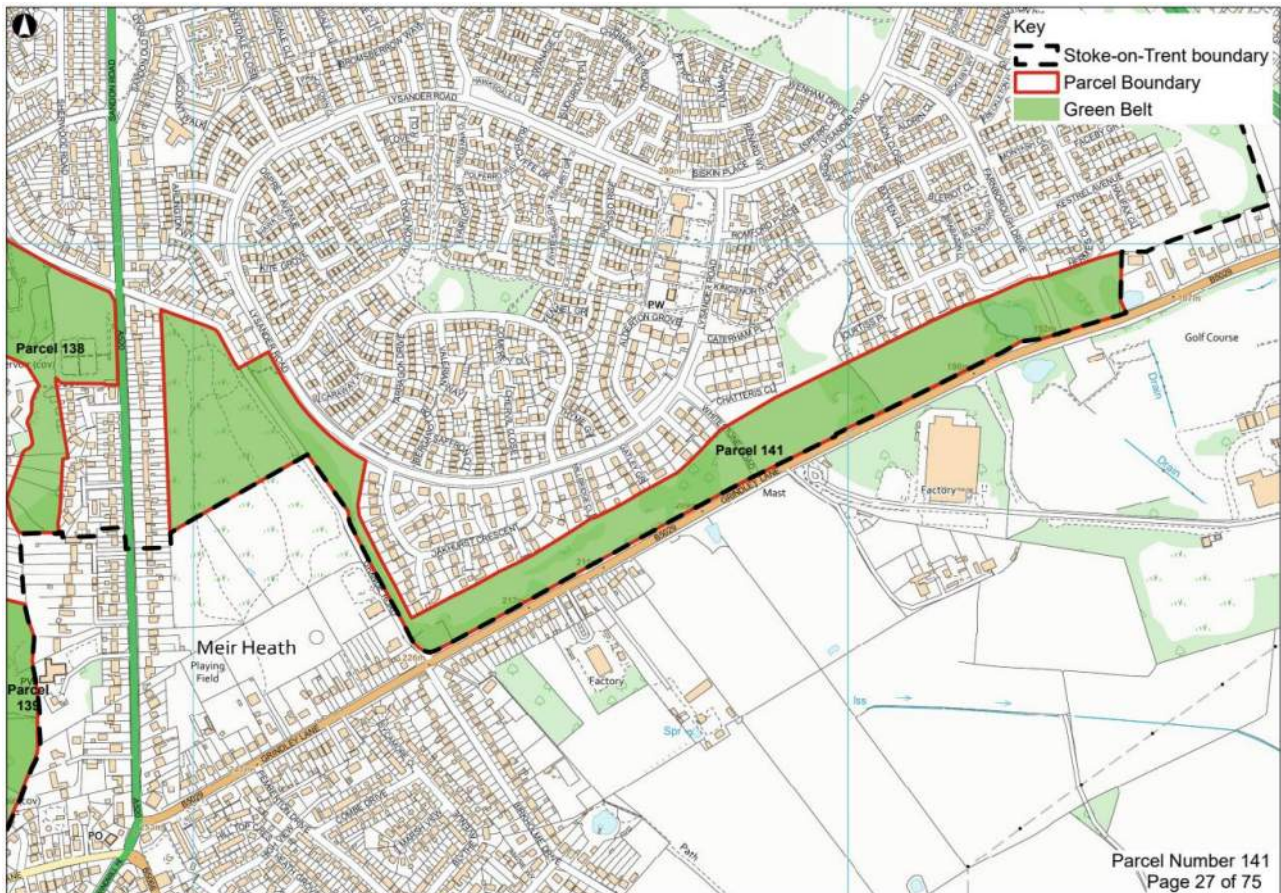
| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is partly open countryside consisting of dense vegetation to the north and open fields in the middle with development located to the south consisting of residential properties and St Matthews C of E Primary School. The parcel has a moderate-weak degree of openness with less than 20% built form, dense vegetation in parts and some long line views in parts. There is steeply inclining topography from the southwest looking to the northeast. The parcel is connected to open countryside to the west and south although Meir Heath is located to the southeast and east. The northern section of the parcel is largely enclosed by the urban area. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to, and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town, and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| This parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this parcel makes a weak contribution to the Green Belt purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b> |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>    |

Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status.



## C.27 Parcel 141



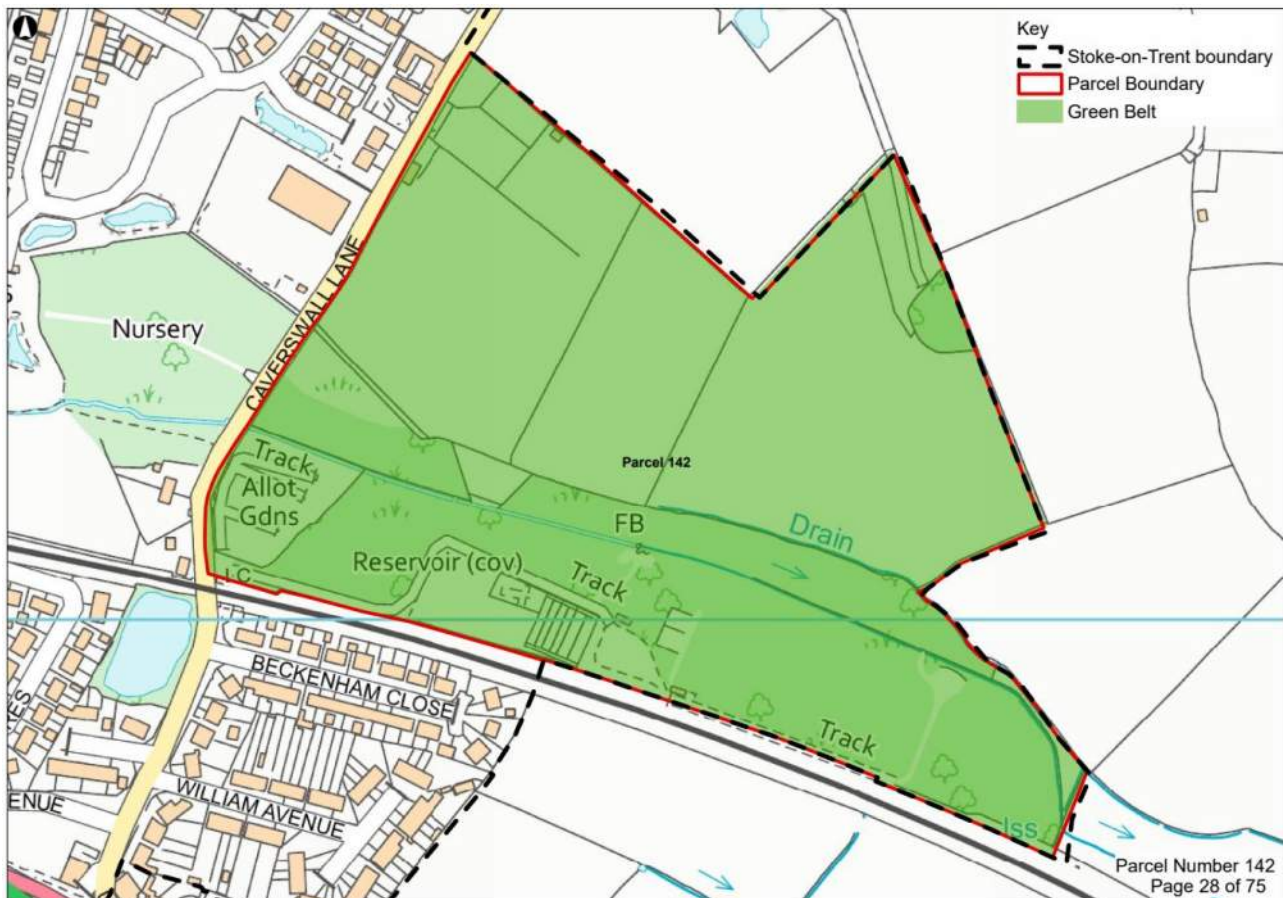
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Contribution             |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. This parcel predominantly consists of tall grass and dense tree cover in both the eastern and western (west of Grange Road) sections. The eastern section also contains areas of flat and open grassland and a small pond. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly less durable. The northwestern boundary includes a small section of Grange Road and Lysander Road which are durable boundaries however the northern, eastern and western boundaries follow the rear gardens of residential properties which are less durable boundaries. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the south are predominantly durable consisting of Grindley Lane (B5029) and a section which is undefined by any features. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along the parcel's northern, eastern, western and northwestern boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development, and it could be considered to round</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Contribution          |
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| off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between two or more neighbouring towns, therefore it makes no contribution to this purpose. Overall, this parcel makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel consists predominantly of tall grass and tree cover in both the eastern and western (west of Grange Road) sections. The eastern section also contains areas of flat and open grassland and a small pond. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form and a flat topography, but minimal long line views due to dense vegetation throughout most of the parcel. The parcel is enclosed by the urban area and Meir Heath (located within Stafford) which reduces its sense of openness. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to any defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                       | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this parcel makes a weak contribution to the Green Belt purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Weak contribution     |



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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.28 Parcel 142



Note: The parcel has the same boundaries as Site BL3 assessed in the GBA Part 3. The assessment has been replicated below.

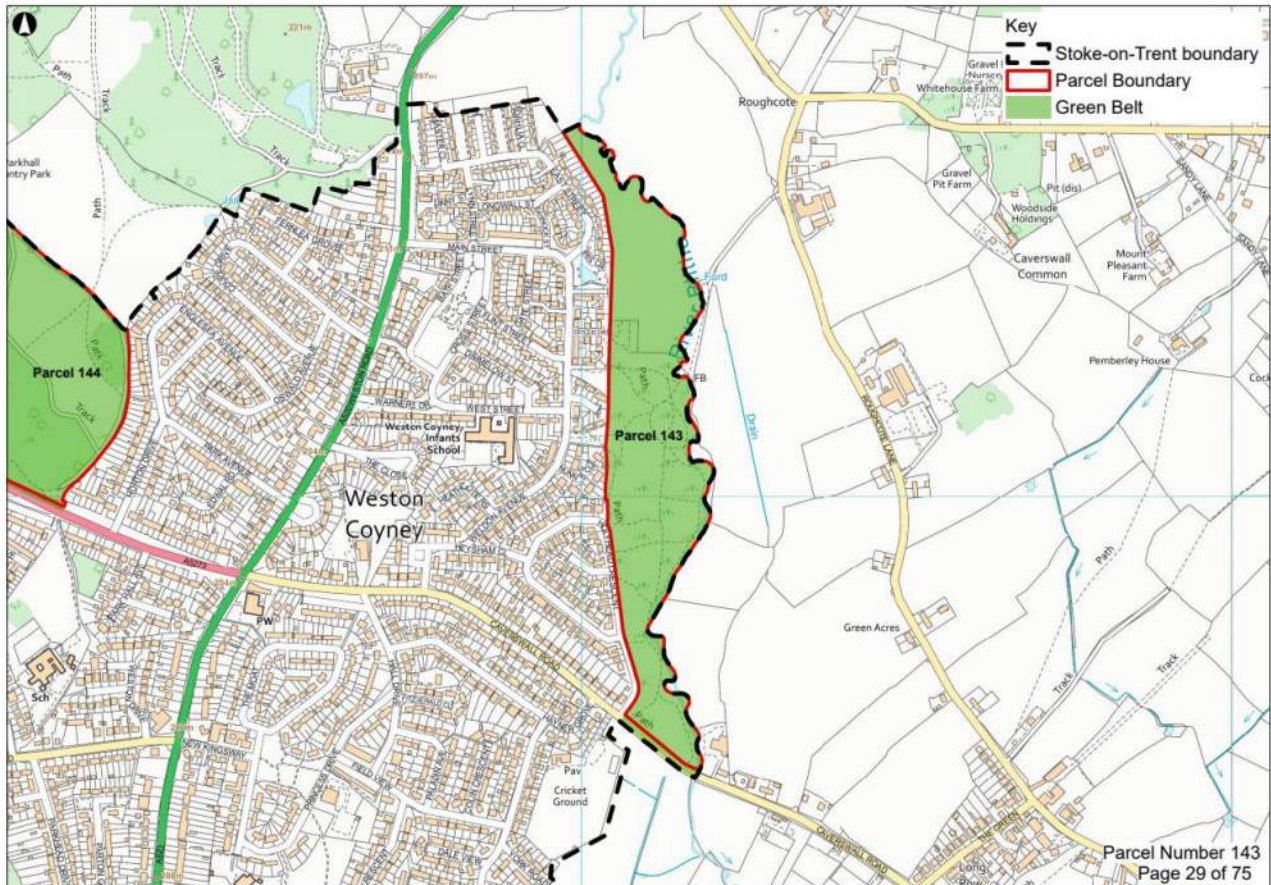
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside and contains an allotment and limited existing development including farm buildings. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are durable consisting of Caverswall Lane to the west and the railway line to the south. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the north and east are less durable consisting of trees and field boundaries. As such, due to the inner boundary, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's western and southern boundaries however new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Cheadle in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                           | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel is predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including an allotment and farm buildings. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography is mostly flat but slightly slopes down towards the south. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the north and east. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                               | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness and there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area, which can contain                         | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                      | Contribution |
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| development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.29 Parcel 143



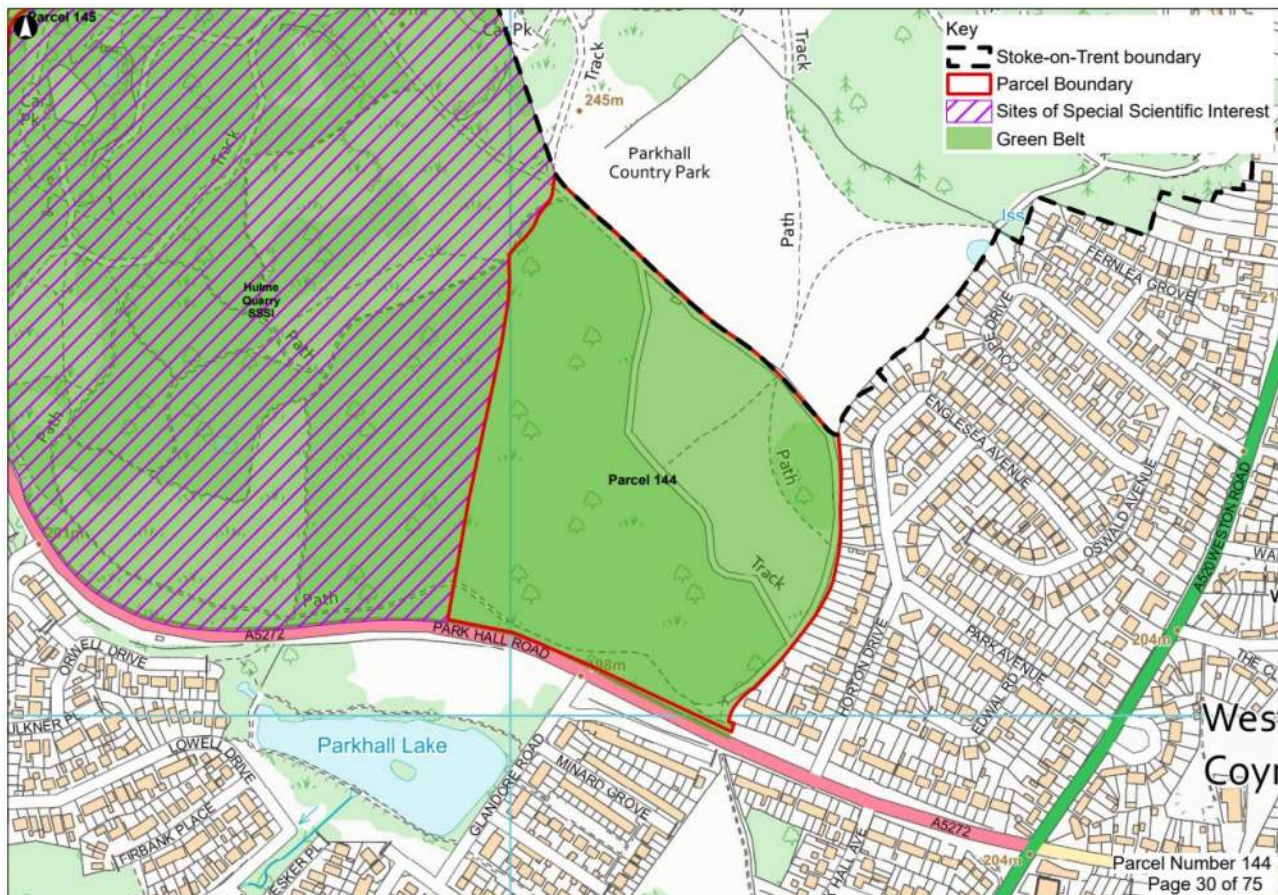
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of Holyhead Crescent and the rear gardens of properties along Weldon Avenue, Main Street and East Street to the west. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are predominantly durable consisting of the River Blithe to the east, Caverswall Road to the south and a very short section of boundary to the north which is undefined. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its western boundary and due to the shape of the parcel, combined with the durable outer boundaries, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                              |



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution                 |
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| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent built-up-area and Cheadle in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Weak contribution</p>     |
| <p><b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                              |
| <p>The parcel consists of rural land uses including a natural, grassy area and woodland. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness, with 10% built form, no long line views and dense vegetation. Its topography ascends in the north and south, with a dip in the centre. The parcel is connected to the urban area to the west and is surrounded by open countryside to the north, east and south. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Strong contribution</p>   |
| <p><b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Weak contribution</p>     |
| <p><b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                              |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <p><b>Overall Assessment</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| <p>The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the parcel supports a moderate degree of openness, and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, there are predominantly durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt which can contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.30 Parcel 144



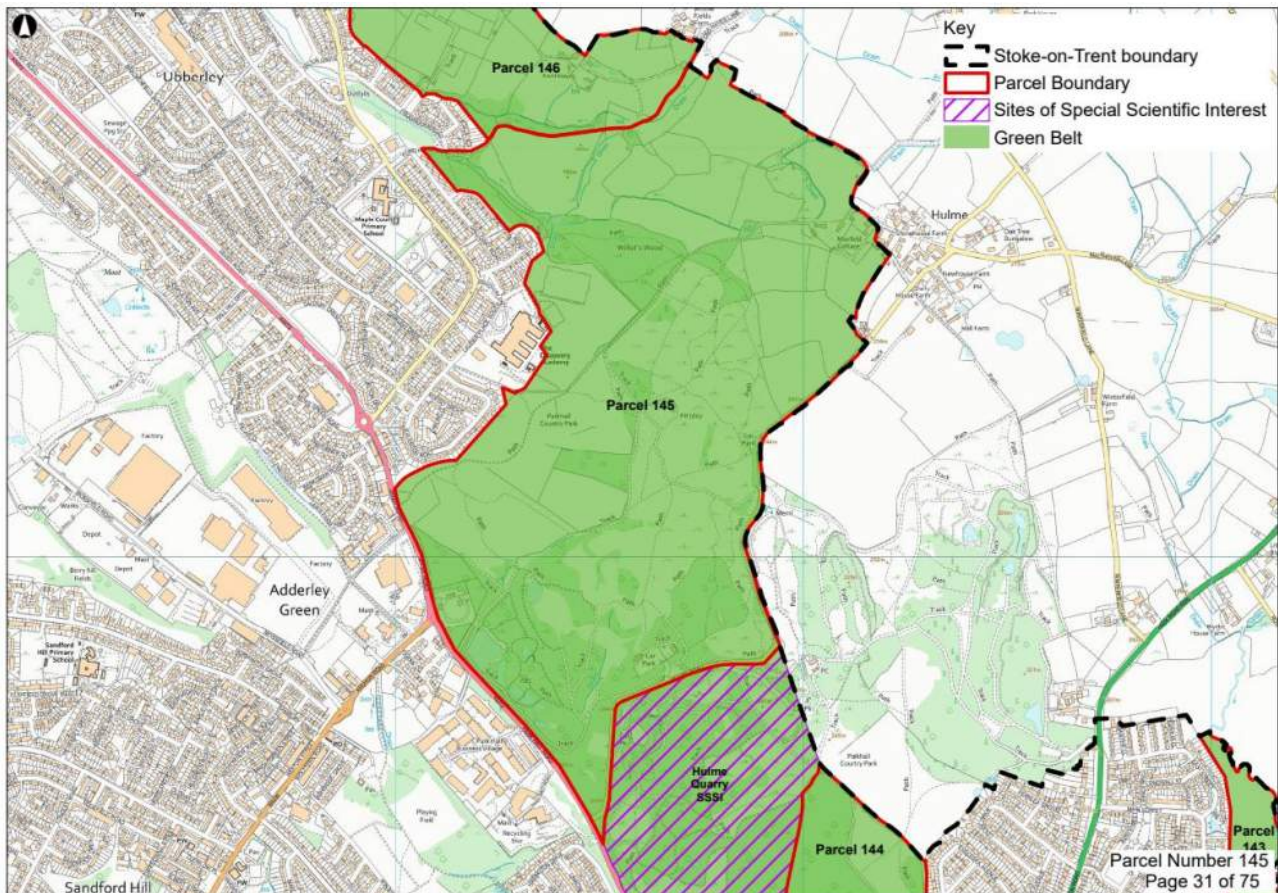
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of the rear property line of Horton Drive to the east and the B5040 to the south. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are less durable, consisting of hedgerows and tree lines to the north and being undefined to the west. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity however a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) adjoins the parcel to the west. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's eastern and southern boundaries and is partly enclosed by the built-up area such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                              |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution          |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel consists of open countryside including part of Park Hall Country Park and consists of rural land uses including woodland. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness with no built form however there are no long line views due to dense vegetation. Its topography inclines significantly towards the northwest. The parcel is connected to the urban area to the east and south and it is surrounded by open countryside to the north and west. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| This parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and no contribution to preventing towns from merging, the parcel's boundaries with the wider Green Belt are less durable and are in parts undefined, therefore the parcel plays a stronger role in preventing development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a strong contribution overall. | Strong contribution   |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.31 Parcel 145



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including sports pitches associated with the Discovery Academy School, a used car dealership, a car park (Park Hall Country Park car park) and farm buildings. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of Ford Hayes Lane and Thornhill Road to the northwest, the rear gardens of properties and parts of undefined boundaries to the west (particularly around the Discovery Academy), and Dividy Road/Park Hall Road to the south. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Ford Hayes Lane to the northwest, Hulme Road to the east, and field boundaries, tracks and partly undefined boundaries to the north and northeast. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's western and southern boundaries, and the southwestern part of the parcel is partly enclosed by the built-up area which combined with the overall shape of the parcel</p> | <p>Moderate Contribution</p> |

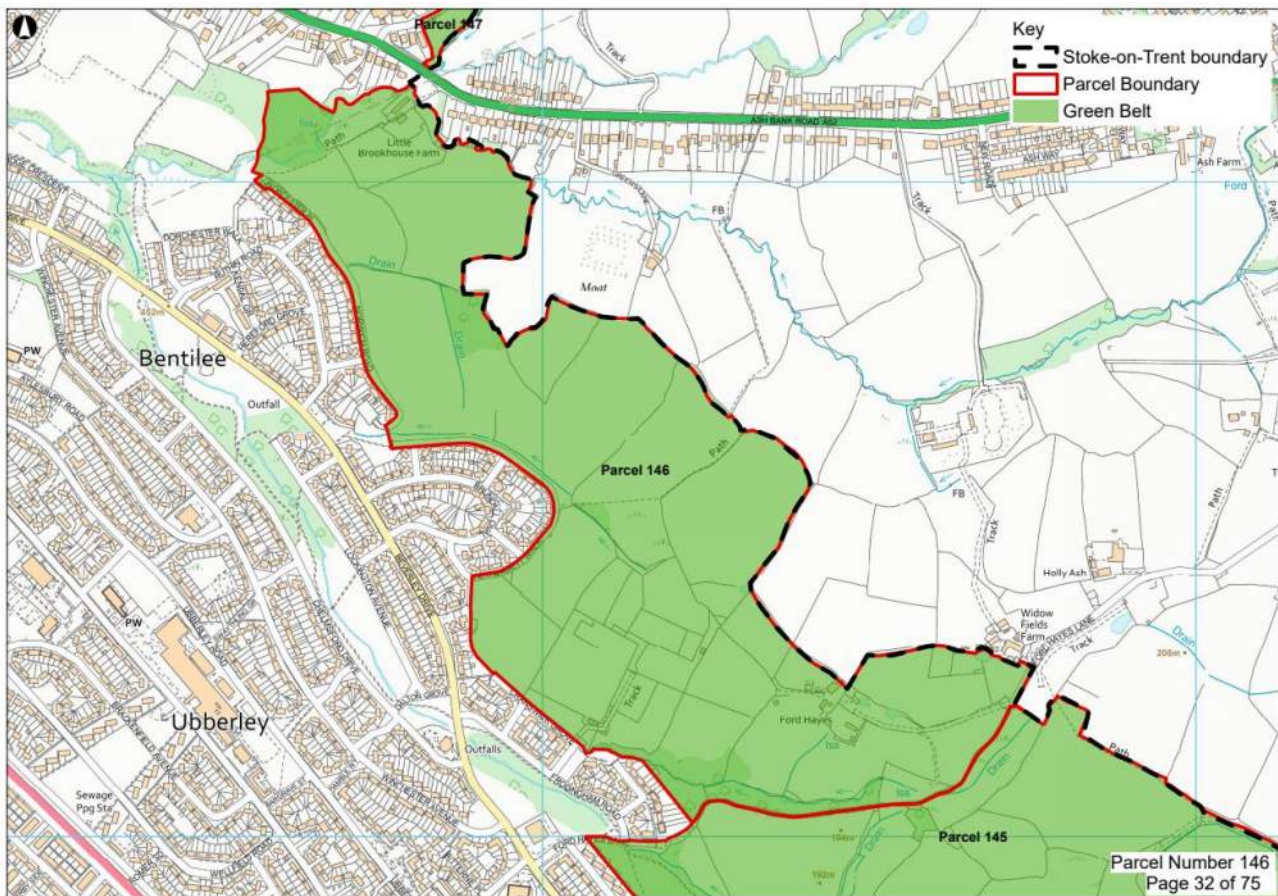
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Contribution          |
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| means that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent built-up-area and Cheadle in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would not have any impact on the visual, physical or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Weak Contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside (including part of Park Hall Country Park) and rural land uses including farms and woodland; however, it also includes some semi-urban land uses including sports pitches associated with the Discovery Academy School, a used car dealership, and a car park (Park Hall Country Park car park). The parcel has a moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form, no open long line views and dense vegetation. Its topography declines towards the southeast, such that there are some urbanising influences from the built-up-area in the northwest. The parcel is connected to the urban area to the west and south and it is surrounded by open countryside to the north, east and southeast. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong Contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| This parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Strong contribution   |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution |
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| <p>applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging, the parcel's boundaries with the wider Green Belt to the north and northeast are partly less durable and are in parts undefined, therefore the parcel plays a stronger role in preventing development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a strong contribution overall.</p> |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <p><b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <p>Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status.</p> |



## C.32 Parcel 146



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside consisting of scattered farms and a residential property. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of rear gardens of properties along Weighton Grove and Beverley Drive, as well as road boundaries (Cranswick Grove, Hethersett Walk, and Norwich Road) to the west, and less durable boundaries to the north and northwest including hedgerows and a tree line. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are also mixed consisting of Ford Hayes Lane to the south, with the remaining boundaries being hedgerows and tree lines to the east. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The northwestern edge of the parcel is partly enclosed by the large built-up area along its northwestern and western boundaries and due to the overall shape of the parcel, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

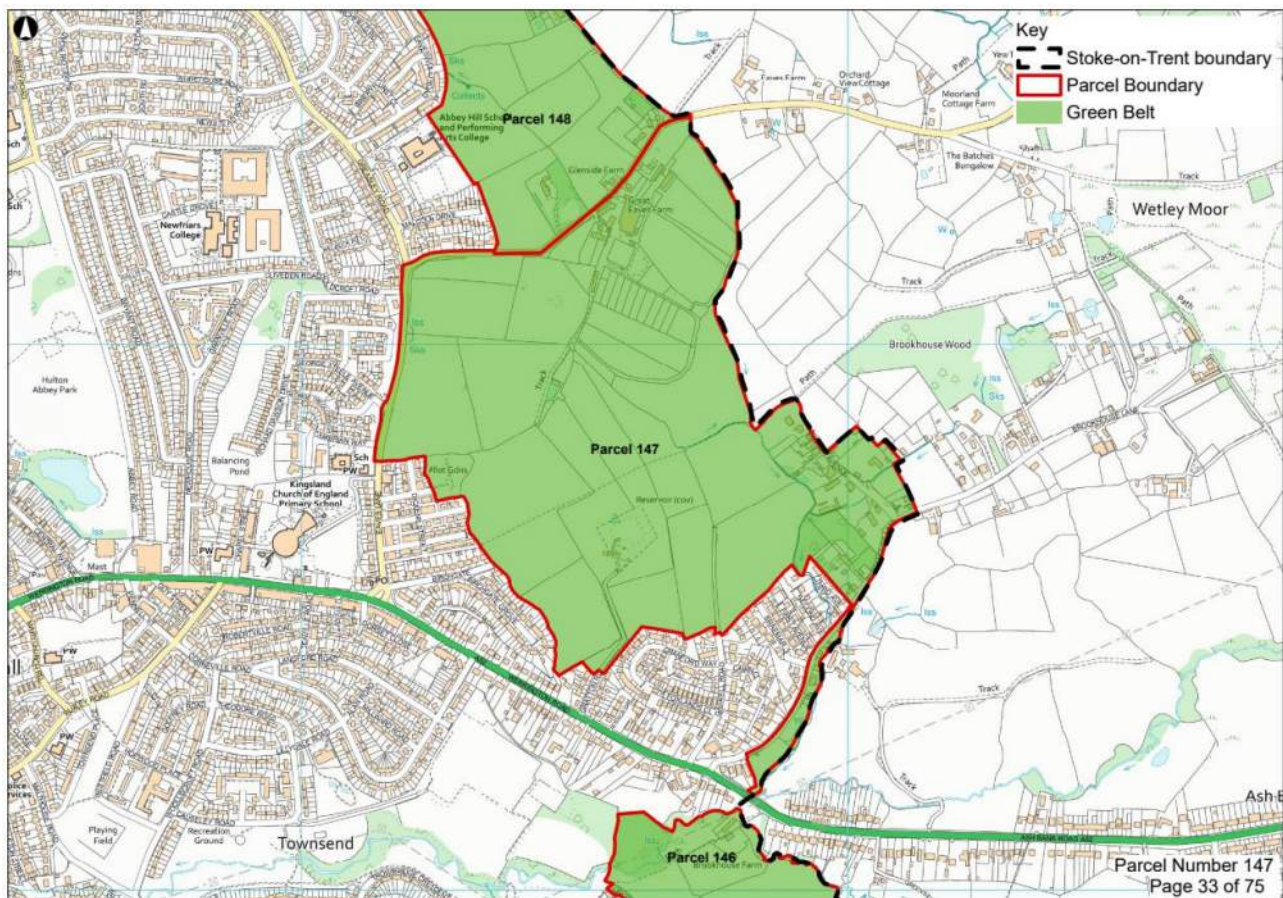
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel predominantly consists of open countryside and rural land uses including farms with a residential property located to the north of the parcel. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form, no open long line views and dense vegetation. Its topography declines steeply towards the north in the western and eastern parts of the parcel and steeply inclines towards north. Overall, the topography creates a valley along the southern boundary. The parcel is connected to the urban area to the west and northwest and it is surrounded by open countryside to the east and south. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| This parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and no contribution to preventing towns from merging, the parcel's boundaries with the wider Green Belt are less durable to the east, therefore the parcel plays a stronger role in preventing development | Strong contribution   |



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                | Contribution |
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| from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt.<br>It therefore makes a strong contribution overall. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.33 Parcel 147



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including agricultural buildings, residential properties, an equestrian rehabilitation centre and a garden centre. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of the rear gardens of residential properties to the southwest and south, Eaves Lane to the northwest and west, and Brookhouse Lane further south. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are predominantly less durable consisting of Eaves Lane to the north, with the remaining boundaries being hedgerows and tree lines. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The western half of the parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along the parcel's southern, western and northwestern boundaries such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and it could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

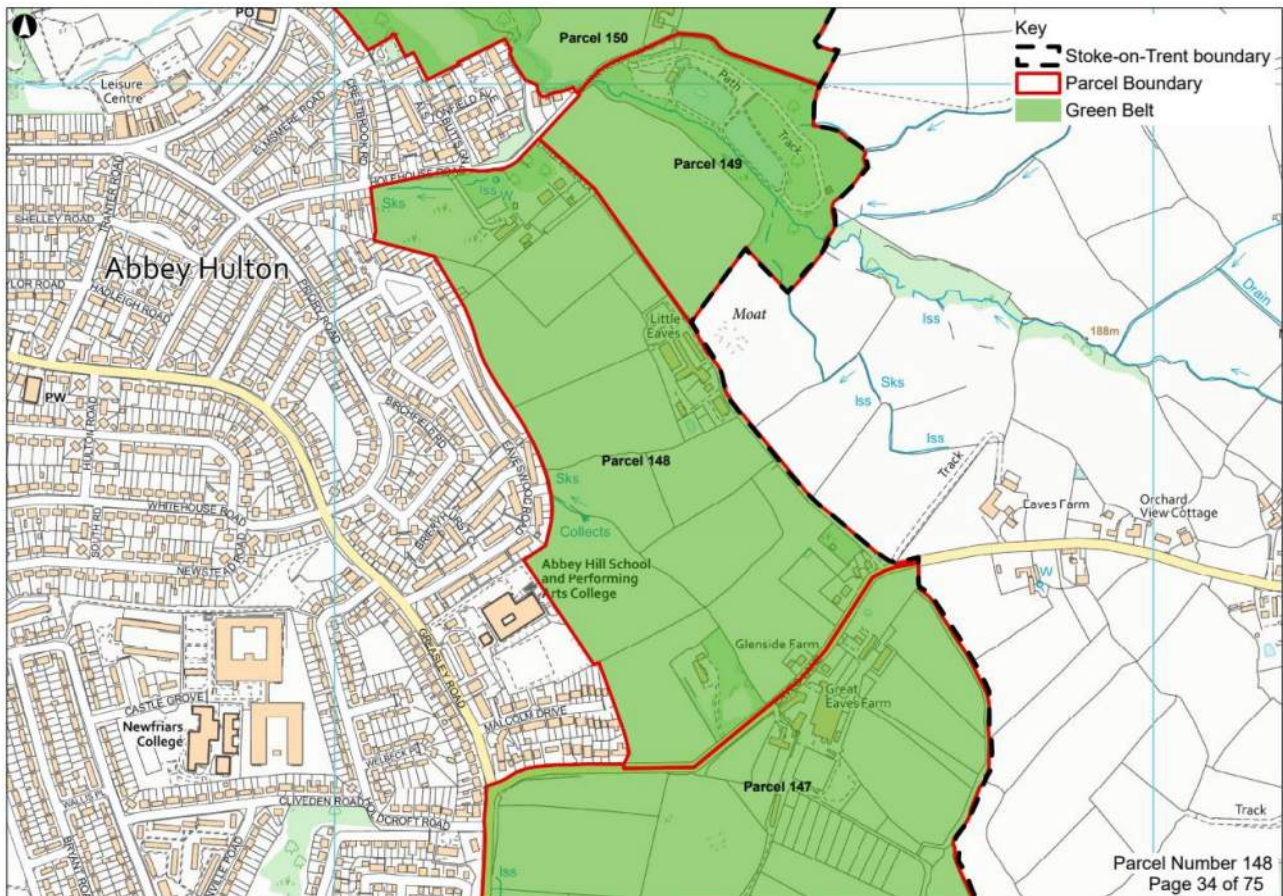
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including allotments (to the west) and agricultural land however it also includes residential properties along Fourth Avenue and Hillside Nurseries Garden Centre to the east. To the north of the parcel is Great Eaves Farm Equine Rehabilitation centre. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness with less than 20% built form and open long line views due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography ascends north. The western half of the parcel is largely enclosed by the large-built up area along several boundaries however the parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the north and east. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment however the western half of the parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area and could be considered to round off the settlement pattern therefore development would not threaten the overall  | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                  | Contribution |
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| openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.34 Parcel 148



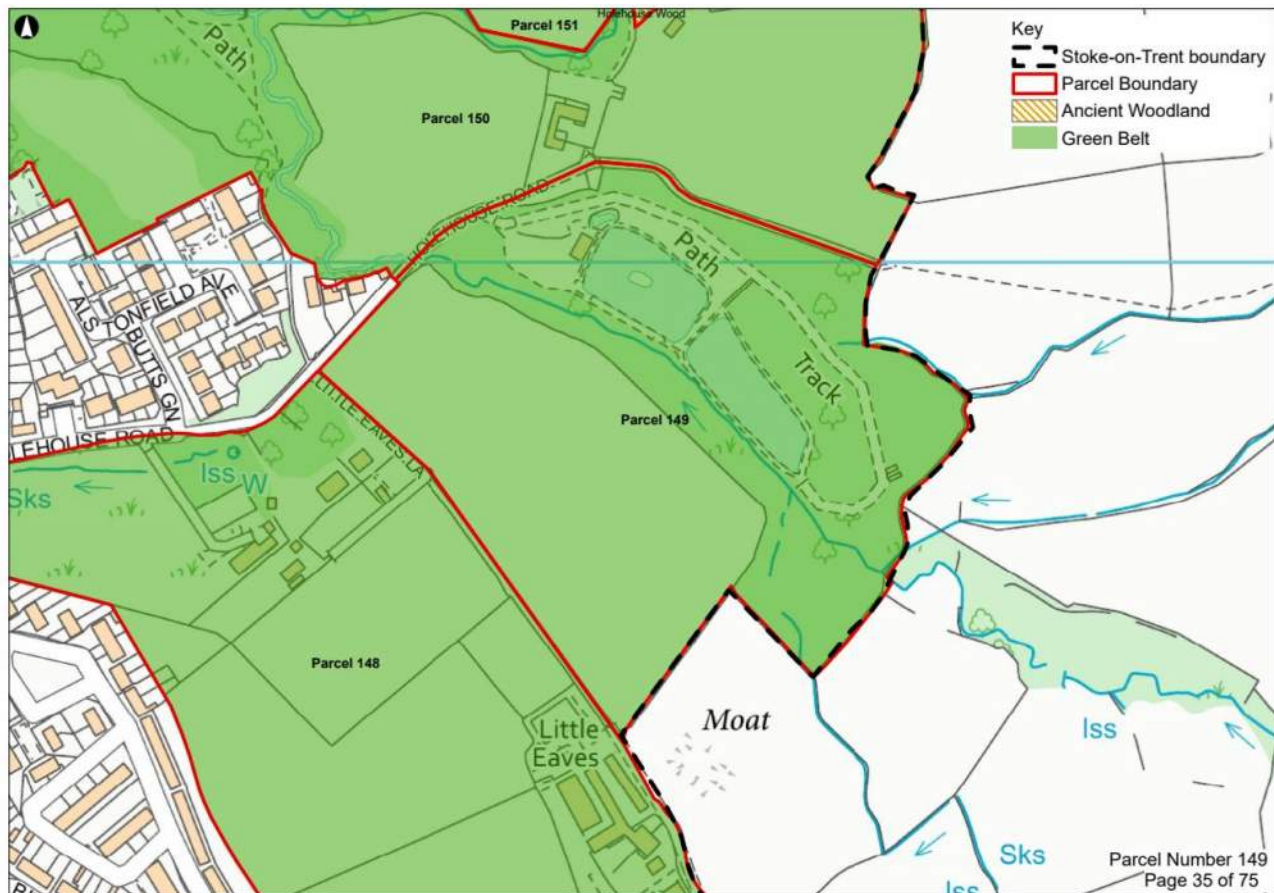
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Contribution          |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is largely free of existing development however it includes some residential properties to the north and south. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of Holehouse Road to the north and the rear gardens of properties along Eaveswood Road and Malcolm Drive to the west. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are predominantly durable consisting of Little Eaves Lane to the east and Eaves Lane to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's northern and western boundaries, and due to the shape of the parcel, combined with its durable outer boundaries, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <p><b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution          |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel predominantly consists of open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land and a farm (Little Eaves Farm) although it includes some residential development to the north and south. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line towards the north from the east, due to its low level of development. The parcel has sporadic dense vegetation and more pronounced dense vegetation in the northeast. The parcel's topography inclines towards the west. The parcel is connected to the large-built up area to the north and west however it is surrounded by open countryside to the east and south. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                         | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness, and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt which can contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. | Moderate contribution |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.35 Parcel 149

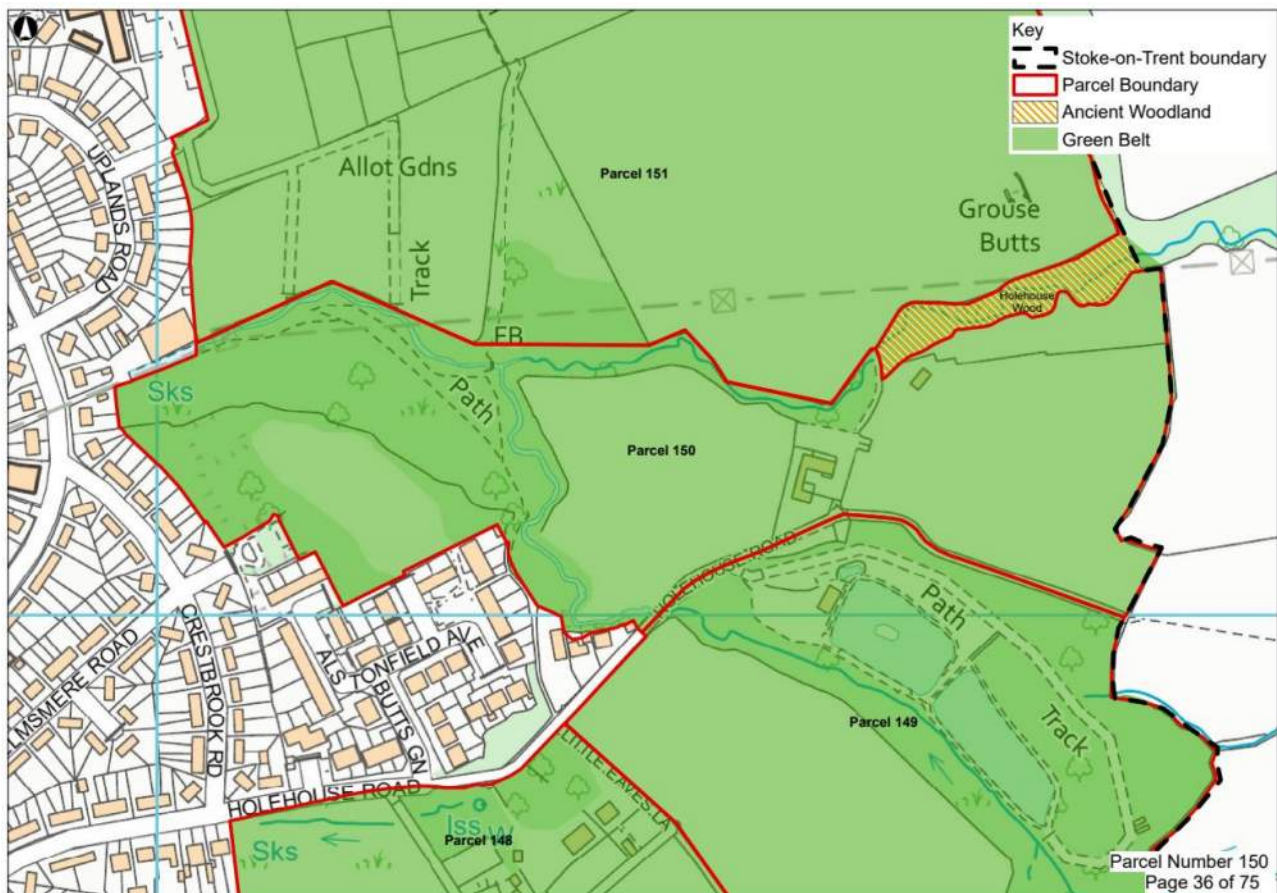


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Contribution               |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                            |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some limited existing development associated with Moorside Fisheries fishing club. The inner boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area is durable consisting of Holehouse Road to the northwest. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Little Eaves Lane to the west and Holehouse Road to the north, with the remaining boundaries being hedgerows and tree lines. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel has a limited connection to the large built-up area along a small section of Holehouse Road and due to its level of connection, combined with its shape, and its less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                            |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel predominantly consists of open countryside and rural land uses including agricultural land and woodland however it also Moorside Fisheries fishing club and existing development and hardstanding associated with this. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views towards the north, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography inclines towards the northwest. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Strong contribution   |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                 |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

## C.36 Parcel 150



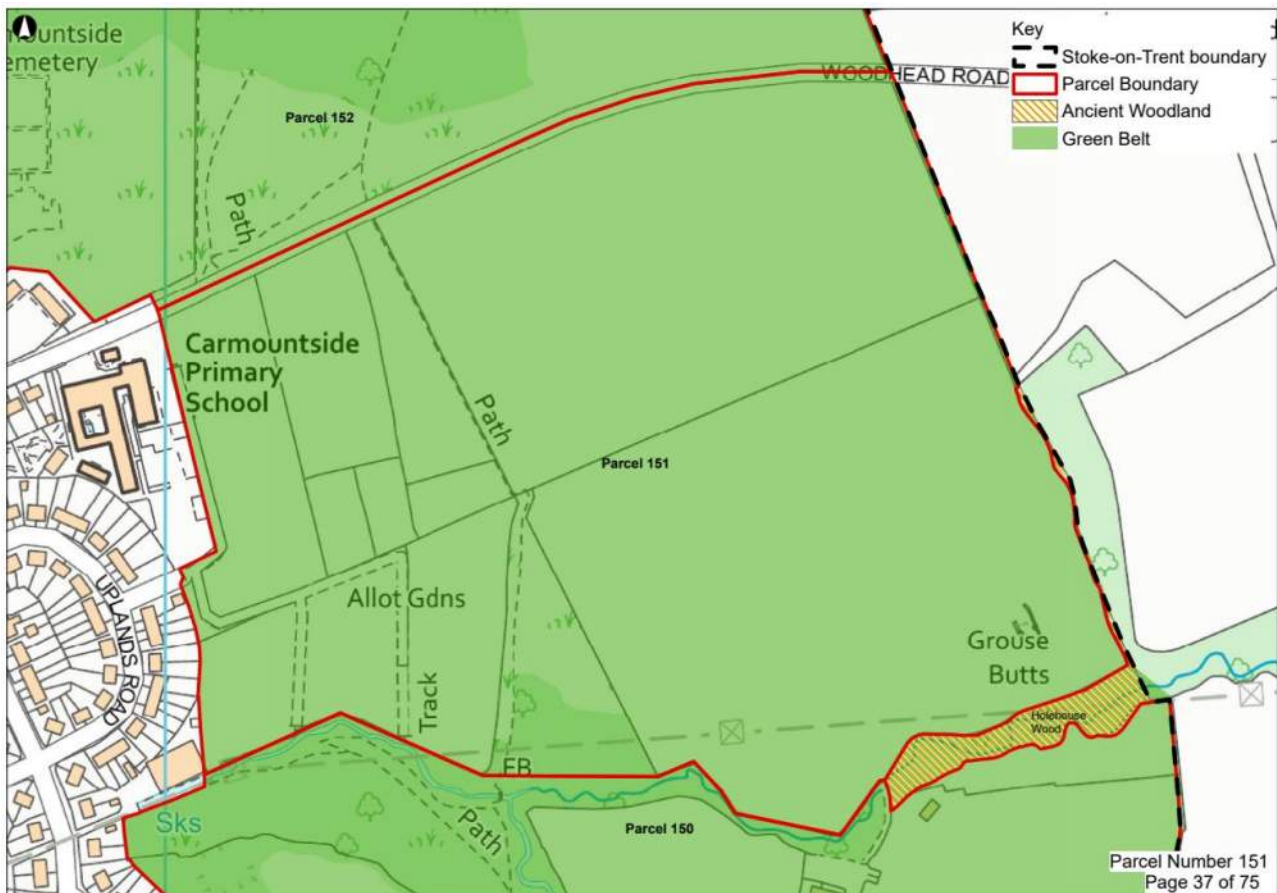
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Contribution        |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                     |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development and includes a farm in the middle of the parcel. The western inner boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area is less durable consisting of the rear gardens of residential properties along Abbots Road, Crestbrook Road, Butts Green and Alstonfield Avenue. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are predominantly less durable consisting of hedgerows and tree lines to the north, east and south with a small section of Holehouse Road to the south. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel has limited physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its western boundary and due to its level of connection, combined with the shape of the parcel and its less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution |



| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                       |
| The parcel consists of open countryside and consists of rural land uses including open fields, agricultural land and woodland; with a farm located in the middle. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from the east towards the west, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography inclines towards the east. The parcel has no urbanising influences. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. |  | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | Strong contribution   |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                 |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |  |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |  |

## C.37 Parcel 151

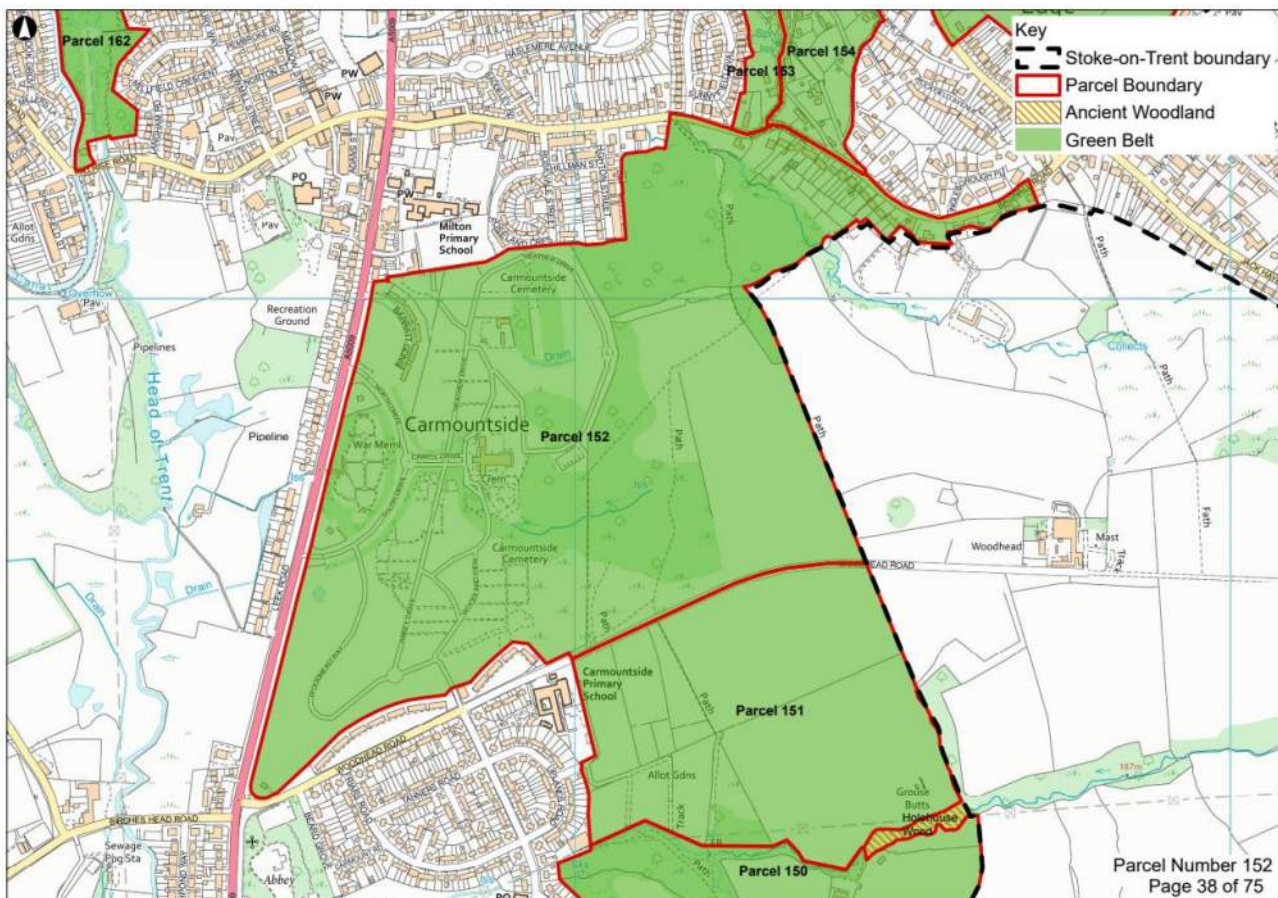


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution        |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b><br><br><p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The western inner boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area is less durable consisting of the curtilage of Carmountside Primary School as well as the rear gardens of properties along Uplands Road. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are predominantly less durable consisting of Woodhead Road to the north which is durable, with the remaining boundaries being hedgerows and a tree line to the east and south. As such, the parcel has limited physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its western boundary and due to its level of connection, combined with the shape of the parcel and the less durable boundaries to the east and south, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                     |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel consists of open countryside and consists of rural land uses including grassland, woodland and allotments. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with no built form and open long line views. The topography of the parcel is undulating. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the north, east and south. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.         | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                               | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                             | Strong contribution   |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                     |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a, and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

## C.38 Parcel 152



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside and woodland although it contains some existing development including residential properties, a chapel and cemetery. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of durable boundaries to the west (Leek Road) and north (Bagnall Road), and less durable boundaries to the northwest and southwest including hedgerows, tree line, and rear gardens of residential properties. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are also mixed consisting of Woodhead Road to the southeast, with the remaining boundaries being hedgerows and a tree line. The western half of the parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its northern, western and southwestern boundaries such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and it could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |

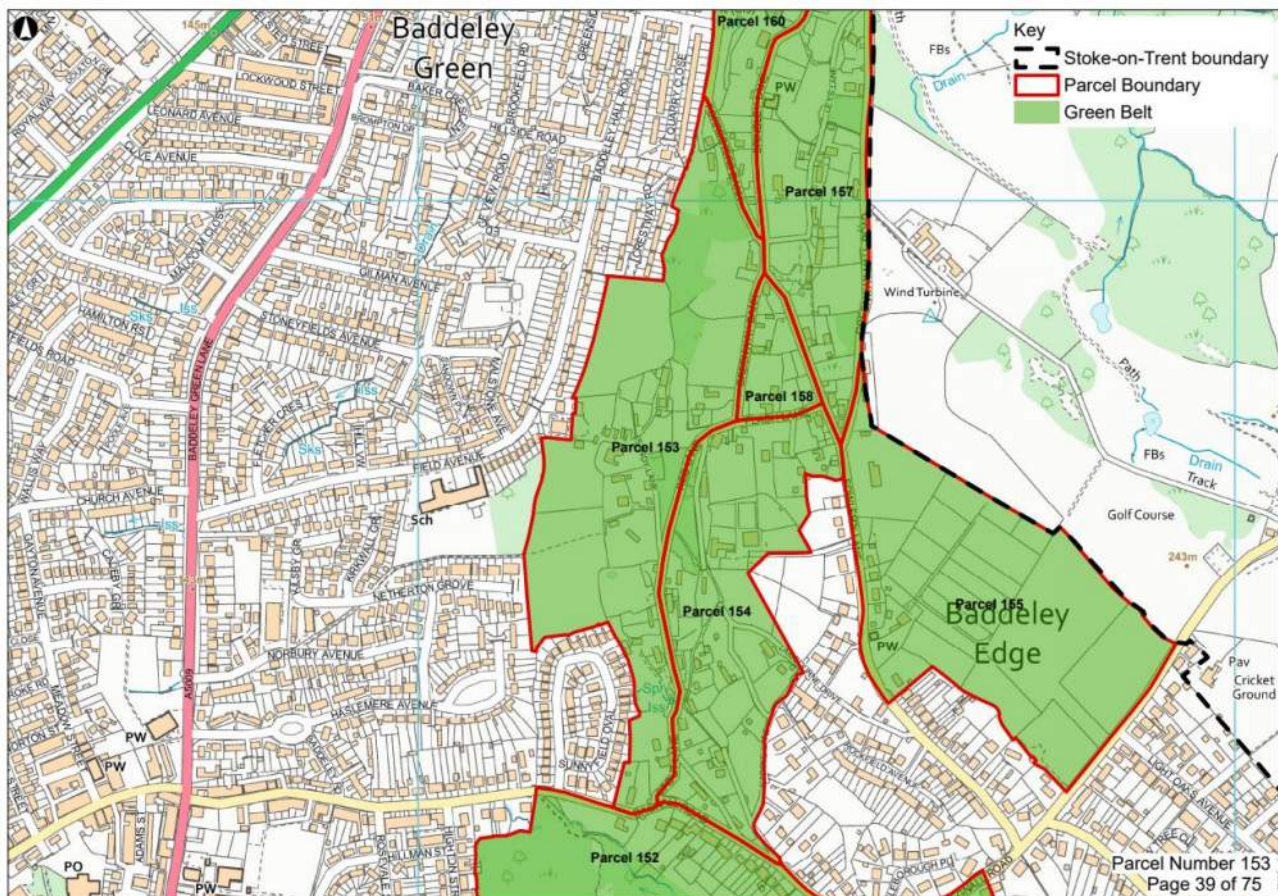


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Contribution          |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside and rural land uses including woodland (Bagnall Road Wood Nature Reserve); however it also includes some semi-urban land uses including residential properties to the northeast (along Bagnall Road) and west (along Barratt Gardens), a Baptist Chapel and a cemetery (Carmountside Cemetery and Crematorium). The cemetery is considered to be an acceptable use in the Green Belt provided it preserves openness. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness with less than 20% built form, some areas of dense vegetation, and open long line views from some locations. The parcel's topography declines in the southwest. The western half of the parcel is largely enclosed by the urban area with the settlement of Light Oaks also to the northeast, which impact its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Moderate contribution |



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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.39 Parcel 153



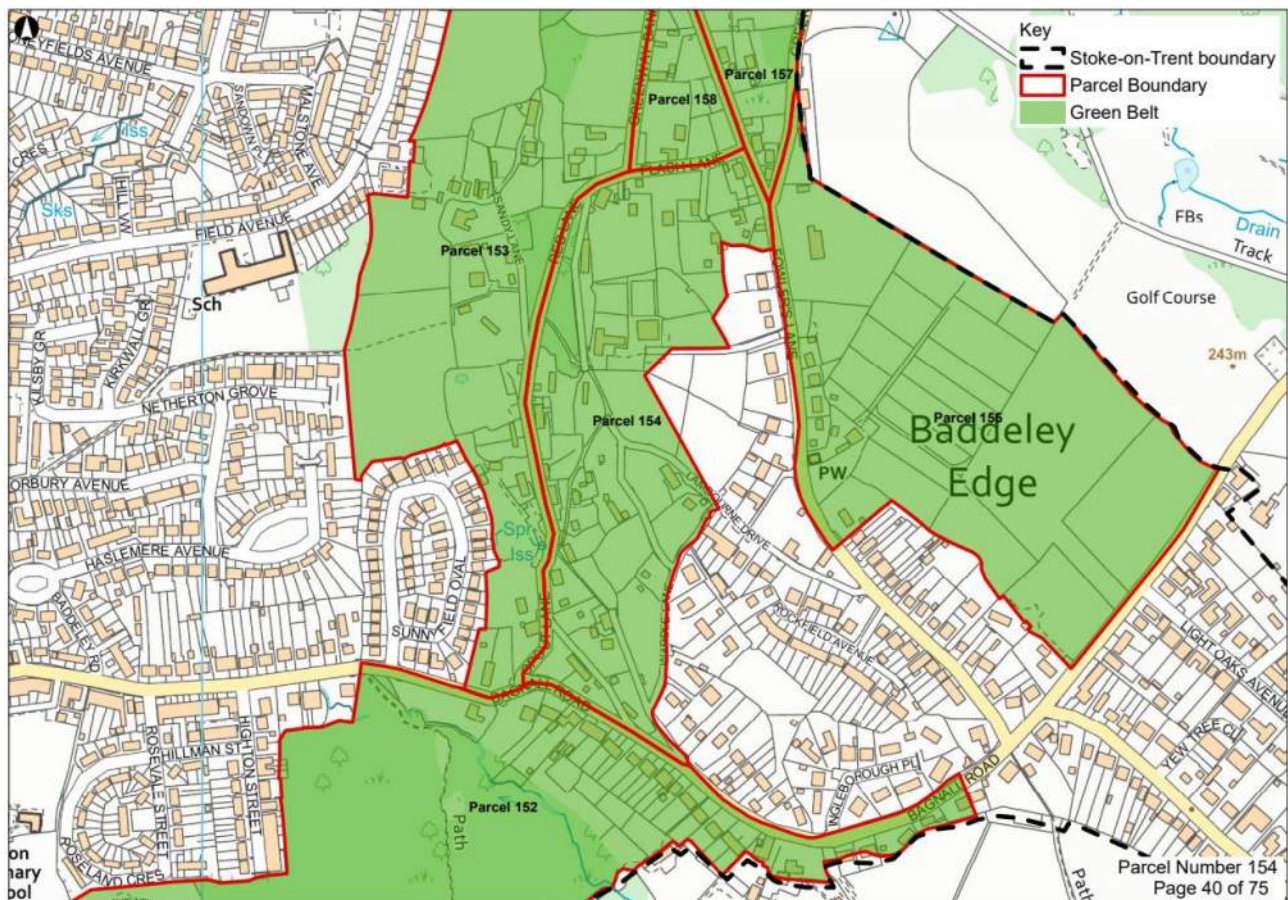
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution             |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is partially open countryside and woodland although it contains existing development including several residential properties. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of the rear gardens of residential properties along Baddeley Hall Road, Quarry Close, Crestway Road and Sunnyfield Oval to the west. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Forrester's Bank to the north, Greenway Bank, Red Lane and Spout Lane to the east, and Baghall Road to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its western boundary such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and it could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution          |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside (and rural land uses including agricultural land and woodland), however it also includes some semi-urban land uses including several residential properties. The parcel has a weak degree of openness with between 20 and 30% built form and no long line views of the countryside. The parcel consists of dense vegetation, and its topography declines steeply towards the west from the west and southwest, which increases the effect of urbanising influences towards the parcel. The parcel is largely enclosed by existing development due to the urban area to the west, the inset settlement of Light Oaks to the east, and existing development in the Green Belt adjacent to the parcel. This further reduces its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to three purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Weak contribution     |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.40 Parcel 154



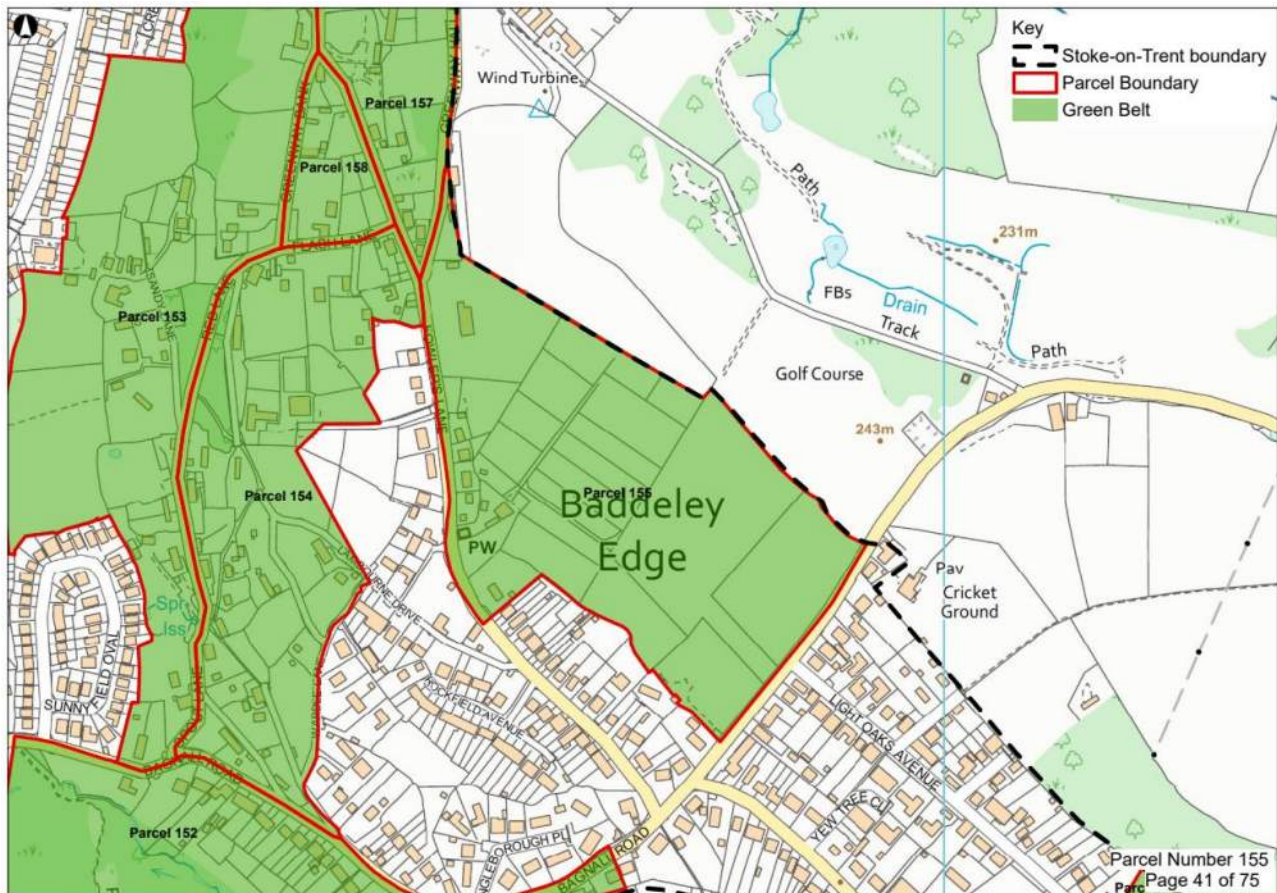
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution      |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                   |
| <p>The parcel is located near to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area being functionally linked to it due to Bagnall Road and the existing development in the Green Belt between the parcel and the urban area. The parcel contains significant existing development consisting of Baddeley Edge including residential properties, industrial properties and a large industrial sized farm complex. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Red Lane and Flash Lane/Greenway Bank to the north, Wardle Lane to the southeast, Bagnall Road to the south, Spout Lane to the west and Red Lane to the northwest. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The settlement of Light Oaks is located to the east of the parcel. The parcel is not directly connected to the large built-up area however it is in very close proximity. Given the extensive existing development within the parcel, new development would not be considered to result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | Weak contribution |



| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside and rural land uses including agricultural land, woodland and fields; however, it also includes semi-urban land uses including residential properties, industrial properties and a large industrial farming complex. The parcel has a weak degree of openness, with around 30% built form and no long line views into the wider countryside. The parcel consists of dense vegetation, and its topography slightly declines to the west. This accentuates the long line views in this direction, as well as increasing urbanising influences from nearby settlements. The parcel is partially enclosed by existing development due to the urban area to the west and the inset settlement of Light Oaks to the east, with existing development in the Green Belt surrounding the parcel. This further reduces its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. |  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |

## C.41 Parcel 155



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Contribution        |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                     |
| The parcel is not directly adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area, and it is not considered near to the urban area as there is no visual or functional linkage. It therefore makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                             | No contribution     |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                     |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |
| The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including residential properties and a Baptist Chapel. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form, open long line views towards the west and low levels of vegetation. The parcel is partially enclosed by the inset settlement of Light | Strong contribution |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| Oaks along the parcel's southeastern, southern and western boundaries however it is surrounded by open countryside to the north and northeast. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment however the parcel is partially enclosed by the settlement of Light Oaks to the southeast, south and west and could be considered to round off the settlement pattern therefore development would not threaten the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. | Moderate contribution |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |

## C.42 Parcel 156



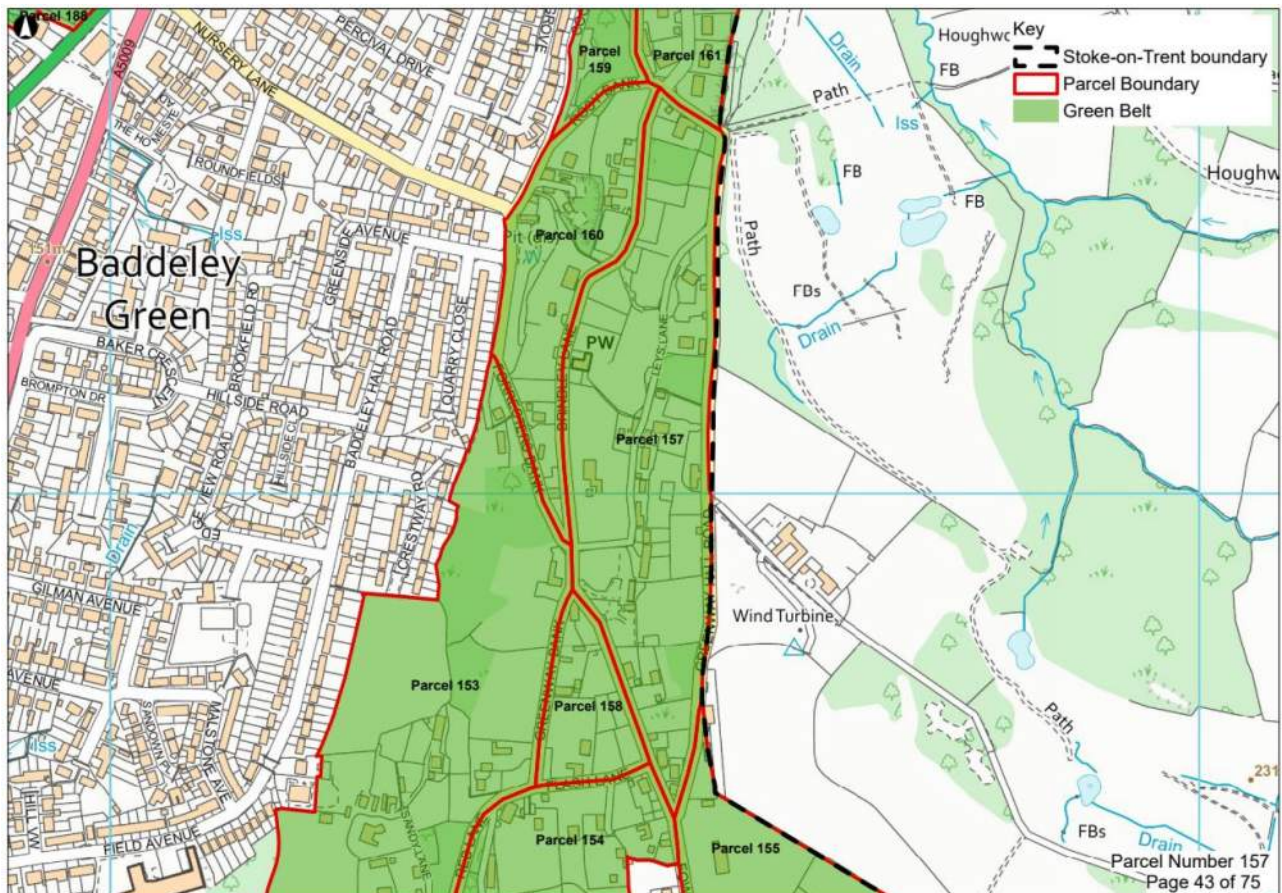
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel is not directly adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area, and it is not considered near to the urban area as there is no visual or functional linkage. It therefore makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside and rural land uses including an open field; however, it also includes a former plant nursery business. The parcel has a weak degree of openness with less than 20% built form and no long line views. The parcel consists of dense vegetation, and its topography remains largely flat. The parcel is connected to the inset settlement of Light Oaks along the parcel's northwestern boundary. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its | Moderate contribution |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                              | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                     | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |



## C.43 Parcel 157



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution      |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   |
| <p>The parcel is located near to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area being functionally linked to it along Forrester's Bank and Rosy Bank and due to the existing development in the Green Belt between the parcel and the urban area. The parcel contains significant existing development consisting of residential properties, Baddeley Edge Methodist Church, agricultural buildings and stables. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Greenway Hall Road to the north and east, Greenway Bank to the south and Brindley Lane to the west. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is not directly connected to the large built-up area however it is in very close proximity. Given the extensive existing development within the parcel, new development would not be considered to result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | Weak contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside (and rural land uses) including agricultural pastures; however, it also includes some semi-urban land uses including residential properties and a church. The parcel has a weak degree of openness with between 20 and 30% built form and there are limited long line views of the wider countryside. The parcel consists of low levels of vegetation and its topography declines to the west and more significantly inclines towards the north-eastern corner from the centre of the parcel. There are some minor urbanising influences from the west due to significant views over the large built-up area. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the east although there is existing development in the Green Belt to the north, west, and south which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |

## C.44 Parcel 158



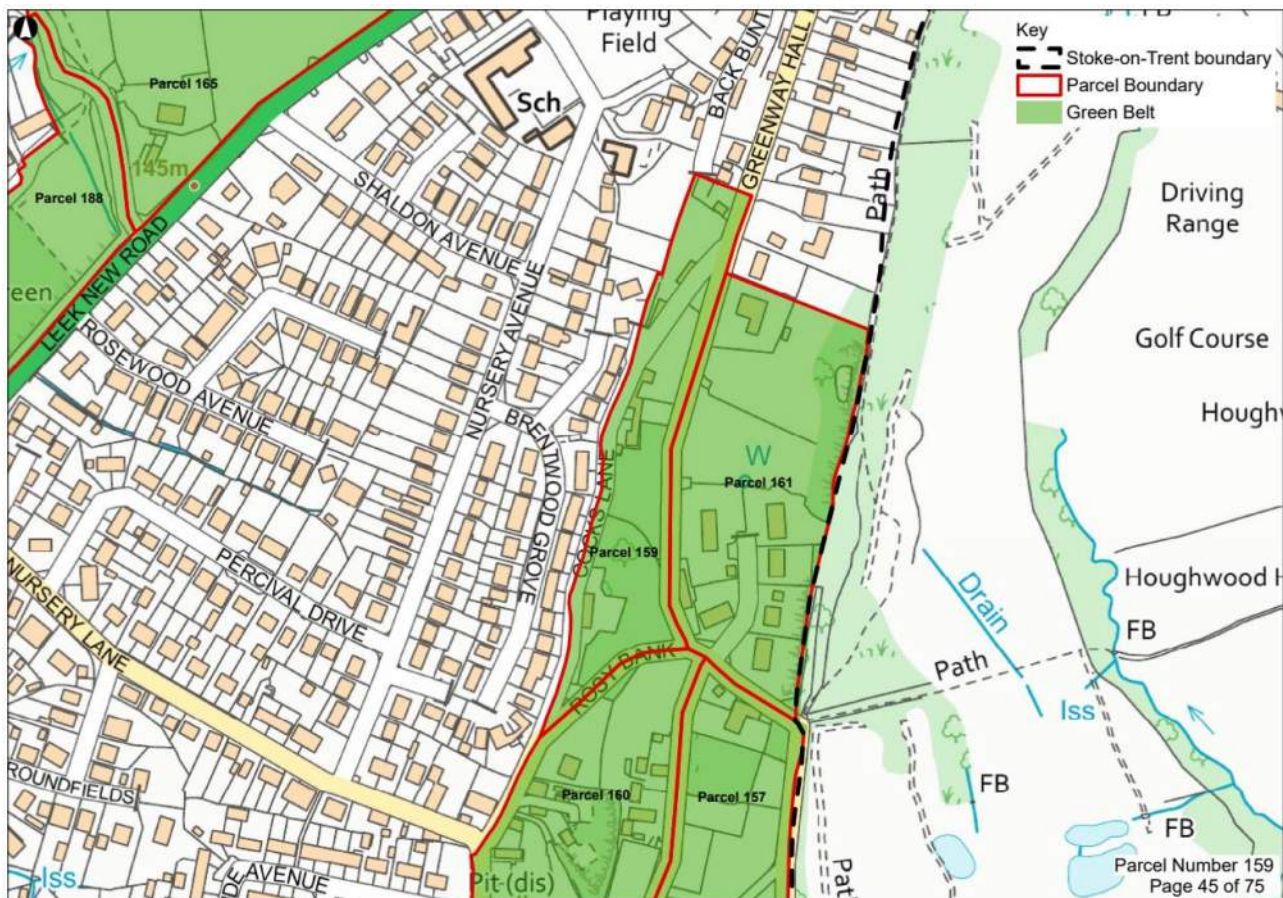
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution             |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |
| <p>The parcel is located near to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area being functionally linked to it due to the existing development in the Green Belt between the parcel and the urban area. The parcel contains significant existing development consisting of two residential properties and well as agricultural buildings. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Greenway Bank to the east and west, as well as Flash Lane to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is not directly connected to the large built-up area however it is in close proximity. Given the extensive existing development within the parcel, new development would not be considered to result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                          |
| <p>The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>No contribution</p>   |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                       |
| The parcel consists of urban land uses including residential properties with some rural land uses due to agricultural sheds. The parcel has a weak degree of openness with between 20 and 30% built form and no long line views of the wider countryside. The parcel consists of a low level of vegetation, and its topography remains largely flat. There are significant urbanising influences towards the west, with views across the urban area. The parcel is partly enclosed by existing development in the Green Belt which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. |  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |



## C.45 Parcel 159



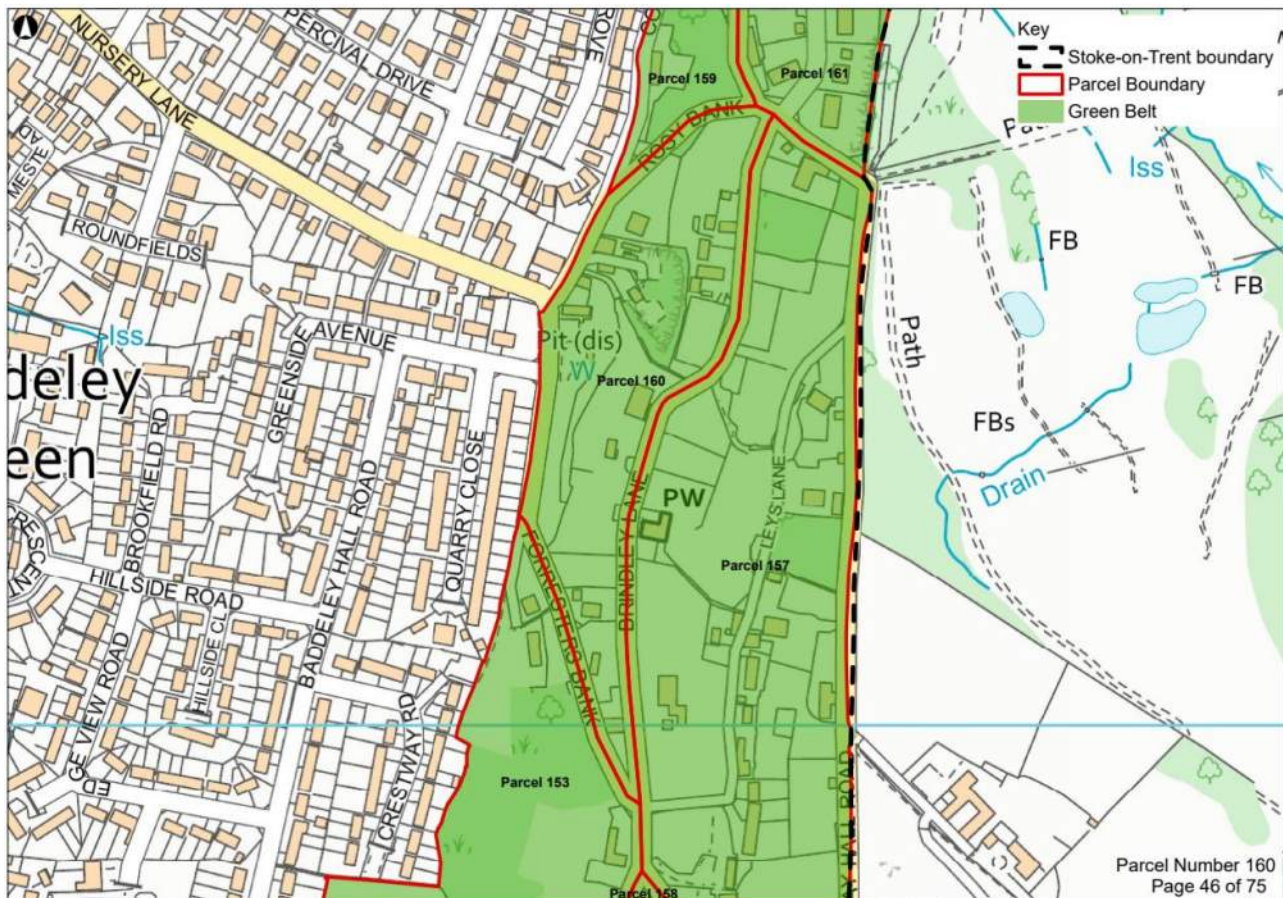
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution      |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b><br><br><p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel contains significant existing development consisting of residential properties and gardens. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of Cocks Lane to the west and the rear gardens of residential properties to the north and northwest. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Greenway Hall Road to the east and Rosy Bank to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area along its northern and western boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and could be considered to round-off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | Weak contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b><br><br><p>The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No contribution   |



| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                       |
| The parcel consists of rural land uses including woodland however it also includes semi-urban land uses including a number of residential properties and associated gardens. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness with around 20% built form, some open long line views of the wider countryside, and some areas of dense vegetation. The parcel's topography slopes very significantly towards the west, which increases urbanising influences from the Stoke-on-Trent urban area, and also makes the parcel feel enclosed by development. The parcel is partly enclosed by the large-built up area along its northern and western boundaries, which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. |  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to three purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |  |

## C.46 Parcel 160



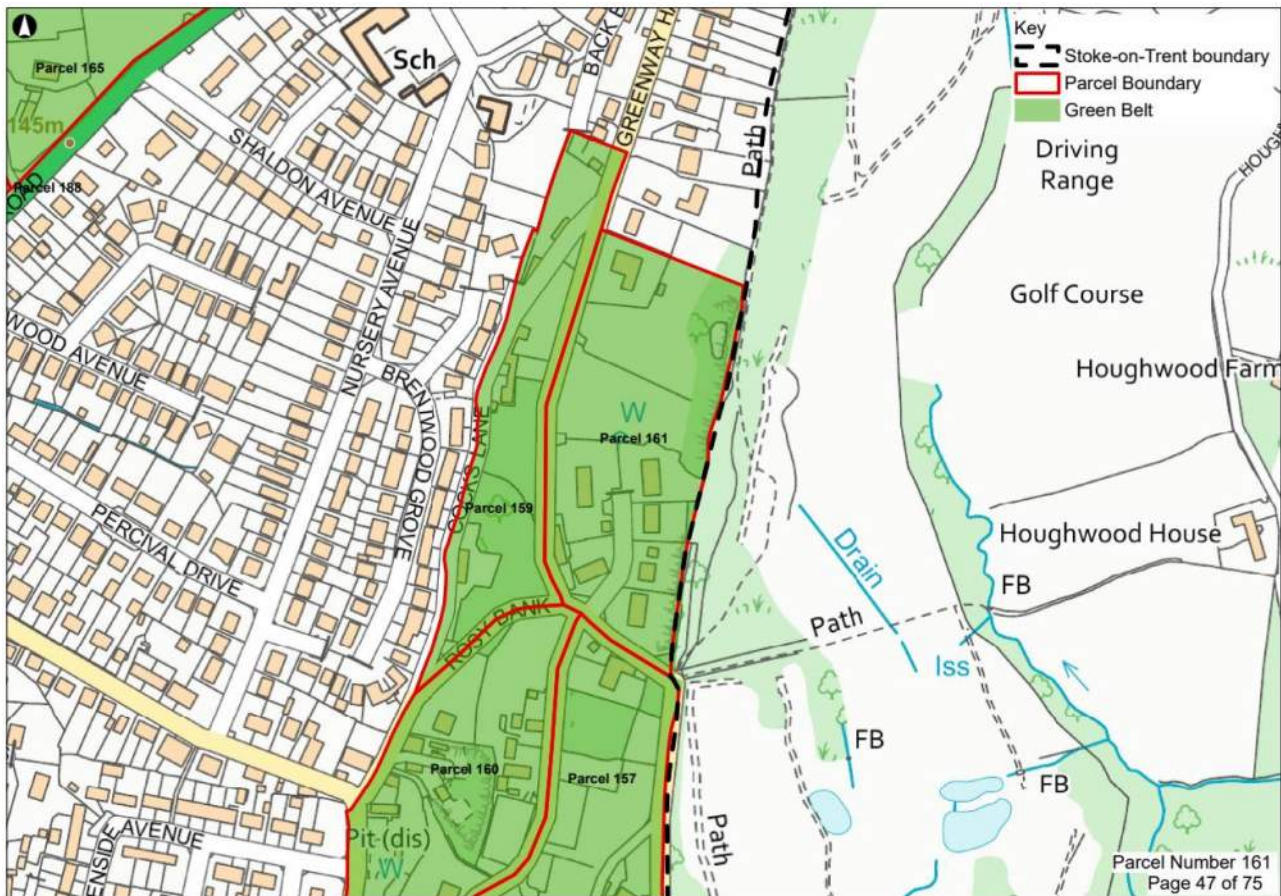
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution      |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b><br><br>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel contains significant existing development consisting of residential properties, agricultural buildings and stables. The inner boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are durable consisting of Cocks Lane to the west. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Rosy Bank to the north, Brindley Lane to the east and Forresters Bank to the south. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its eastern boundary and due to the extensive existing development within the parcel, new development would not be considered to result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b><br><br>The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | No contribution   |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside (and rural land uses) including agricultural buildings and stables; however, it also includes some semi-urban land uses including numerous residential properties. The parcel has a weak degree of openness with between 20 and 30% built form and no long views of the surrounding countryside as the parcel has a declining topography towards the west. The parcel is partly enclosed by existing development in the Green Belt to the north and east which could impact its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to three purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |



## C.47 Parcel 161



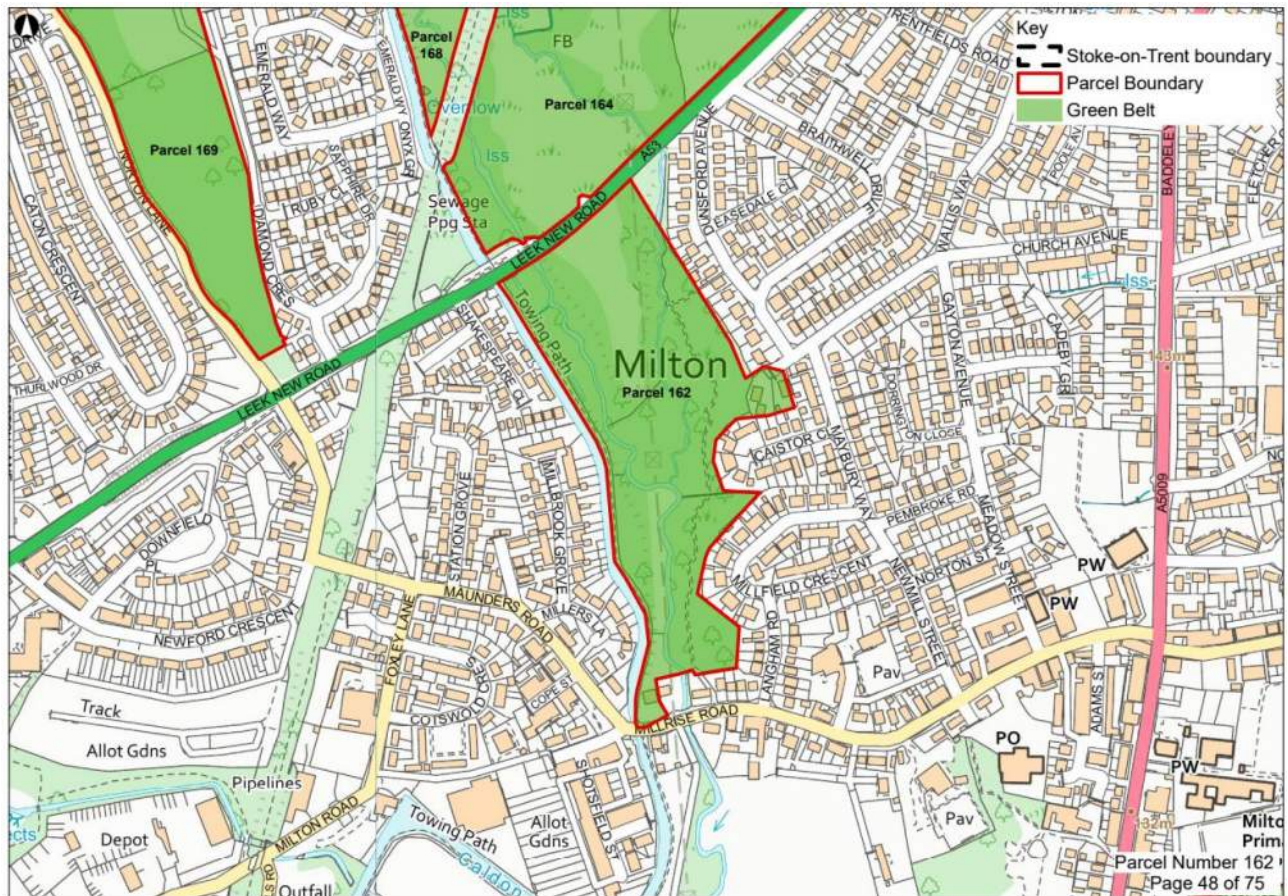
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution             |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                          |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel contains significant existing development consisting of numerous residential properties and a horse stables. The inner boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area to the north is less durable consisting of hedgerow and treeline. The outer boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are also mixed, consisting of Greenway Hall Road to the south and west, with the remaining eastern boundary being a less durable hedgerow. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's northern boundary and due to the extensive existing development within the parcel, new development would not be considered to result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                          |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of semi-urban land uses including numerous residential properties as well as partly of rural land uses including agricultural buildings such as stables and feeding areas. The parcel has no degree of openness as it has approximately 50% built form and limited open long line views towards the north. The parcel consists of some dense vegetation, and its topography declines towards the north and the south-west. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the east however the parcel feels partly enclosed by existing development due to the topography of the land, which further reduces its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to three purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |



## C.48 Parcel 162

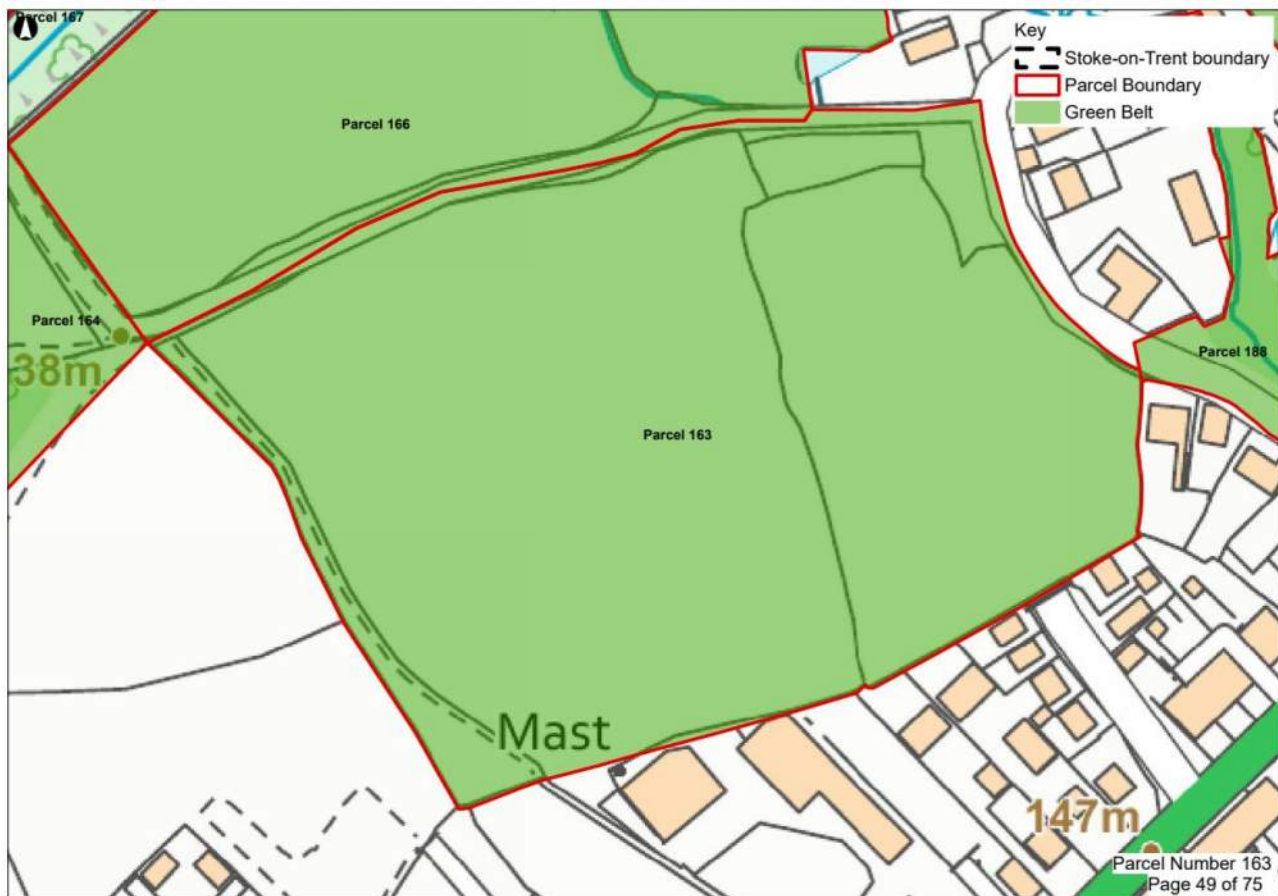


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Contribution             |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                          |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a residential property in the southwest corner of the parcel. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of durable boundaries to the west including the Caldons canal, and less durable boundaries to the east and south including irregular rear garden boundaries. The boundary between the parcel and the wider green belt is durable, consisting of Leek New Road of the A53 to the north of the parcel. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its eastern, southern and western boundaries such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and it could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                          |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside, including a large degree of woodland coverage, however it also includes some semi-urban land use including one residential property in the southwest corner. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form, with no long line views due to dense coverage of mature trees. It is predominantly flat. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large-built up area, along its eastern, southern and western boundaries, which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                               | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |

## C.49 Parcel 163



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Contribution             |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed. There is a durable boundary to part of the east, comprising The Green (minor public road), and less durable boundaries to the remainder of the east and to the south, comprising a dense but broken hedge line, as well as to part of the north, comprising a garden boundary demarcated by a hedge line. The boundary to the west is connected to open countryside which is excluded from the Green Belt forming part of the large built-up area and comprises of a tree line. The boundary between the parcel and the wider Green Belt is durable, consisting an the unnamed (public) single track road to the north. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its eastern, southern and western boundaries and a small part of its northern boundary such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and it could be</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |



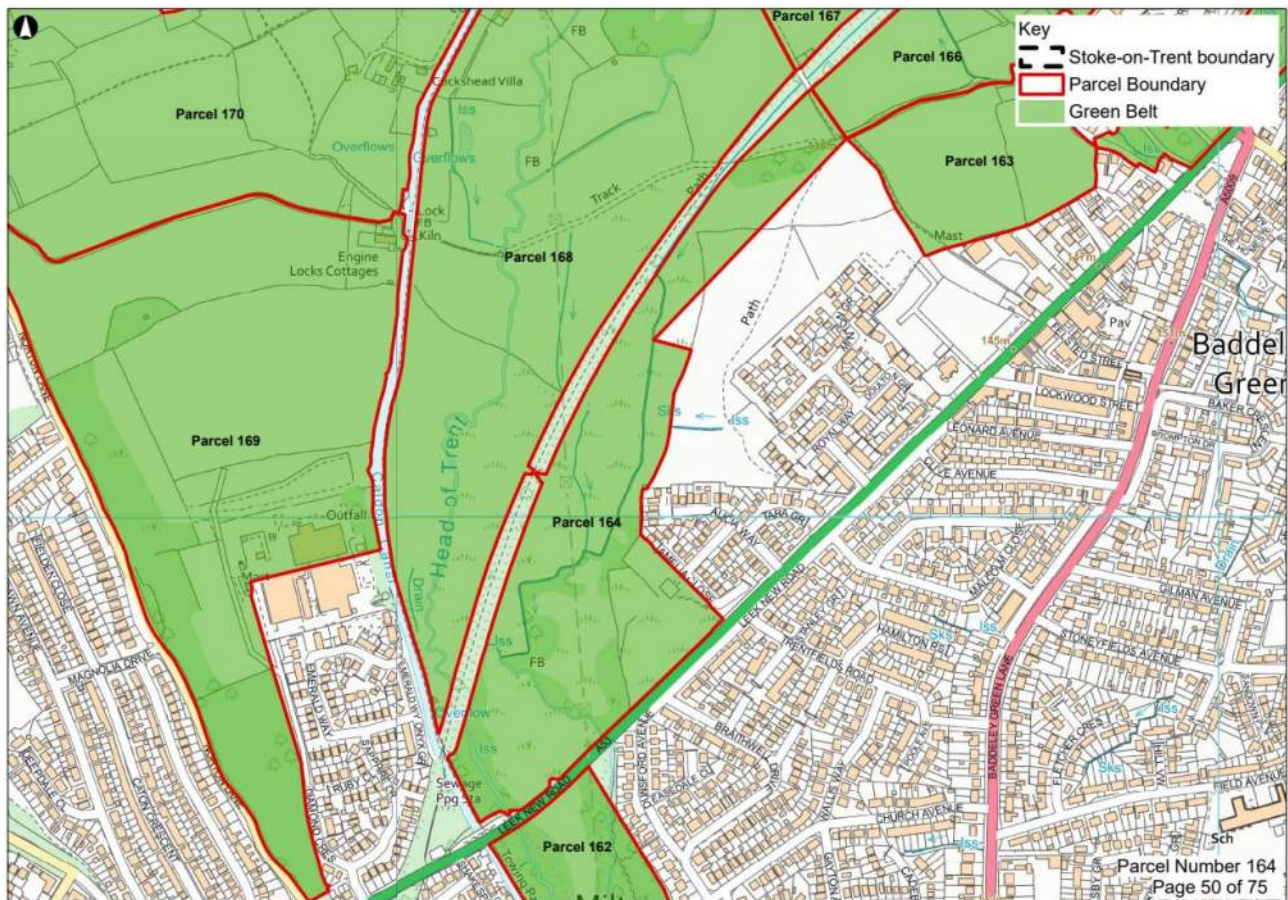
| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| The parcel consists of open countryside. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with no built form and open long line views from multiple view points, limited only by a single line of trees running north to south through the parcel. The topography of the parcel slopes gently upwards to the southeast. The parcel is connected to open countryside along its northern and western boundaries albeit the land to the west forms part of the urban area. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| This parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although it has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries, the parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area and there is a durable boundary between the parcel and the wider Green Belt which could contain | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                      | Contribution |
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| development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.50 Parcel 164



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development or other urbanising influences although it includes a small playground. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed, consisting of durable boundaries to the south and part of the east, comprising Leek New Road of the A53 Amelia Close respectively, and less durable boundaries to another (small) section of east, including inconsistent rear garden boundaries. The remainder of the boundary to the east is an undefined boundary though open land. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed, consisting of a single track public road to the northeast, Leek New Road of the A53 to the south and a tree lined vegetation corridor (former railway line) to the north. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its southern and southeastern boundaries and due to its level of connection, combined with its shape, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and development to the</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

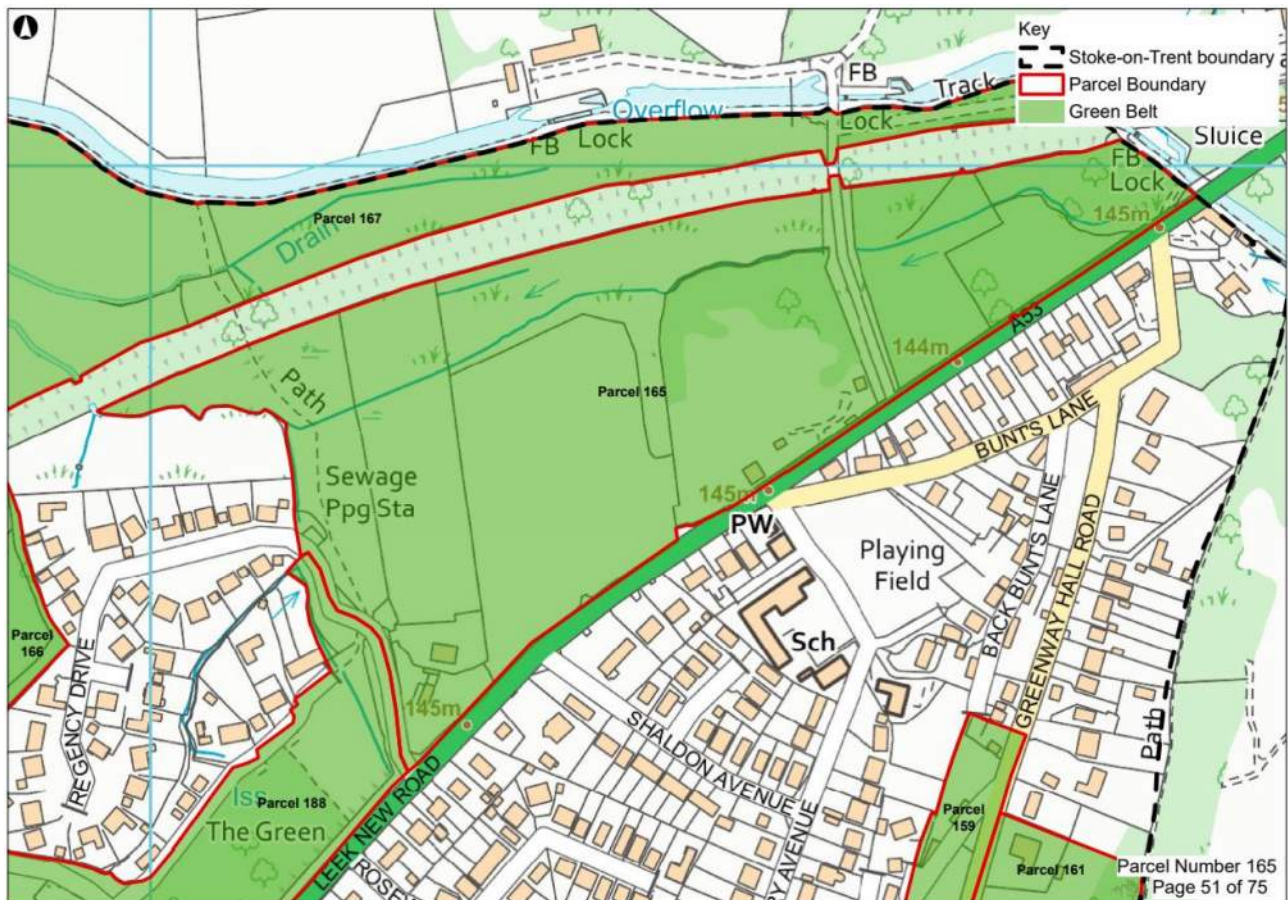
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution          |
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| southwest of the parcel could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside with a small playground located adjacent to Amelia Close. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and some open long line views from certain viewpoints, due to a scattered covering of mature vegetation. The parcel's topography slopes very slightly upwards to the southwest. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| This parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although it has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries, development to the southwest of the parcel could be considered to round off the | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                        | Contribution |
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| settlement pattern therefore development would not compromise the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.51 Parcel 165



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including scattered residential properties along the southern boundary. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly durable, consisting of Leek New Road of the A53 to the South and Regency Drive and a garden boundary along a small boundary to part of the west. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed, consisting of a tree lined vegetation corridor (former railway line) to the north, Regency Drive to the west, and the Caldron Canal to the east. There is a durable boundary in reasonable proximity to the north consisting of the Caldron Canal. As such, the parcel has physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along the parcel's southern boundary and its western boundary. As such, new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

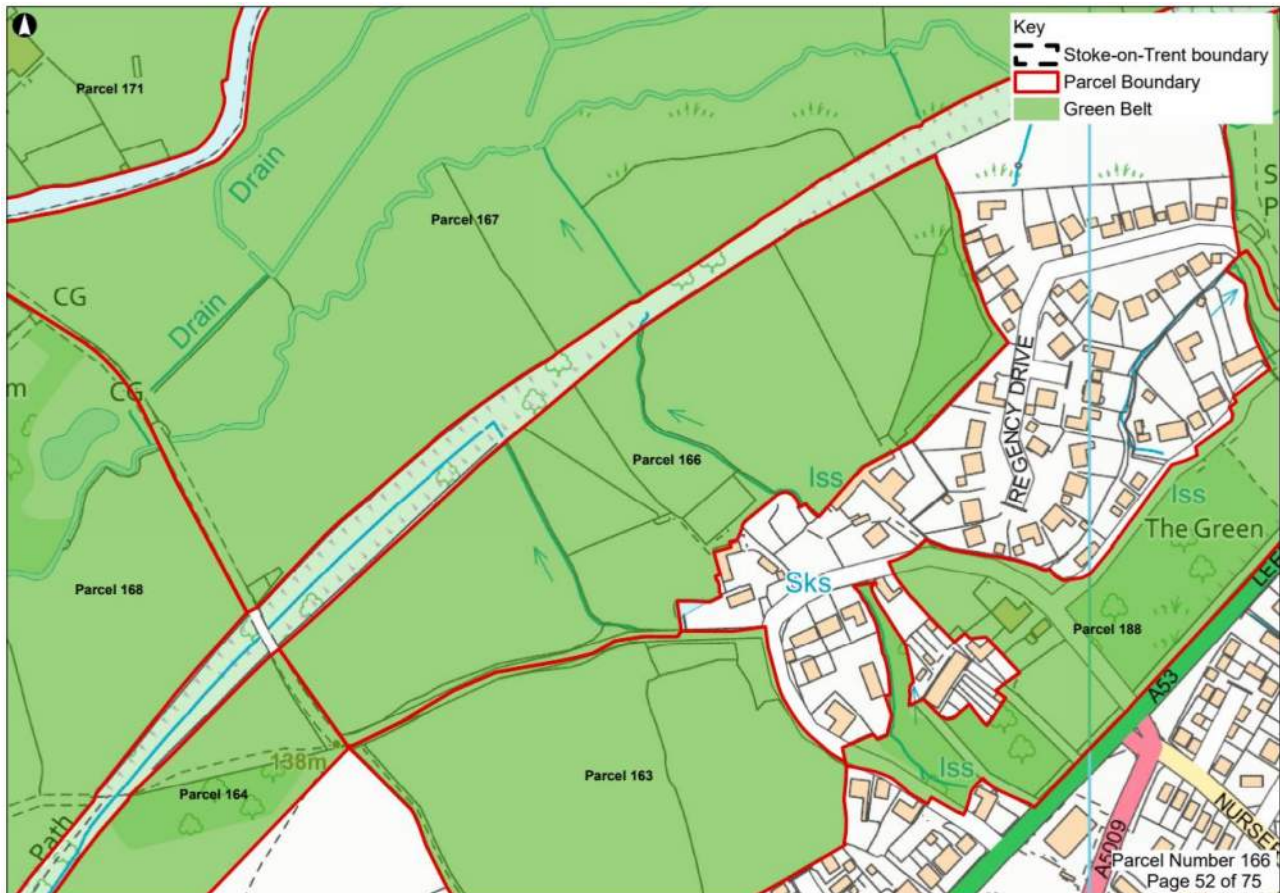
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land, however it also includes two residential properties. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form and some open long line views from certain viewpoints. The parcel slopes down towards the north and has limited development, but it consists of a forested area to the east and has both scattered and dense pockets of vegetation/trees throughout the remainder of the site which reduces the visual openness. The parcel is connected to open countryside to the north and east. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                             | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the parcel's boundaries with the wider Green Belt are mixed due to the less durable northern boundary, the Caldon Canal is located in close proximity further to the north representing a | Moderate contribution |



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                           | Contribution |
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| durable boundary which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.52 Parcel 166



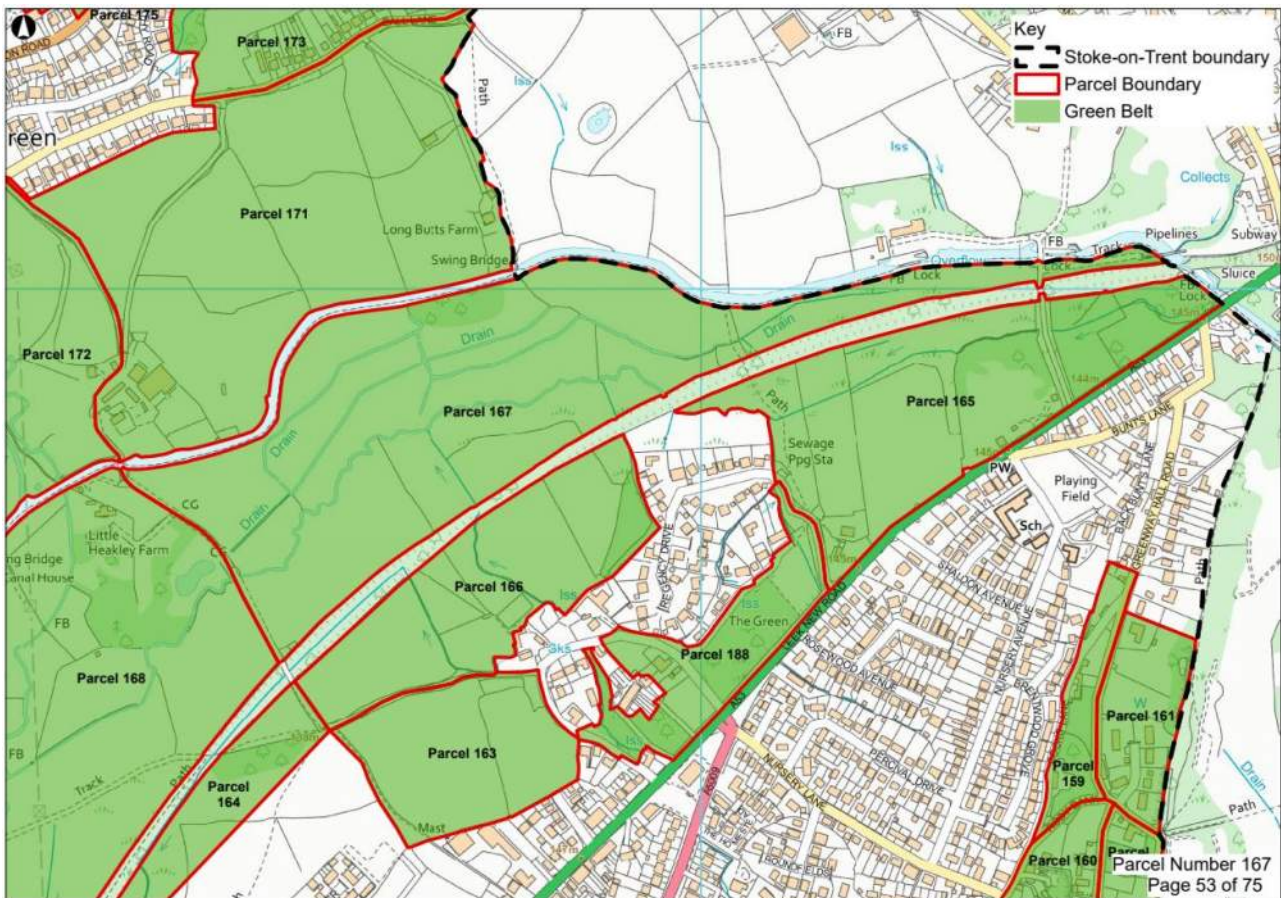
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly less durable, consisting of rear garden boundaries and the edge of a treeline to northeast, and a mixture of fences and undefined boundaries within residential curtilages, as well as two contiguous building lines, along approximately half of the southeastern boundary. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed, consisting of a single track public road to the southwest and approximately half of the southeast, and a tree lined vegetation corridor (former railway line) along the north. The parcel is connected to the large built up area along its northeastern boundary and approximately half of its southwestern boundary, and due to its level of connection, combined with its shape, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                              |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution          |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel consists of open countryside and rural land uses including a forested area in the eastern corner and a horse menage towards the centre. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The topography of the parcel is predominantly flat. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries, including those to the north, the south west and part of the south east. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a strong degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and no contribution to preventing towns from merging, the northern boundary between the parcel and the wider Green Belt is less durable and therefore the parcel plays a stronger role in preventing development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a strong contribution overall. | Strong contribution   |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.53 Parcel 167



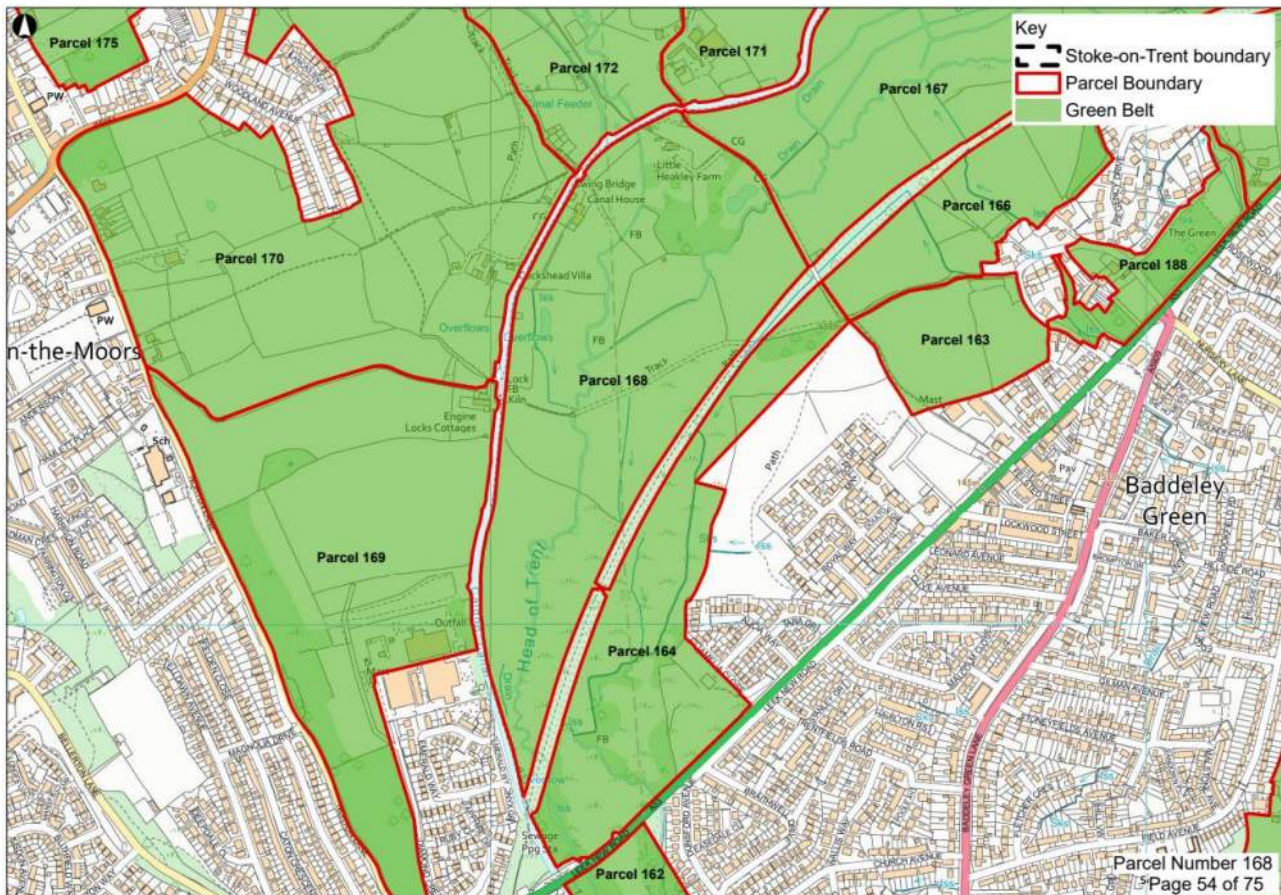
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution        |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The boundary between the parcel and the large built up area, along a small section to the south, is less durable, consisting of a tree lined vegetation corridor (former railway line). The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of the Caldon canal to the north, the tree lined vegetation corridor (former railway line) to the south, and a single-track public access road to the west. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along a relatively small section of its boundary to the south and due to its level of connection, its shape, and its partly less durable boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution |
| <p><b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                     |



| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel consists of open countryside with a network of minor waterways and scattered tree lines/pockets of trees. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography is gently undulating. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along all of its boundaries, with the exception of a small section of its southern boundary. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                             | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Strong contribution   |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                 |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

## C.54 Parcel 168



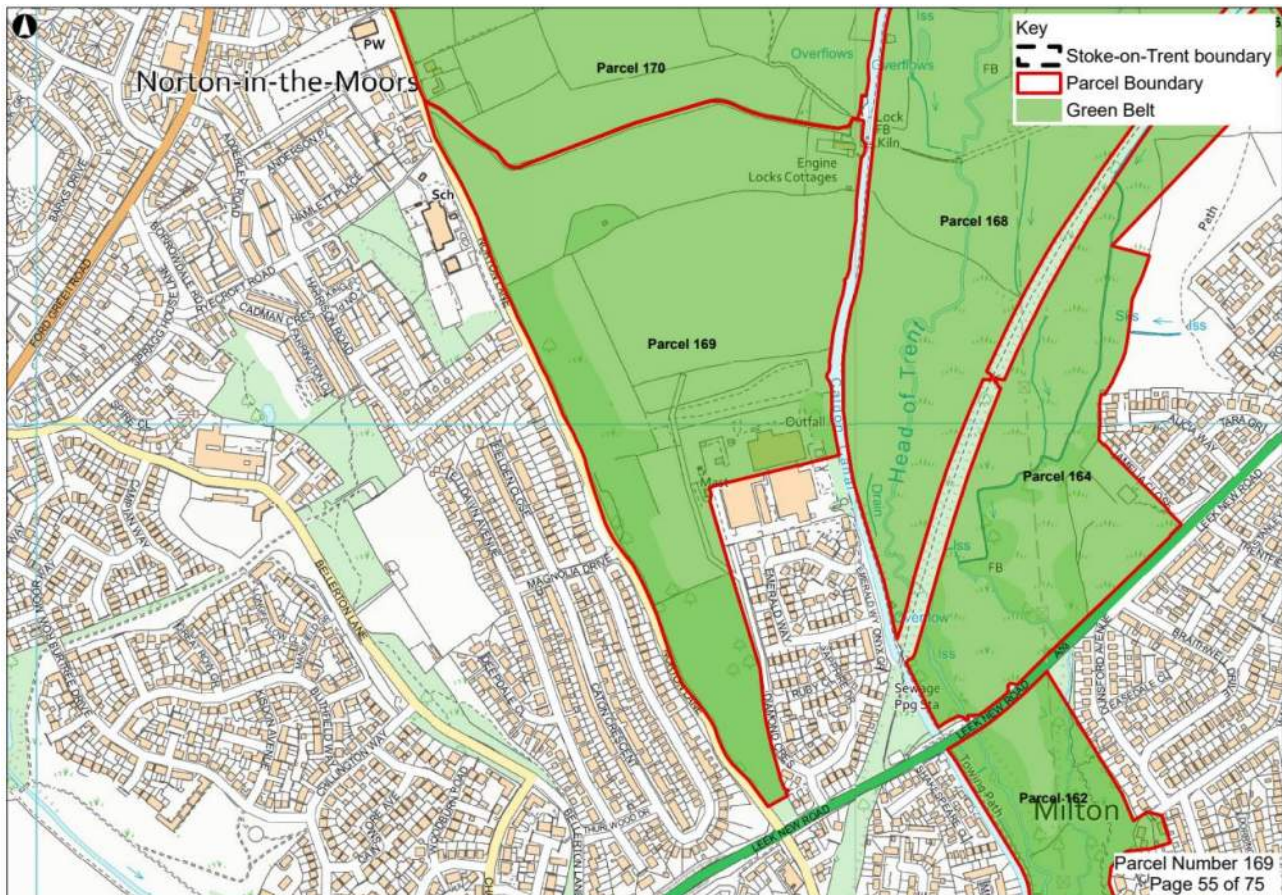
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Contribution               |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                            |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it includes some existing development including residential properties. The boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area is durable, consisting of Caldon canal to the southwest. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Caldon canal along the northwest, a tree lined vegetation corridor (former railway line) to the south, and a single-track public access road to the east. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along a relatively small section of its boundary to the southwest and due to its level of connection, its shape, and its partly less durable boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                            |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Contribution          |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside. The River Trent runs through the parcel and there is a residential property and a farm to the north of the parcel. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography is predominantly flat. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along all of its boundaries, with the exception of a small section of its southern boundary. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                   | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Strong contribution   |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                      |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                  |
| No – the site strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |



## C.55 Parcel 169



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a residential property and a singular industrial unit, which forms part of a cluster of industrial buildings adjacent to the parcel on Diamond Crescent. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly durable consisting of a road (Diamond Crescent) to the east, and Norton lane to the west, with the southern boundary being less durable as it cuts through an industrial site. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed, consisting of a private single-track lane to the north and Caldon canal to the east. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area along its western and southern boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and development of the southernmost section of the parcel could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

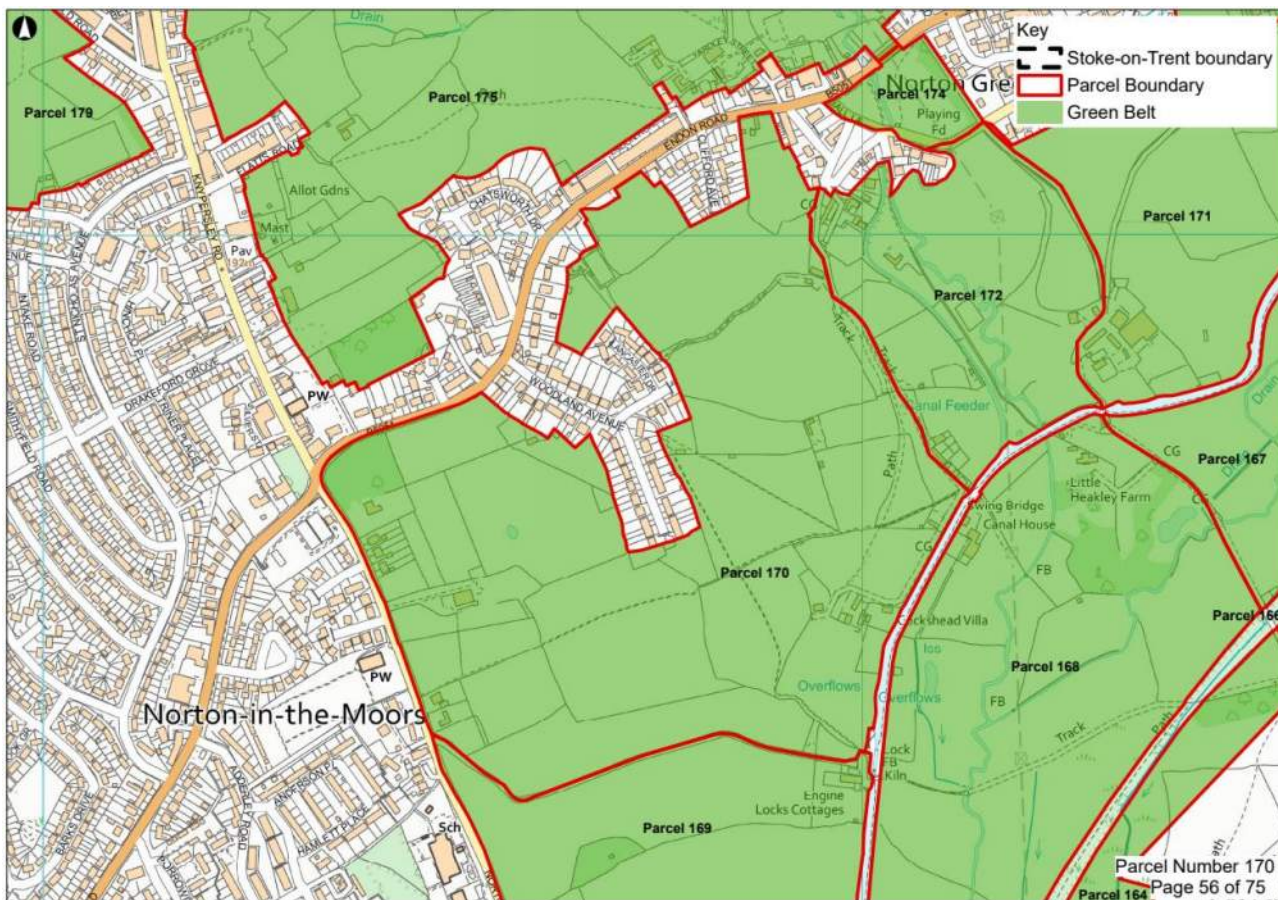
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside, however it also includes some semi-urban land uses including a residential property and an industrial unit. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints. These are particularly open and prevalent from the northwest, with views across the whole parcel from Norton Lane, due the topography which slopes downward to the east. The parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area along its western and southern boundaries, although this does not have any impact on the openness of the parcel due to the parcel's topography. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.         | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| This parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness, and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although it has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries, development to the south of the parcel could be considered to round off the settlement | Moderate contribution |



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                             | Contribution |
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| pattern therefore development would not compromise the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.56 Parcel 170



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside with dispersed agricultural buildings and a horse menage, although it contains some existing development including several residential properties (approximately 10 properties) situated in small clusters across the parcel. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed, consisting of durable boundaries to the west and part of the north, comprising Norton Lane and Endon Road respectively, and less durable boundaries to the remainder of the north, including rear garden fences and hedgerows as well as undefined boundaries through residential curtilage. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are also mixed, consisting of a durable boundary to the southeast, comprising Caldon canal, while the remaining boundaries consist of private tracks/roads to both the south and northeast. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its boundaries to the north and west, and due to the level of connection, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

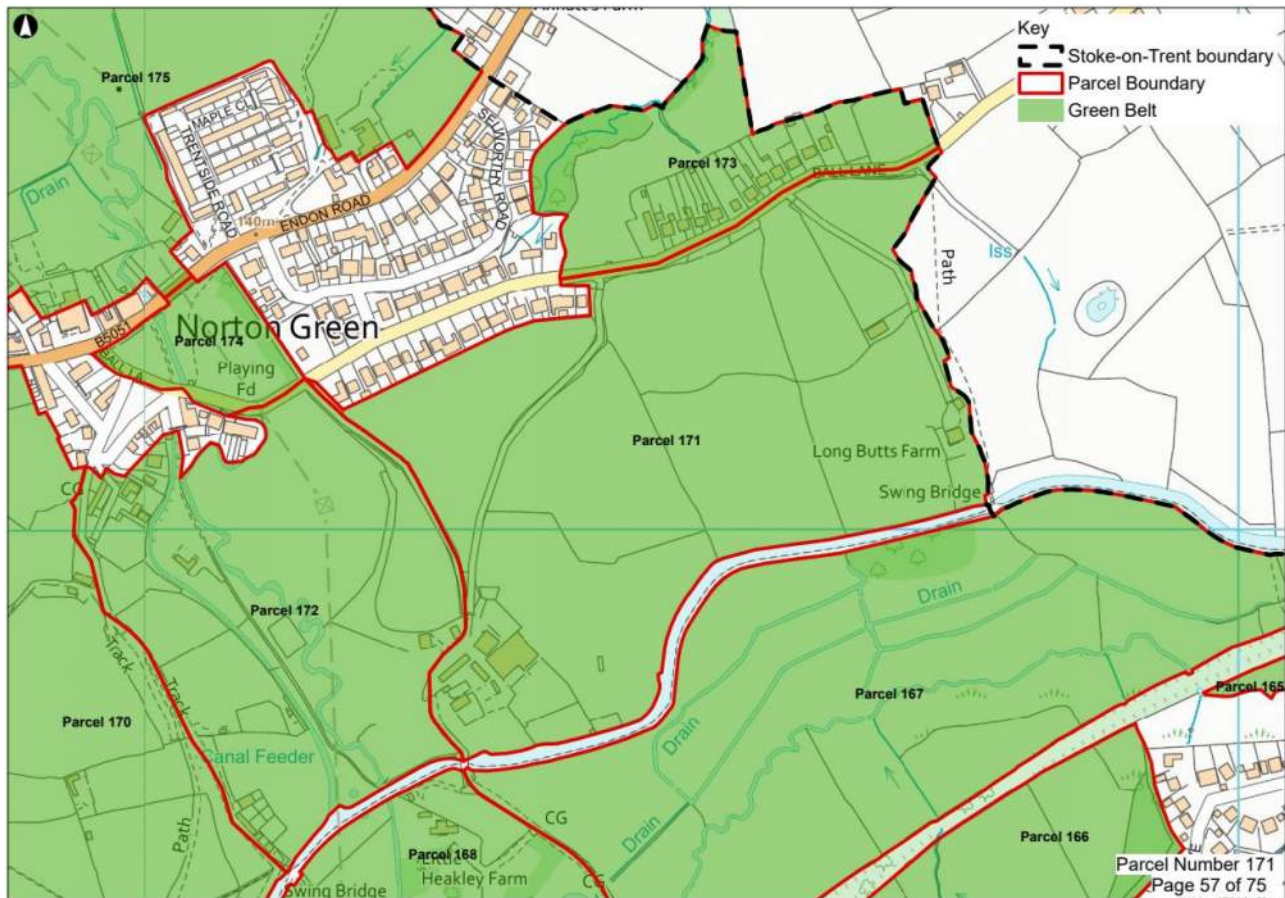
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Contribution          |
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| development. The northwestern section of the parcel and parts of the northern sections of the parcel are largely enclosed by the large built-up area such that development could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside, however it also includes some semi-urban land uses including residential properties. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low coverage of development and vegetation. The parcel has an undulating topography though overall it slopes down towards the southeast. The northwestern and northern parts of the parcel are partly enclosed by the large-built up however the parcel is connected to open countryside to the south and east. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                           | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| This parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.                                                             | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Contribution |
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| Although it has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries, development to the north and northwest of the parcel could be considered to round off the settlement pattern therefore development would not compromise the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |  |



## C.57 Parcel 171



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Contribution               |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside with agricultural buildings, although it contains some existing development including residential properties and a commercial property (namely a wedding venue and accommodation at Heakley Hall). The boundaries between the parcel and the built-up area to the north are mixed, consisting of Ball Lane, rear garden fences, and an undefined boundary across residential curtilage and Ball Lane. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are also mixed, consisting of a private driveway to the west and to part of the east, a field boundary marked by hedgerows to the remainder of the east, Ball Lane to the north and Caldron canal to the south. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along part of the parcel's northern boundary, and due to its level of connection and its partly less durable boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |



| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                       |
| The parcel predominantly consists of open countryside, however it also includes some semi-urban land uses including residential properties and a commercial property. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints due to its low relative coverage of development and vegetation. The parcel has an undulating topography. The parcel is connected to the countryside along most of its boundaries, including those to the east, south and west. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. |  | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                |  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | Strong contribution   |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                 |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |  |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |  |

## C.58 Parcel 172

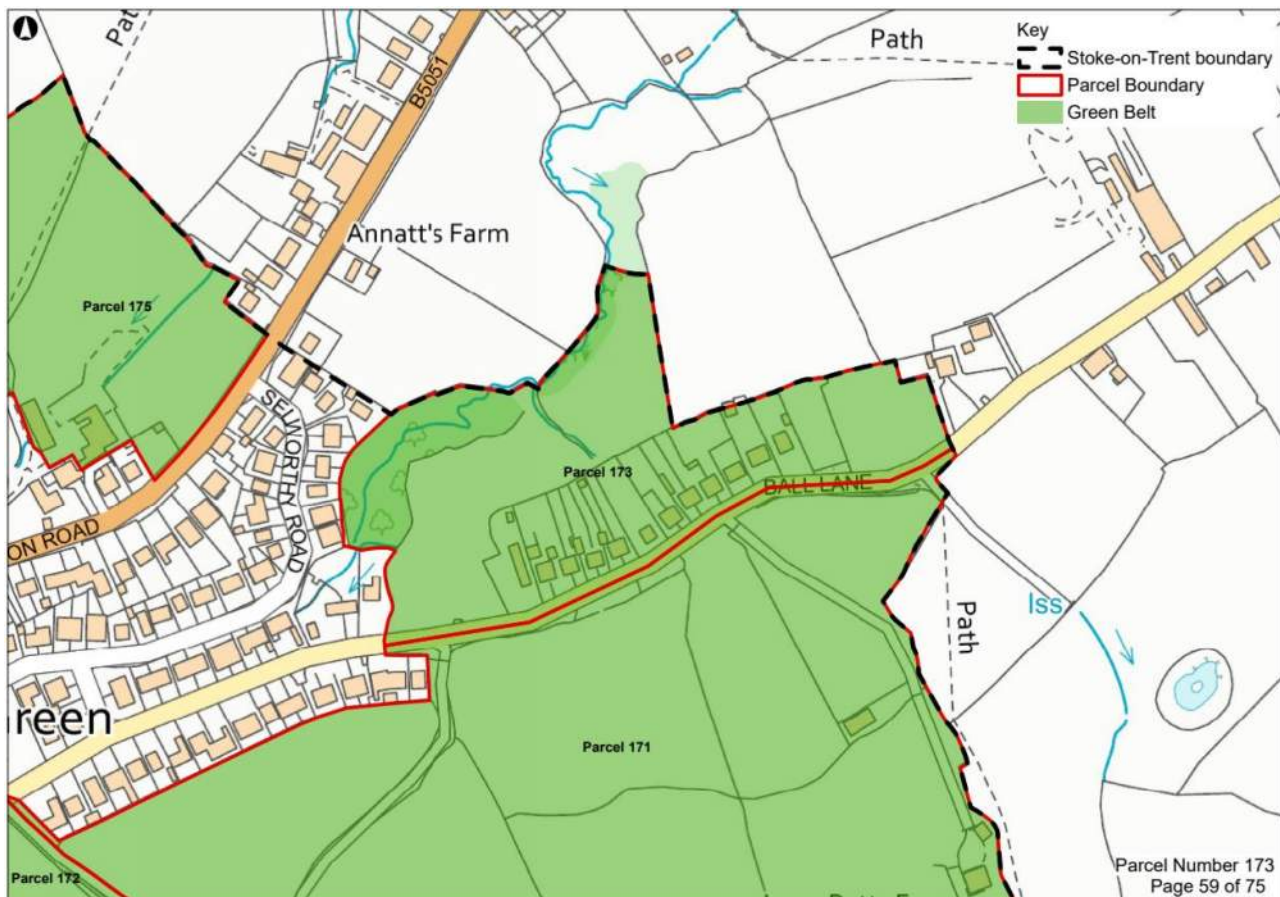


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution               |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                            |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside with agricultural buildings, although it contains some existing development including residential properties. The boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area to the north is mixed, consisting partly of the banks of the River Trent, but otherwise consisting of field boundaries, fences and unmarked boundaries through residential curtilage. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are also mixed, consisting of Caldon canal to the south and private driveways/access roads to the east and west. As such, the parcel has some features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along part of its northern boundary and due to its level of connection, combined with its shape and scale and the existing settlement pattern, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside, however it also includes some semi-urban land uses including residential properties. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography is predominantly flat. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                               | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Strong contribution   |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                 |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

## C.59 Parcel 173



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel consists partly of open countryside but also contains significant existing development (relative to the size of the parcel) consisting of ribbon development along Ball Lane (residential properties). The boundary between the parcel and the built-up area to the west is less durable, consisting of rear garden fences. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed, consisting of Ball Lane to the south, with the remaining boundaries being field boundaries to the north and east. As such, the parcel has limited physical features which could restrict and contain development. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its western boundary and due to the existing development within the parcel, development of the parcel would not be considered to result in an incongruous pattern of development despite the less durable boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Contribution          |
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| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside (including agricultural land and a pocket of woodland) however it also includes semi-urban land uses including residential ribbon development along Ball Lane. The parcel has a weak degree of openness with between 20 and 30% built form, and no long line views due to vegetation and location of built form. The parcel is predominantly flat. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                           | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Weak contribution     |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.60 Parcel 174

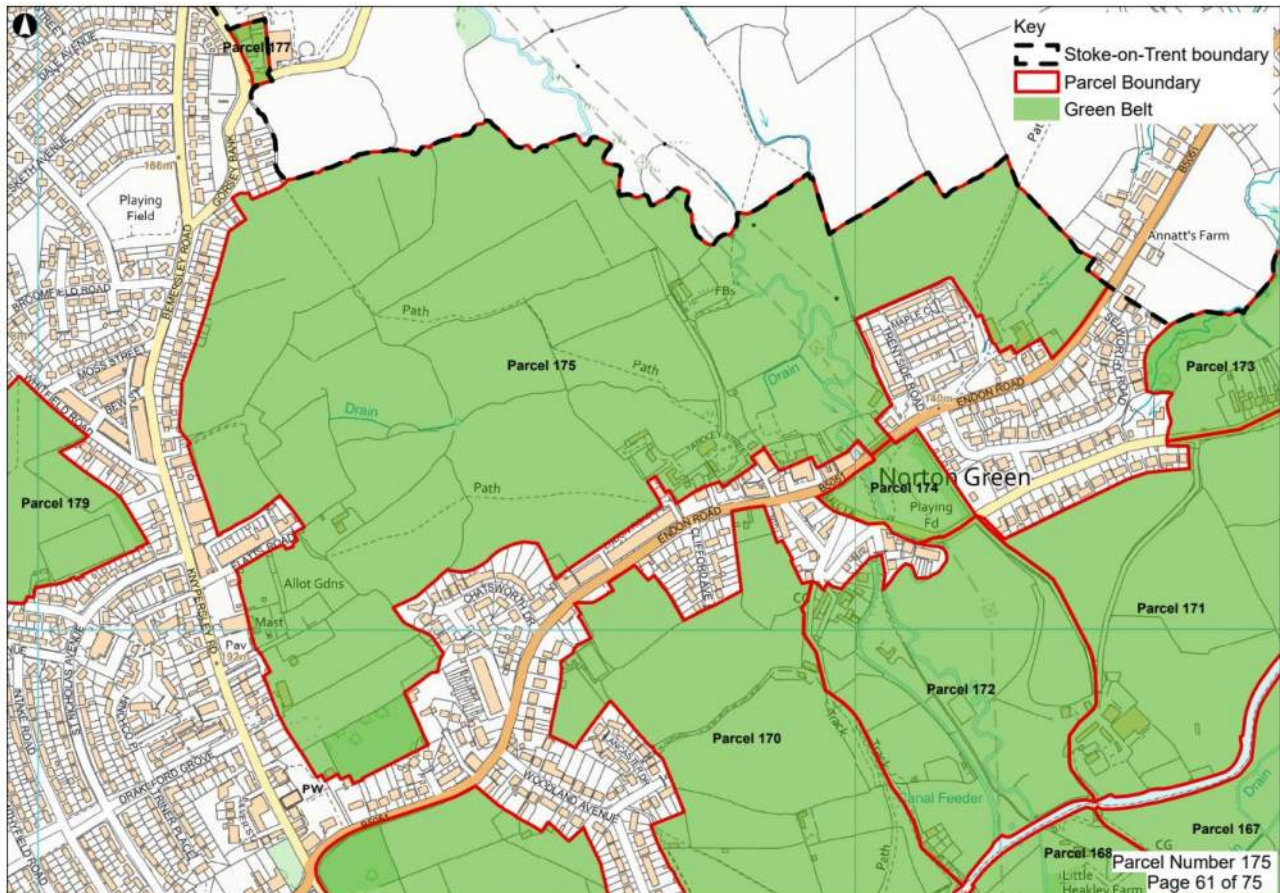


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Contribution      |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b><br><br>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed, consisting of Endon Road to the north, a public footpath and rear garden fences to the east, and Ball Lane to the west. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt is durable, consisting of Ball Lane to the south and Endon Road along the very short boundary to the north. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its boundaries to the north, east and west such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and it could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to his purpose. | Weak contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b><br><br>The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No contribution   |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel consists of open countryside that comprises public green space, shrubland and dense tree lines. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness, containing no built form but having no long line views due to dense vegetation. The parcel is flat, however it is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along a number of boundaries, which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                      | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                    | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| This parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                     | Weak contribution     |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.61 Parcel 175



Note: The parcel has the same boundaries as Site BL10 assessed in the GBA Part 3. The assessment has been replicated below.

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although with some existing development including residential properties, farm buildings, and pylons. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of rear gardens of residential properties to the west and south with a small section of B5051 Endon Road to the south. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt to the north and east are less durable consisting of field boundaries. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel lacks physical features that could restrict and contain development. The western section of the parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area along the western and southern boundaries, such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and could be</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

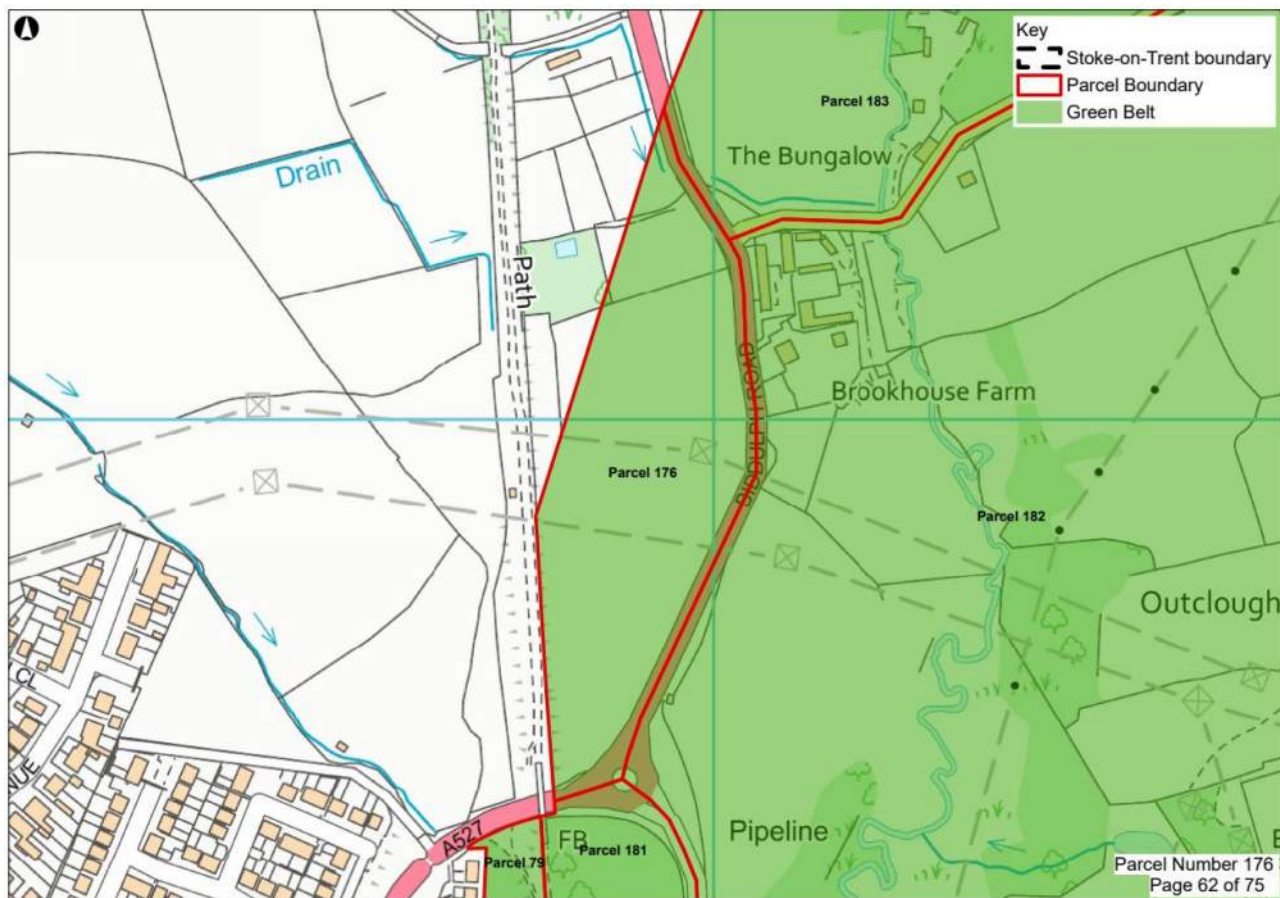


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Contribution          |
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| considered to round off the settlement pattern in this part of the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Biddulph in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns where development would not have any impact on the visual, physical or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel is predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including farm buildings, and residential properties along the parcel's southern boundary. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography slopes down towards the east. The parcel is partly enclosed by the large built-up area along its western and southern boundaries, and connected to the open countryside along its eastern and northern boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution |
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| <p>line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness and although it has less durable boundaries with both the built up area and the Green Belt, the parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area and could be considered to round off the settlement pattern.</p> |              |



## C.62 Parcel 176



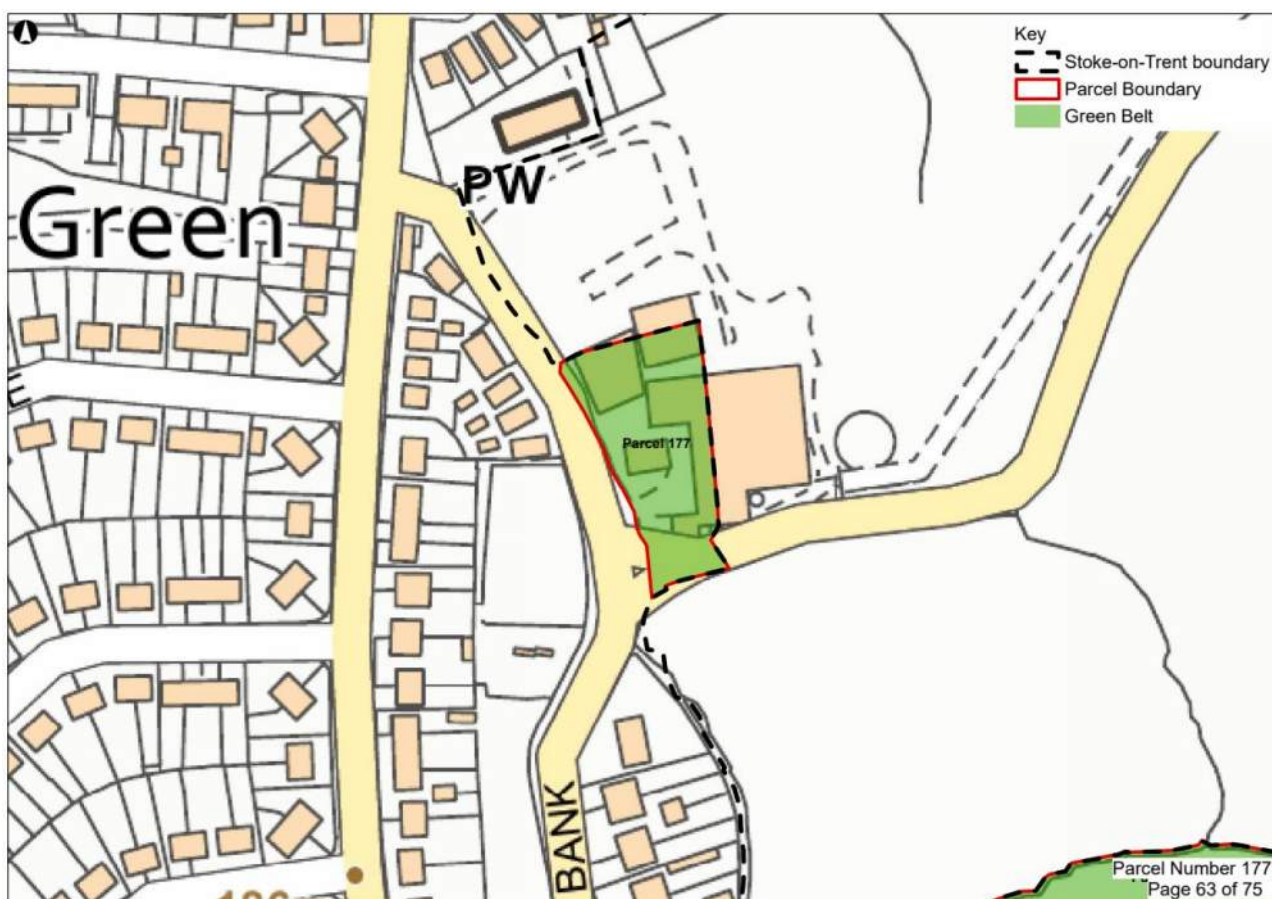
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a trailer yard. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of durable boundaries to the southwest including a rail line, with the remaining boundaries being undefined. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are durable consisting of Biddulph Road to the east. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its western boundary and due to its level of connection, combined with its scale and durable outer boundaries, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b> <p>The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | No contribution       |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel consists of open countryside, however it also includes a trailer yard in the southwest. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from certain viewpoints. The parcel consists of a dense vegetation in parts and its topography slopes to the northwest. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness, and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, there are durable boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt which can contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. | Moderate contribution |

| Identification of provisional grey belt |
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| Is the parcel provisional grey belt?    |

Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status.

## C.63 Parcel 177



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b><br><br>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is completely developed with farm buildings and a residential property. The boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area is durable, consisting of Gorsey Bank (a dual-lane public road) to the west. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed. To the east and north, the boundaries are less durable as the boundary cuts through the farm buildings and is undefined by any features on the ground. The southern boundary is durable consisting of Woodhouse Lane. As such the parcel has some physical features which could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its boundary to the west and due to its level of connection, and the existing farm buildings, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of | Moderate contribution |

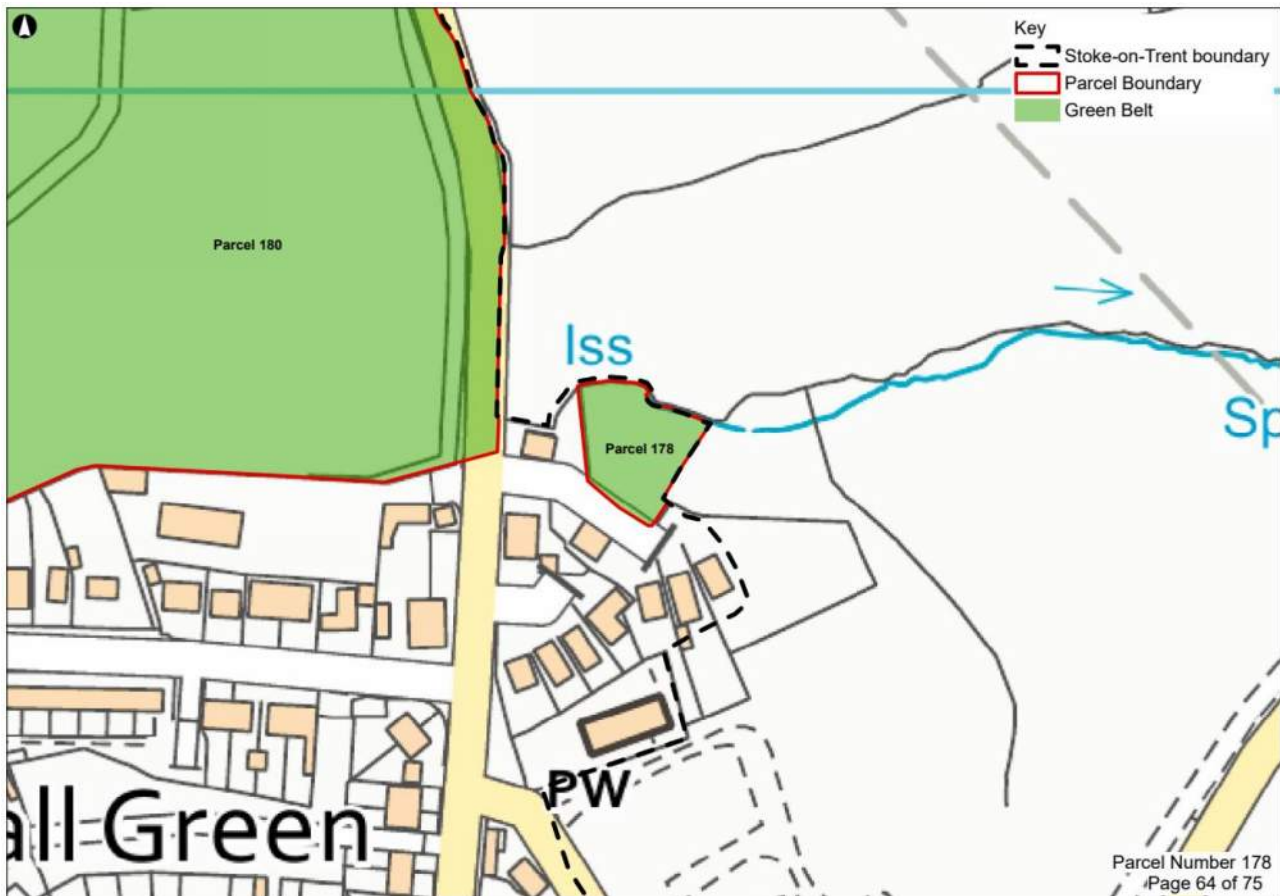
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Contribution          |
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| development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is completely developed albeit with a rural land use consisting of farm buildings, although it also includes a residential property. The farm buildings therefore do not count as built form given they are an acceptable use in the Green Belt. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form and no long-line views. The parcel consists of low levels of vegetation and its topography is flat. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside, to the north, east and south. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and no contribution to preventing towns from merging, the northern and eastern boundaries between the parcel and the wider | Strong contribution   |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution |
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| Green Belt are not defined by any physical features and therefore the parcel plays a stronger role in preventing development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a strong contribution overall. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |  |



## C.64 Parcel 178

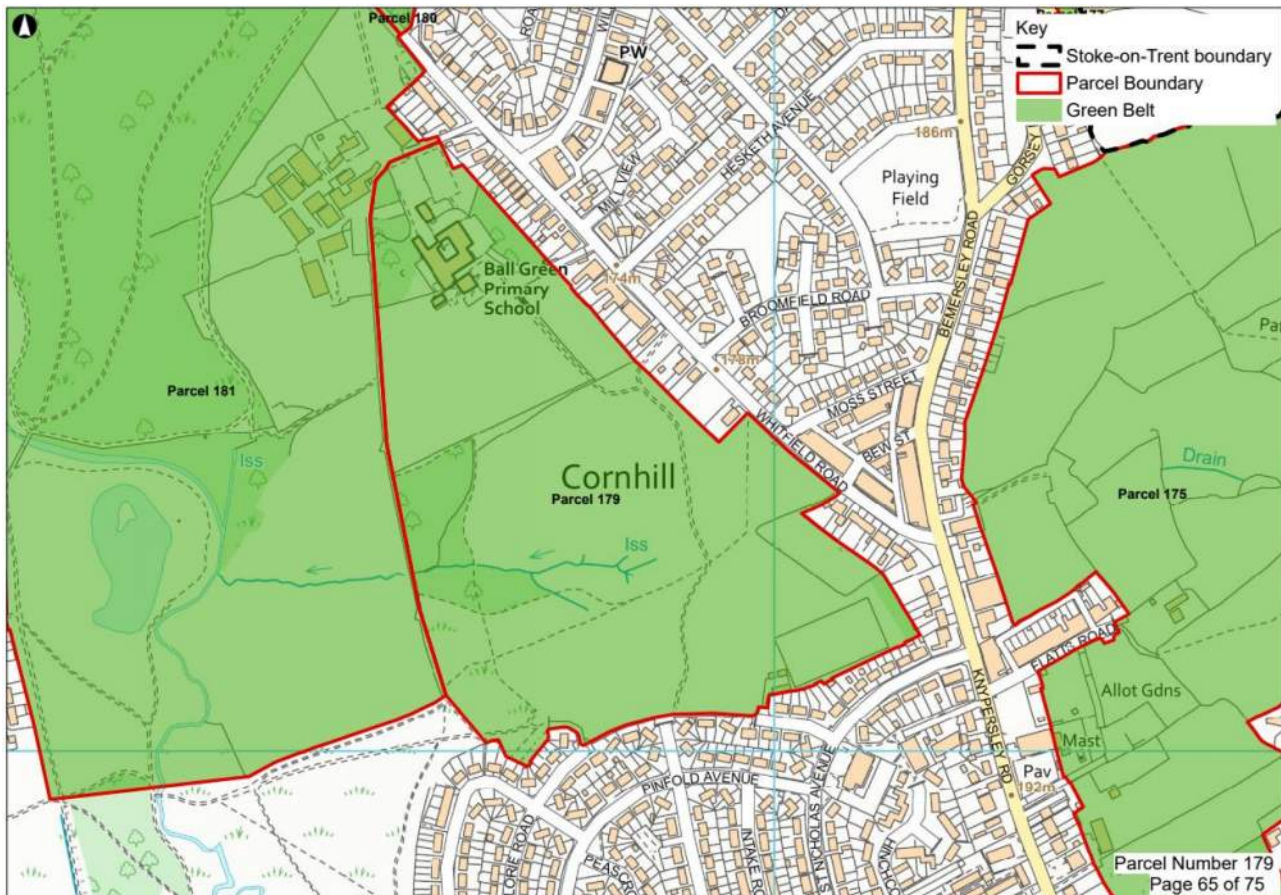


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed, consisting of Heather view (public road) to the south and a garden fence to the west. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are less durable, consisting of a tree line to the north, as well as a minor watercourse along a small part of the northern boundary, and an undefined boundary through an open field to the east. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its southern and western boundaries and due to the shape and scale of the parcel, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No contribution       |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists wholly of open countryside. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness with no built form and no long line views. The parcel is flat, but its small size and the density of adjacent tree lines restrict views. There is otherwise a low level of vegetation within the parcel. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the north and east. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and no contribution to preventing towns from merging, the northern and eastern boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are less durable to the north and are not defined by any physical features to the east and therefore the parcel plays a stronger role in preventing development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a strong contribution overall.</p> | Strong contribution   |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.65 Parcel 179



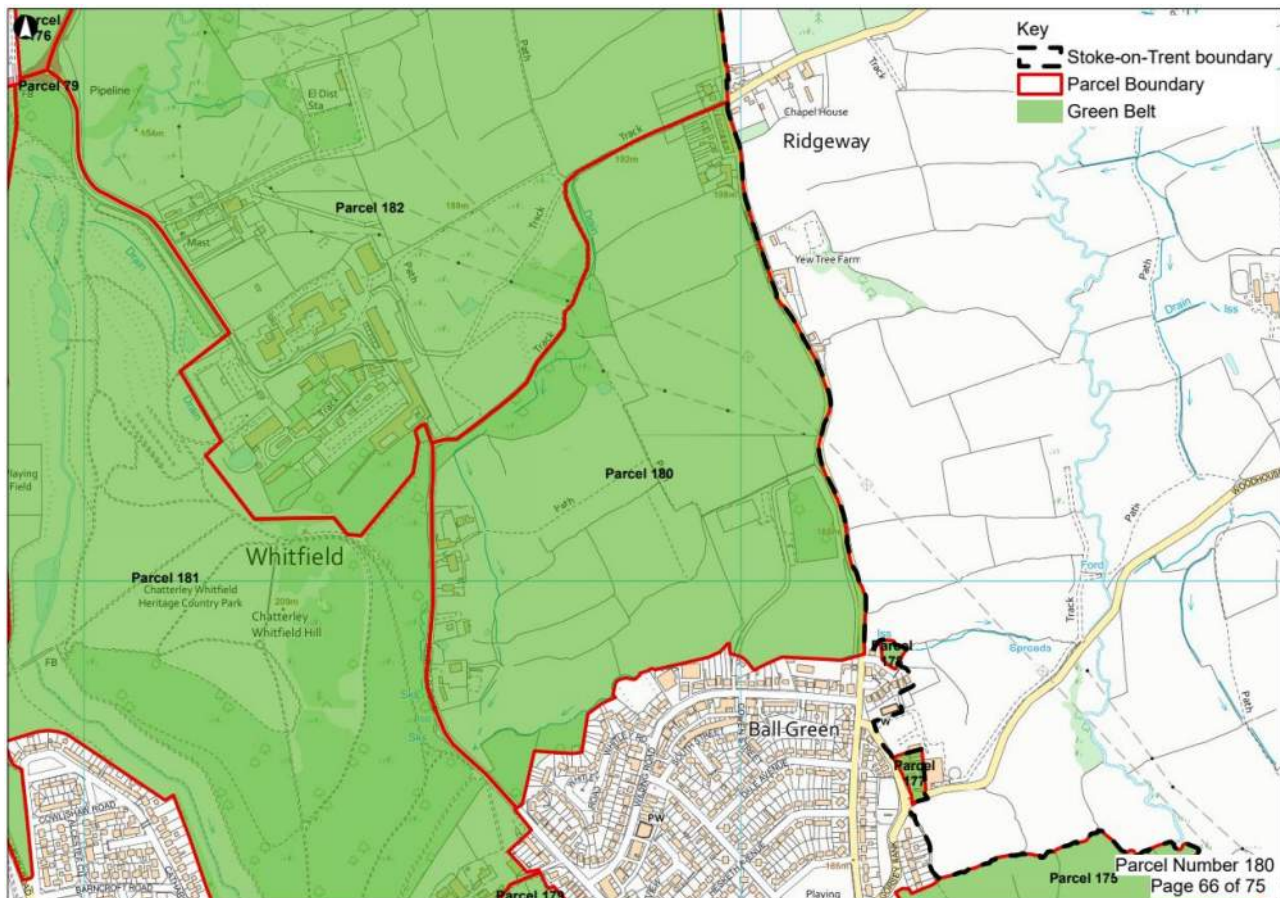
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a primary school in the north of the parcel. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly less durable consisting of backs of residential properties to the northeast, southeast, and south. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are also less durable consisting of un-made tracks, footpaths, and treeline to the west. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the parcel lacks physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its western and southern boundaries such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No contribution       |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                       |
| The parcel is predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including recreation grounds and allotments, however it also includes a primary school in the north of the parcel. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from certain viewpoints looking east. The parcel consists of low levels of vegetation and has undulating topography. The parcel is partly enclosed by the large-built up area to the north, east and south which impact its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. |  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the majority contribution should be applied. The parcel therefore makes a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | Moderate contribution |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |  |



## C.66 Parcel 180



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including clusters of residential property and a commercial property (related to a skip hire business). The boundary between the parcel and the large built-up area is less durable, consisting of irregular garden/property boundaries demarcated by fences, hedgerows and, in small parts, undefined boundaries to the south. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed, consisting of Bemersley Road to the east and Whitfield Road to the west, with the remaining boundary being a gravel/made footpath along the north. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its southern boundary, and due to the existing settlement pattern, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                              |

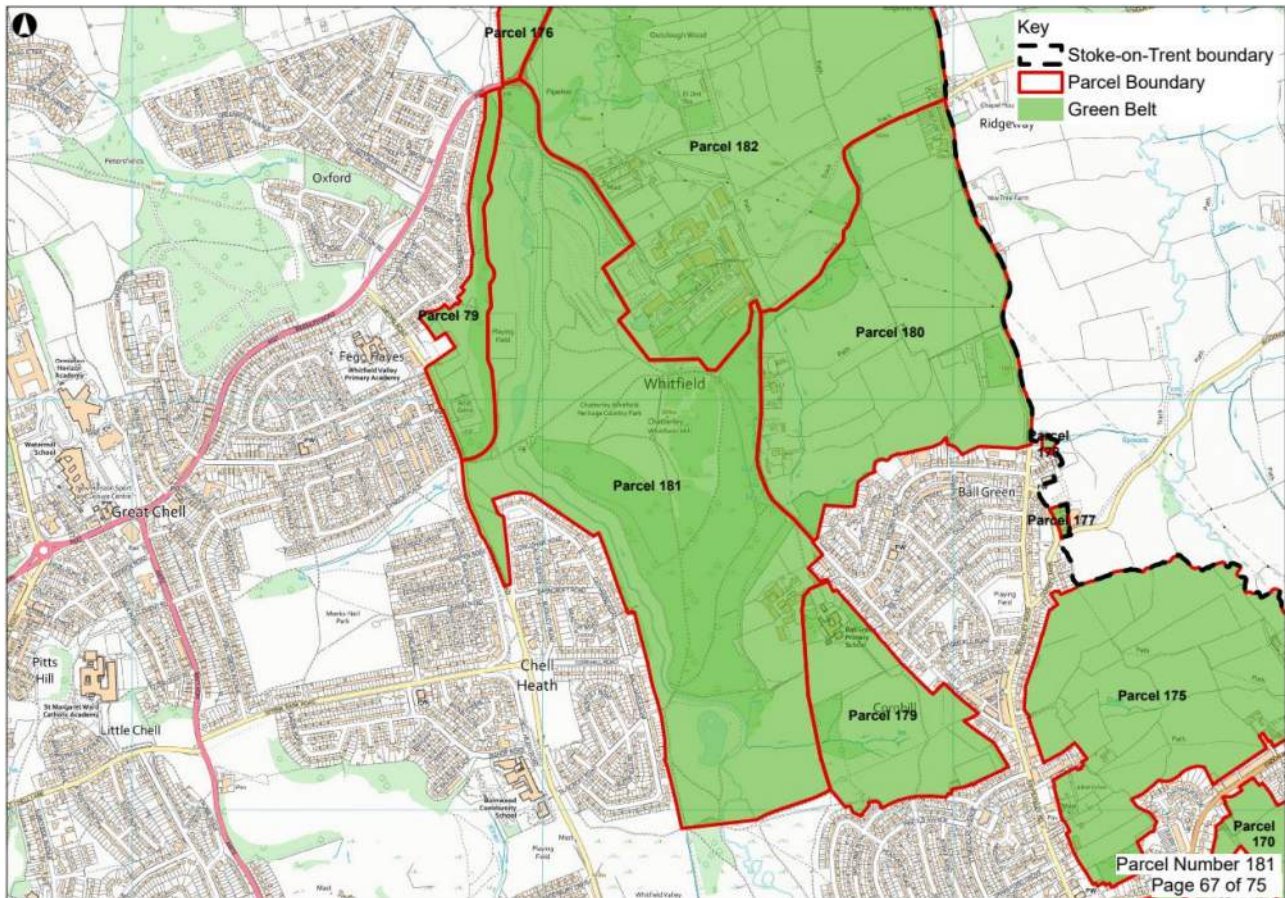
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution          |
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| The parcel is located in a gap between Stoke-on-Trent and Biddulph in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land and recreational green space (football pitches), but it also comprises some semi-urban land uses including residential properties and a commercial property. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints. The parcel has a relatively low coverage of vegetation and its topography slopes down towards the west. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                              | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment however the parcel's boundaries with the wider Green Belt are durable to the east and west      | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                          | Contribution |
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| which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |



## C.67 Parcel 181



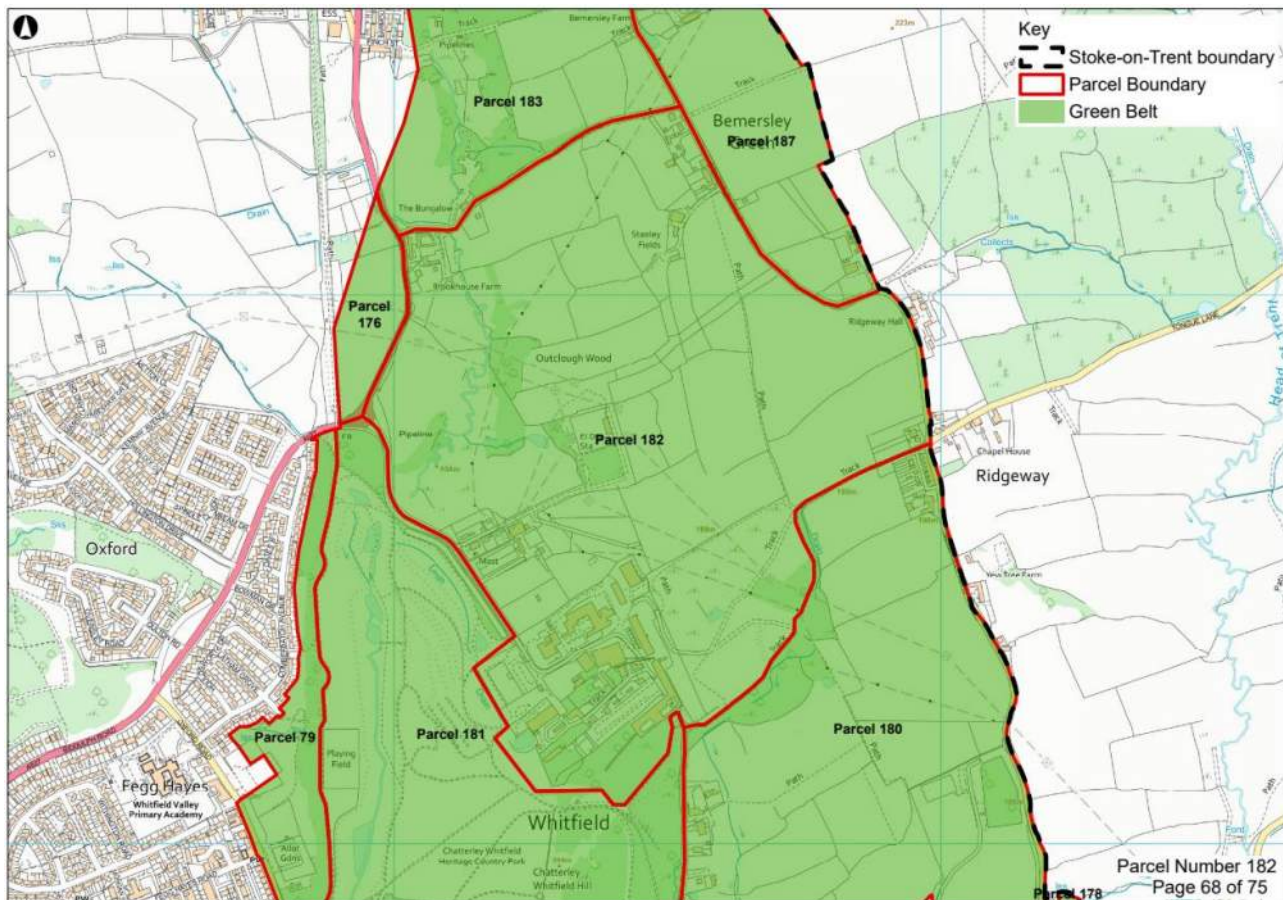
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a cluster of light industrial warehouses in the southeast. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are predominantly less durable consisting of footpaths and hedgerow to the south, and backs of residential properties to the southwest. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of an access road to the northeast, Whitfield Road to the east, and a ridgeline along the west. The remaining boundaries are comprised of footpaths. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity although there is existing development in the Green Belt to the northeast (Chatterley Whitfield Colliery heritage centre) and east (residential properties) adjacent to the parcel's boundaries which could restrict development. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area along its western and southern boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Contribution          |
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| development despite the partly less durable outer boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Biddulph in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel is predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including recreation grounds and country parkland, however it also includes a cluster of light industrial warehouses in the southeast. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography slopes towards the north. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside to the north however there is existing development in the Green Belt to the northeast (Chatterley Whitfield Colliery heritage centre) and east (residential properties). Furthermore, the western and southern edges of the parcel are partly enclosed by the urban area which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the majority contribution should be applied. The parcel therefore makes a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Moderate contribution |



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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.68 Parcel 182

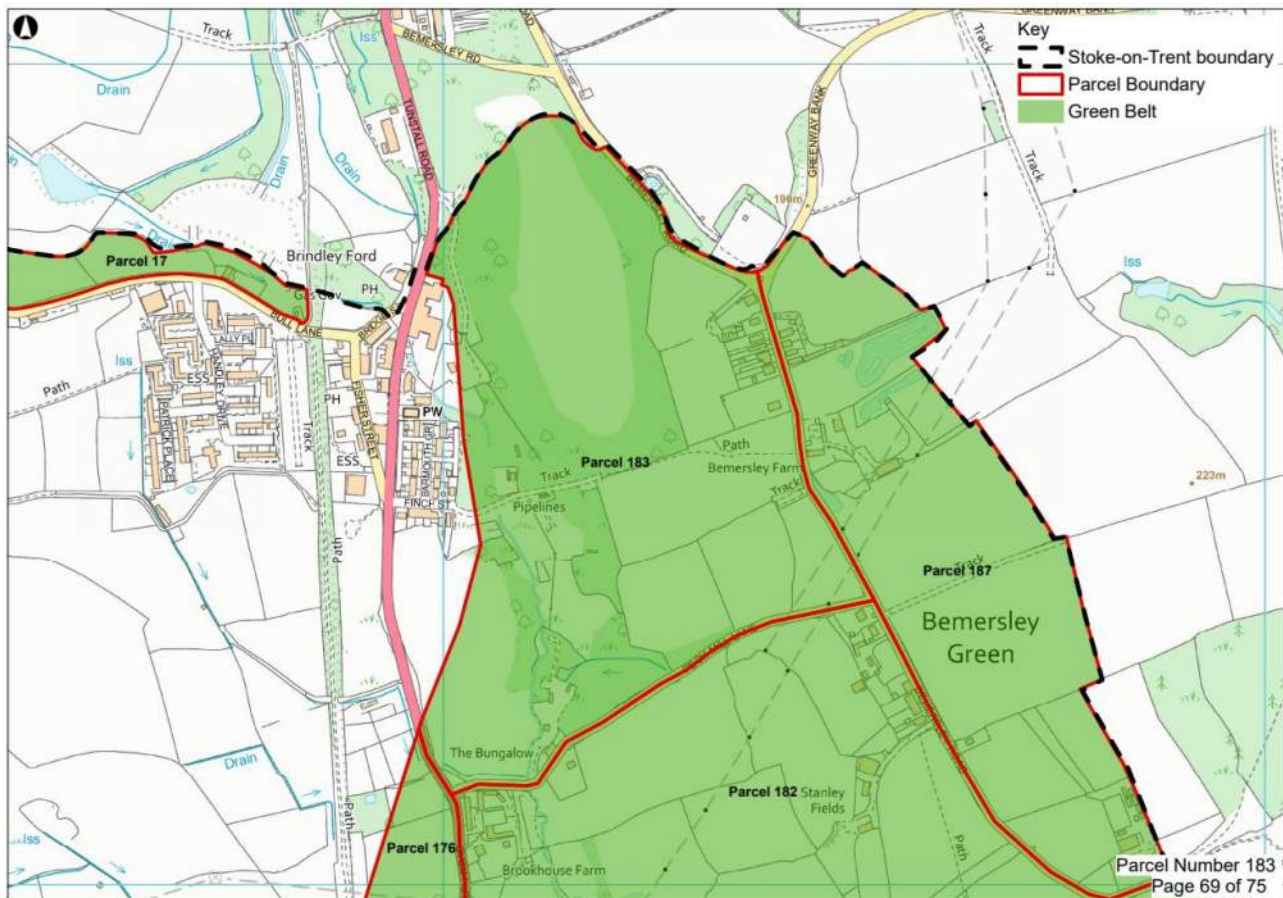


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located near to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area as it is functionally linked by Biddulph Road. The parcel is partly open countryside although it contains some existing development including the former Chatterley Whitfield colliery which now includes a heritage centre and business units. There is also an electricity sub-station in the west, a residential property and stables in the northwest, and a cluster of residential properties in the northeast. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are durable consisting of the roundabout along Biddulph Road to the west. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Bemersley Road and Peck Mill Lane to the east and north, and Biddulph Road to the west, with the remaining boundaries being paths and un-made roads to the south. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is not directly connected to the large built-up area however the western corner is in very close proximity. Despite its level of connection, given the existing development within the parcel, combined with the durable outer boundaries to the north, east and west,</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution          |
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| development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between Stoke-on-Trent and Biddulph in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel partly consists of open countryside (and rural land uses including horse paddocks, however it also includes some semi-urban land uses including the former Chatterley Whitfield colliery which now includes a heritage centre and a cluster of business units in the south, an electricity sub-station in the west, a residential property and stables in the northwest, and a cluster of residential properties in the northeast. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness with less than 20% built form and open long line views from certain viewpoints when looking northeast. The parcel consists of a dense vegetation in parts and its topography slopes to the northwest. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to, and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town, and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the majority contribution should be applied. The parcel therefore makes a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate contribution |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |

## C.69 Parcel 183



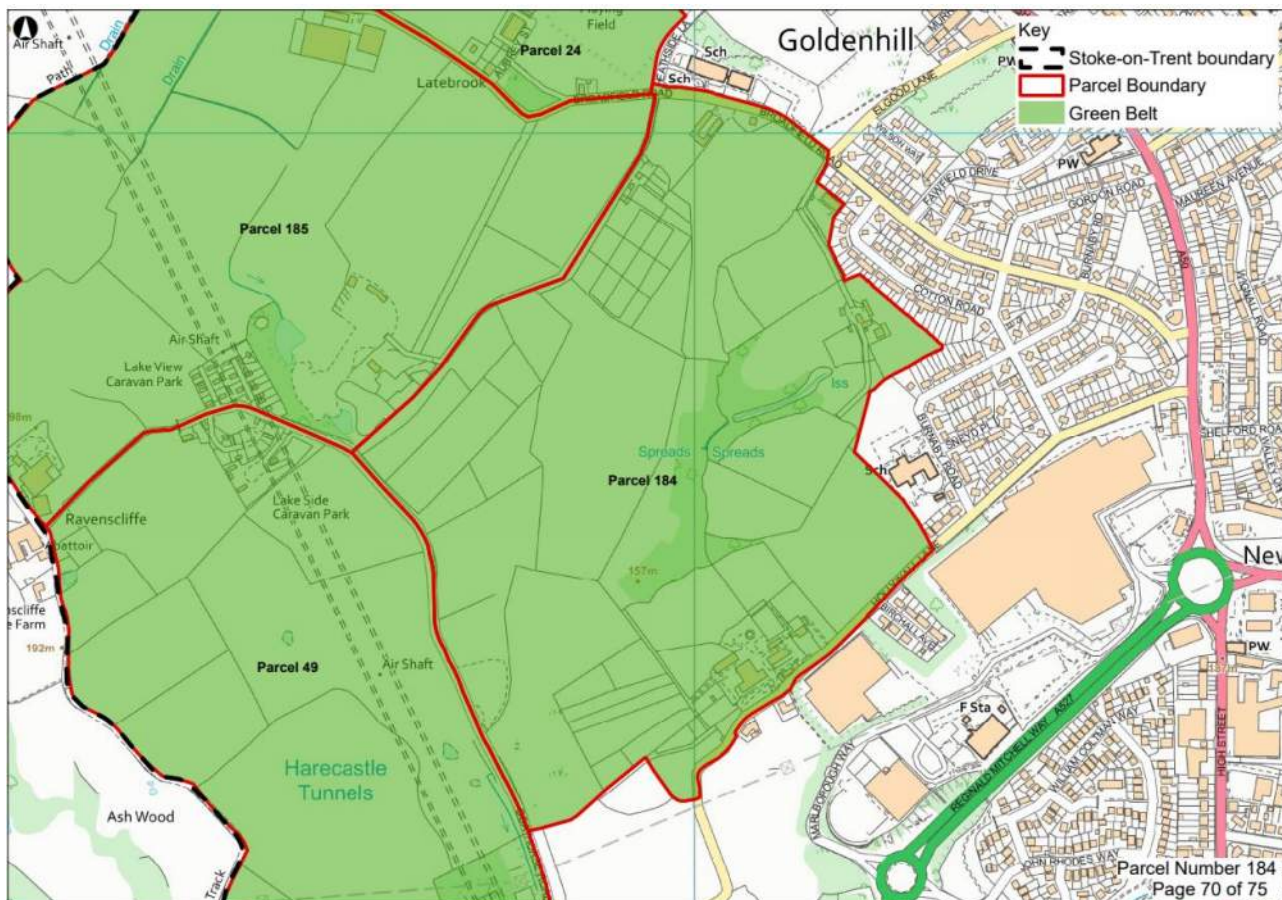
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including a cluster of residential properties in the east in Bemersley Green, and a residential property and a recycling yard to the southwest. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of treeline and undefined boundaries. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Bemersley Road to the east and Peck Mill Lane to the south with the remaining boundaries being undefined. There is a durable boundary in reasonable proximity consisting of Bemersley Road to the north. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its western boundary, and despite its level of connection, the parcel has durable outer boundaries, and therefore development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Biddulph in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap between the towns where development would significantly, both visually and physically, reduce the separation between the defined neighbouring towns, resulting in them nearly merging due to the existing development in the Green Belt along New Buildings Road, Childerplay Road, and Tunstall Road. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                         | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| <p>The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land and open fields, however it also includes a cluster of residential properties in the east in Bemesley Green, and a residential property and a recycling yard to the southwest. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from certain viewpoints in the east of the parcel. The parcel consists of a dense vegetation in parts and its topography slopes to the southwest. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| <p>The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| <p>The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Strong contribution   |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                 |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose b and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

## C.70 Parcel 184



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside although it contains some existing development including farm buildings with associated residential accommodation, and a caravan park in the southwest. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of durable boundaries to the north and southeast including Broadfield Road and Hollywall Lane, and less durable boundaries to the east including existing development and fencing/rear gardens. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are also mixed consisting of Boathouse Road to the west, with the remaining boundaries being un-made roads. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is partially enclosed by the large built-up area along the parcel's northern, eastern and southern boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

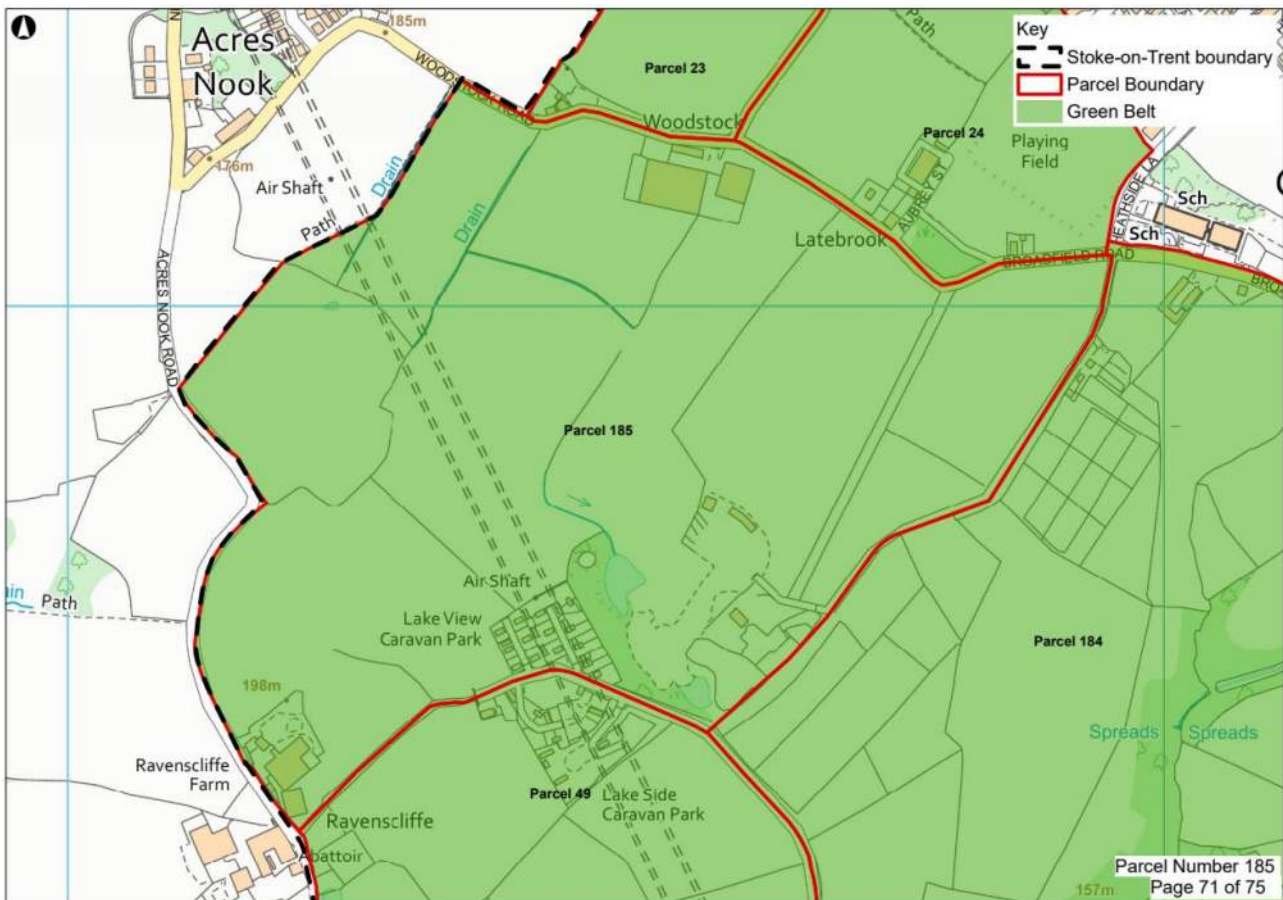
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The parcel forms part of the gap between towns where there is scope for some development without reducing the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural land, however it also includes scattered residential properties and a small caravan park. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints. The parcel consists of low levels of vegetation and has undulating topography, sloping down to the west. The parcel is partly enclosed by the large-built up area along its northern, eastern, and southern boundaries however it is still connected to the surrounding open countryside to the west and northwest. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to three purposes, and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel supports a strong degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment however the parcel is                                                                                                                                      | Moderate contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution |
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| partially enclosed by the large built-up area and could be considered to round off the settlement pattern therefore development would not threaten the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. |              |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |  |



## C.71 Parcel 185



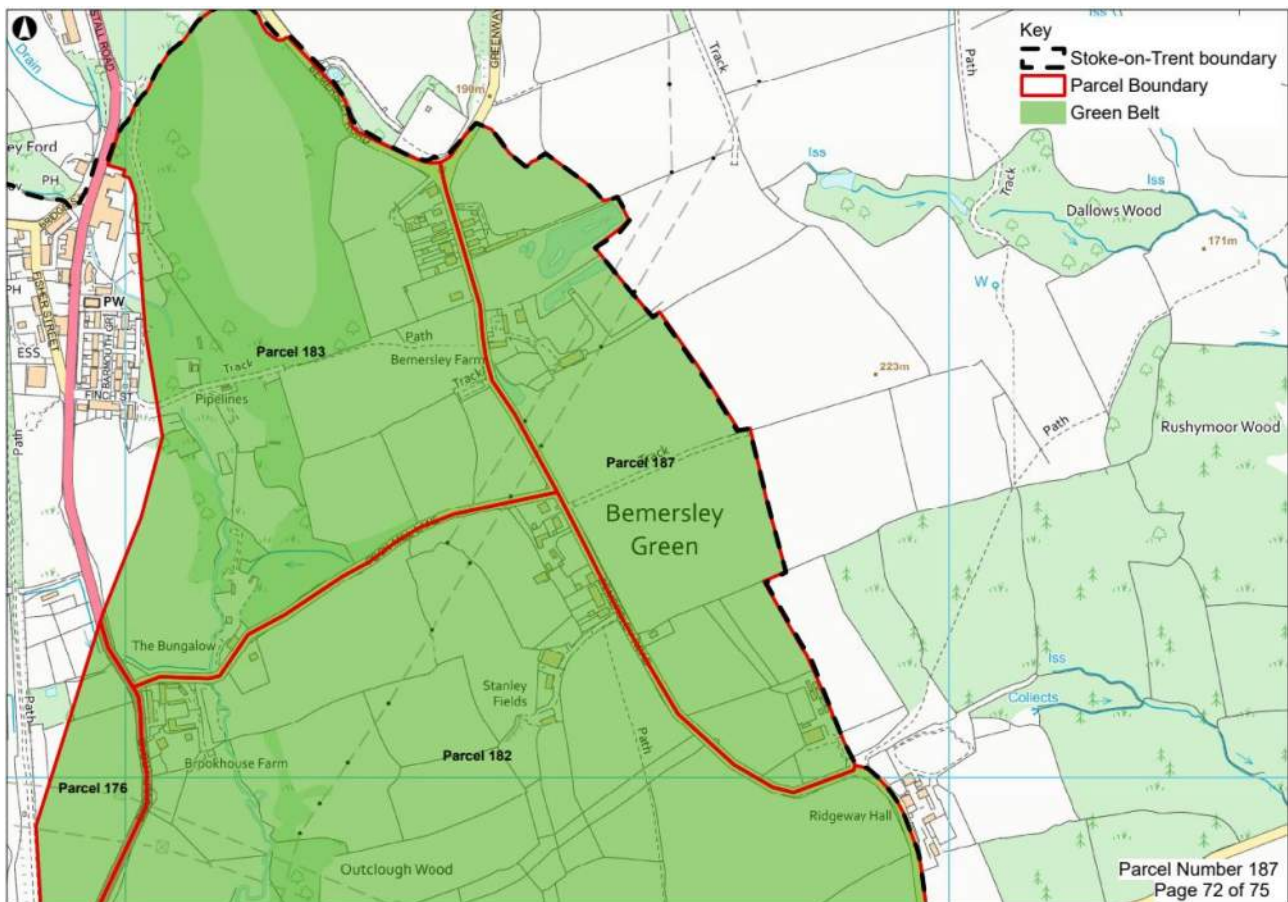
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Contribution               |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                            |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside and agricultural land although it contains some limited existing development including a caravan park, and warehouses/light industry. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are durable consisting of the junction of Broadfield Road and Heathside Lane to the east. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Acres Nook Road to the west, Boathorse Road to the southwest and Woodstock Road//Broadfield Road to the east, with the remaining boundaries to the northwest and southeast being un-made roads, hedge-line, and undefined boundaries. As such, the parcel has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is connected to the large built-up area on the parcel's eastern corner and due to its level of connection, combined with the shape of the parcel and the partly less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would significantly, both visually and physically reduce the separation between the towns resulting in the perceived merging of the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose                                                                                                                                           | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including farms and agricultural land, however it also includes a caravan park to the south, and warehouses/light industry to the south. The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints. The parcel consists of low levels of vegetation and has undulating topography. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                         | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to three purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Strong contribution   |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b> |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>    |

No – the parcel strongly contributes to purposes a and b, and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt.

## C.72 Parcel 187



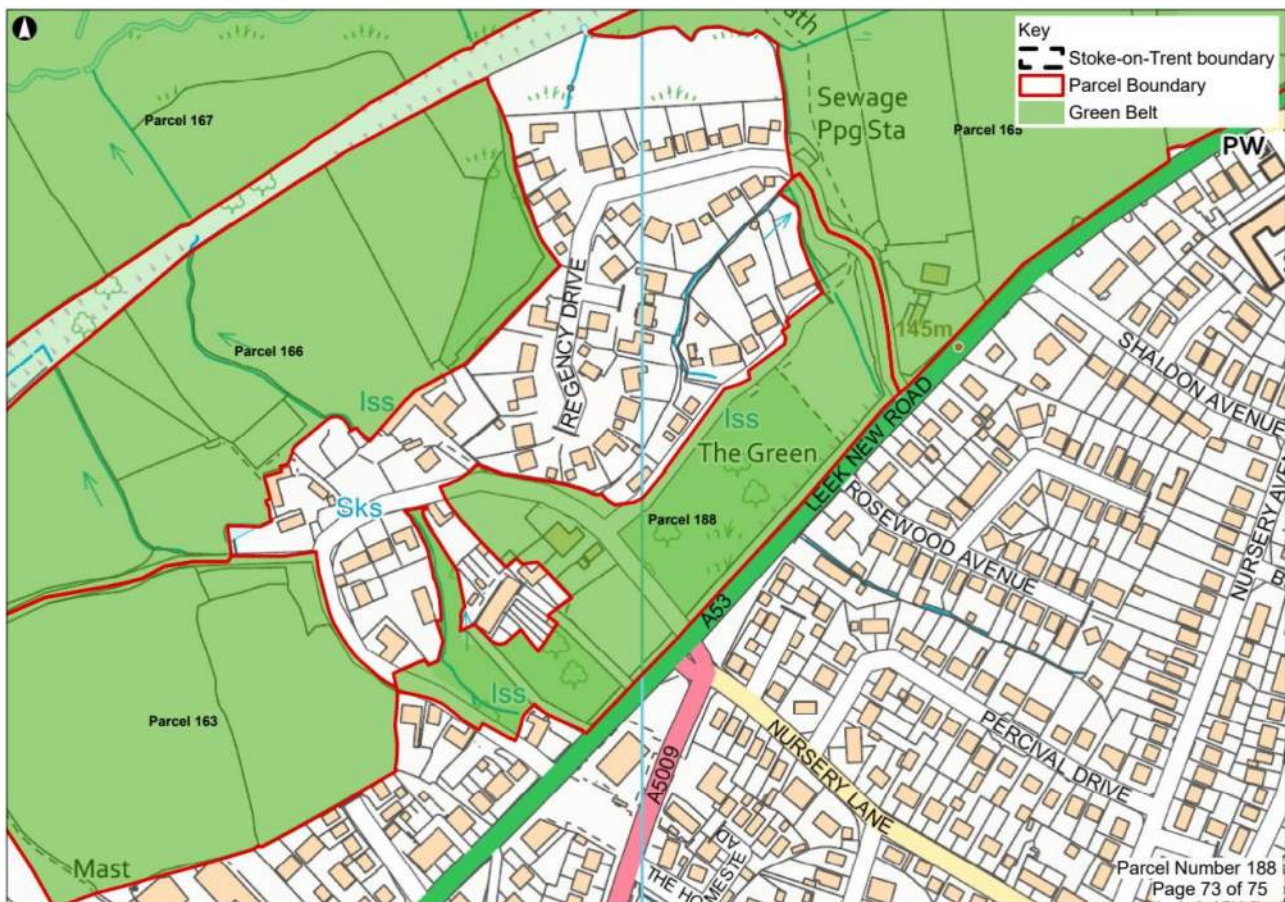
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution        |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                     |
| The parcel is not directly adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area, and it is not considered near to the urban area as there is no visual or functional linkage. It therefore makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | No contribution     |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                     |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Biddulph in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns given the parcel is not directly connected to either town. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution   |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                     |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including horse paddocks and open fields, however it also includes a cluster of residential properties and light industry in the west in Bemesley Green, and a residential property to the south.                                                                                                                                                       | Strong contribution |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution          |
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| The parcel has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The parcel's topography slopes to the north and south. The parcel is surrounded by open countryside along most of its boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to, and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town, and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a strong degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the parcel makes no contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging, the parcel is completely connected to the wider Green Belt and the parcel's boundaries with the wider Green Belt to the east are less durable and are in parts undefined, therefore the parcel plays a stronger role in preventing development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a strong contribution overall. | Strong contribution   |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |



## C.73 Parcel 188



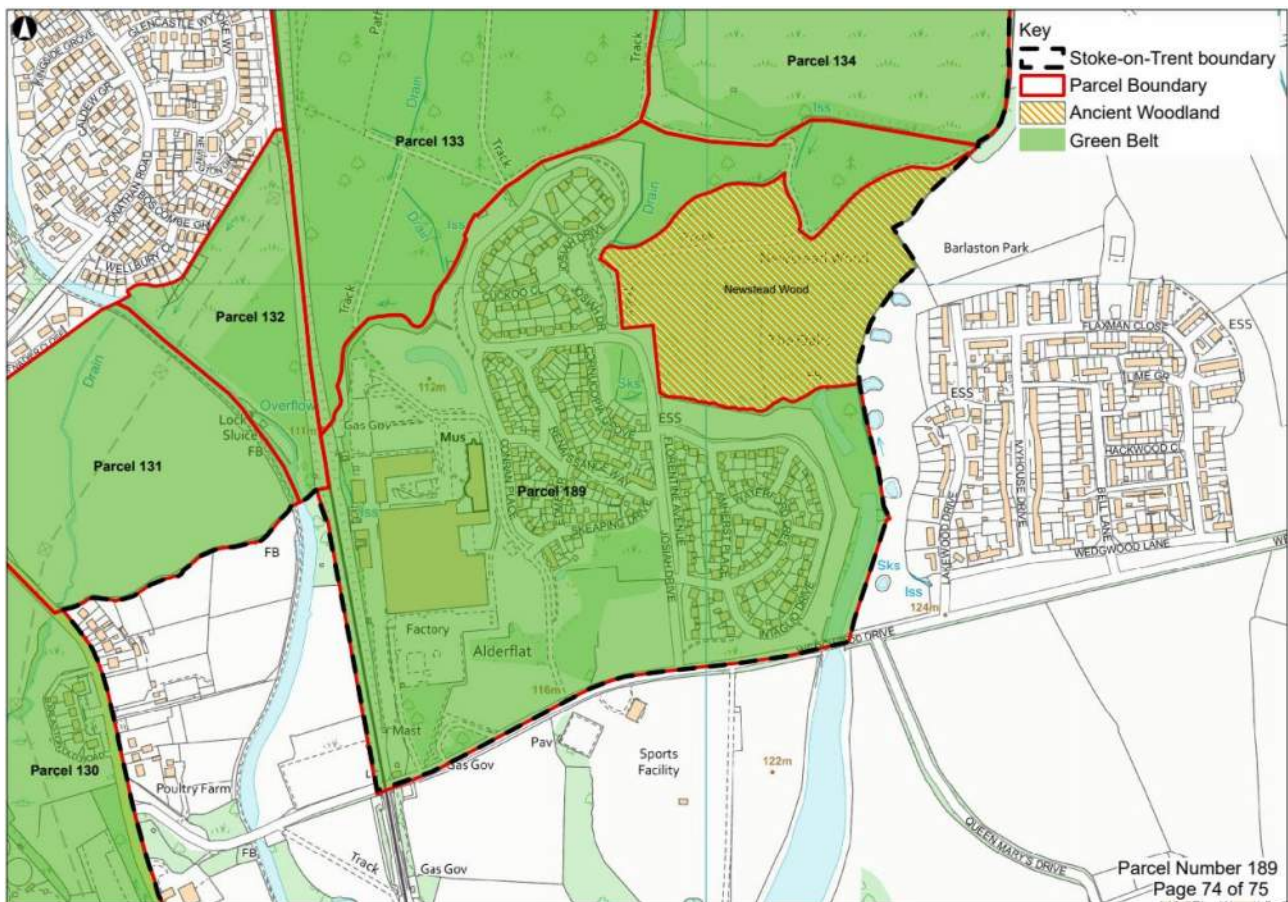
| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution             |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |
| <p>The parcel is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The parcel is predominantly open countryside, comprising shrubland, dense tree coverage and agricultural buildings and residential curtilage/private garden. The boundaries between the parcel and the large built-up area are mixed. Durable boundaries are located to the south comprising the A53, and to part of the west which comprises The Green (minor public road). Less durable boundaries to the north and part of the east comprise irregular fences/hedgerows and garden boundaries, as well as undefined boundaries through residential curtilage. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider green belt are durable, consisting of a very small boundary on the Green to the west, and Regency Drive (public road) to the east. As such the parcel has some physical features which could restrict and contain development. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its northern, southern and eastern boundaries such that development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and it could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |

| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                       |
| The parcel is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                       |
| The parcel consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including agricultural buildings. The parcel has a moderate degree of openness with less than 10% built form, a significant covering of dense vegetation and no long line views. The topography of the parcel is flat. The parcel is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along a number of boundaries, and it is only connected to open countryside to the east, which reduces its sense of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. |  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                       |
| The parcel is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The parcel does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                      |  | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                       |
| This parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split.. The parcel therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel’s grey belt status. |  |



## C.74 Parcel 189

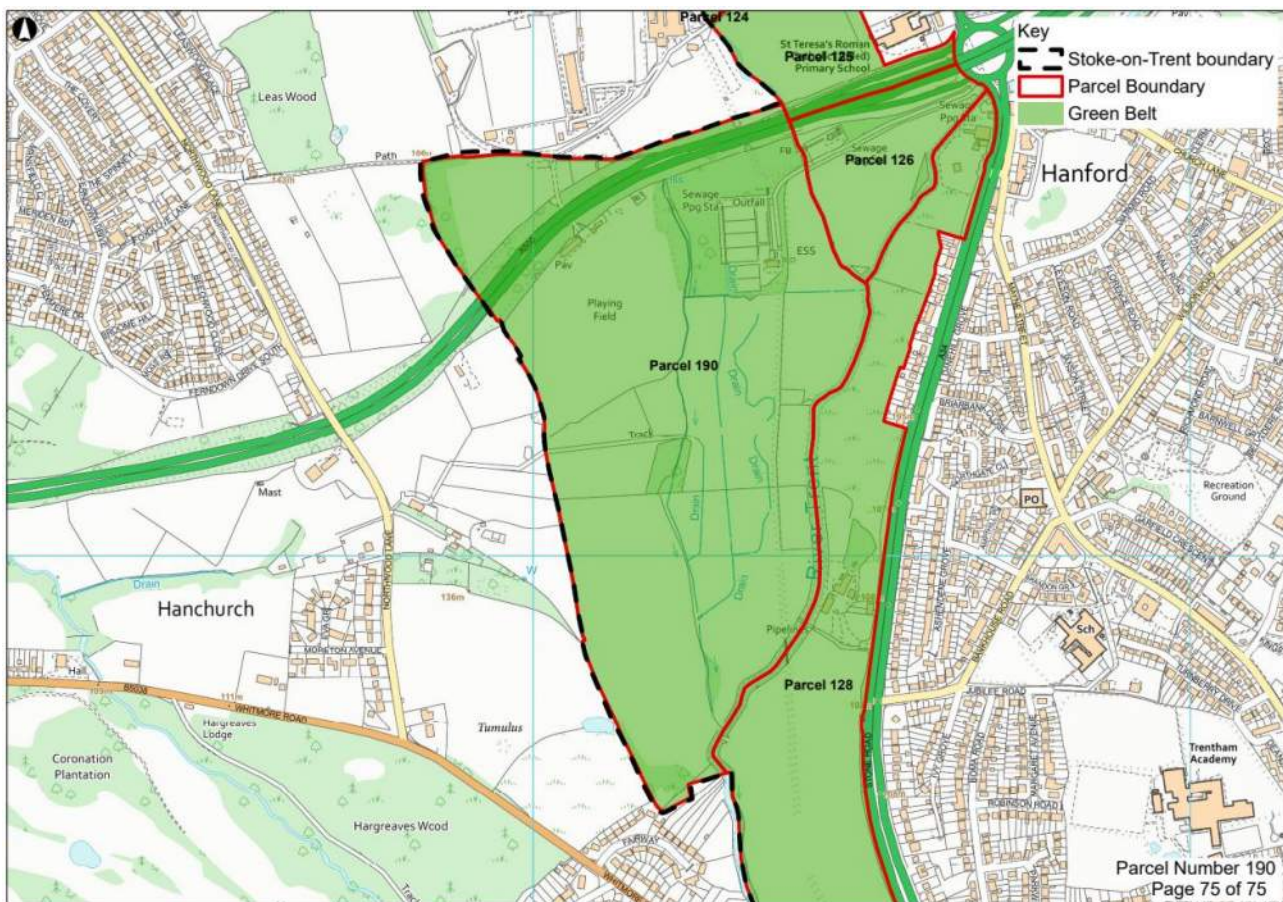


| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Contribution    |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 |
| The parcel is not directly adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area, and it is not considered near to the urban area as there is no visual or functional linkage. It therefore makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                        | No contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                 |
| The parcel is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Stone in neighbouring Stafford. The parcel forms a very small part of the gap between the defined towns and given that the parcel is already completely developed it does not contribute to maintaining the separation between the towns. Overall, the parcel makes no contribution to this purpose. | No contribution |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                 |
| The parcel consists primarily of the World of Wedgwood tourist attraction and a residential development (Wedgwood Park) with some undeveloped land with dense vegetation to the north. The parcel has no degree of openness as there is approximately 70% built form, dense                                                                                                   | No contribution |

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| vegetation in parts and no long line views due to the level of built form. The parcel is connected to open countryside along all boundaries however there is existing development in the Green Belt to the east (Barlaston Park). Overall, the parcel makes no contribution to this purpose.   |                       |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to, and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town, and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                           | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to four purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel makes an overall weak contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                  | Weak contribution     |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Yes – the parcel does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the parcel's grey belt status. |

## C.75 Parcel 190



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution               |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                            |
| <p>The parcel is located near to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area as it is functionally linked by the A500 (Queensway). The parcel consists primarily of open fields, St Joseph's College Playing Fields in the northwest and sewage works in the northeast. Additionally, the A500 (Queensway) runs through the northern part of the parcel. The boundaries between the parcel and the wider Green Belt are mixed. The eastern boundary consists of Lyme Brook and the River Trent which are durable boundaries. The northern boundary consists of tree line and vegetation which is a less durable boundary. The western boundary is less durable as it consists of tree line and field boundaries and in parts it is not defined by any physical features. The parcel is not directly connected to the large built-up area and development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Strong contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                            |
| <p>The parcel is located in a gap between the Newcastle-under-Lyme urban area and the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. Although the urban areas have</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Strong contribution</p> |



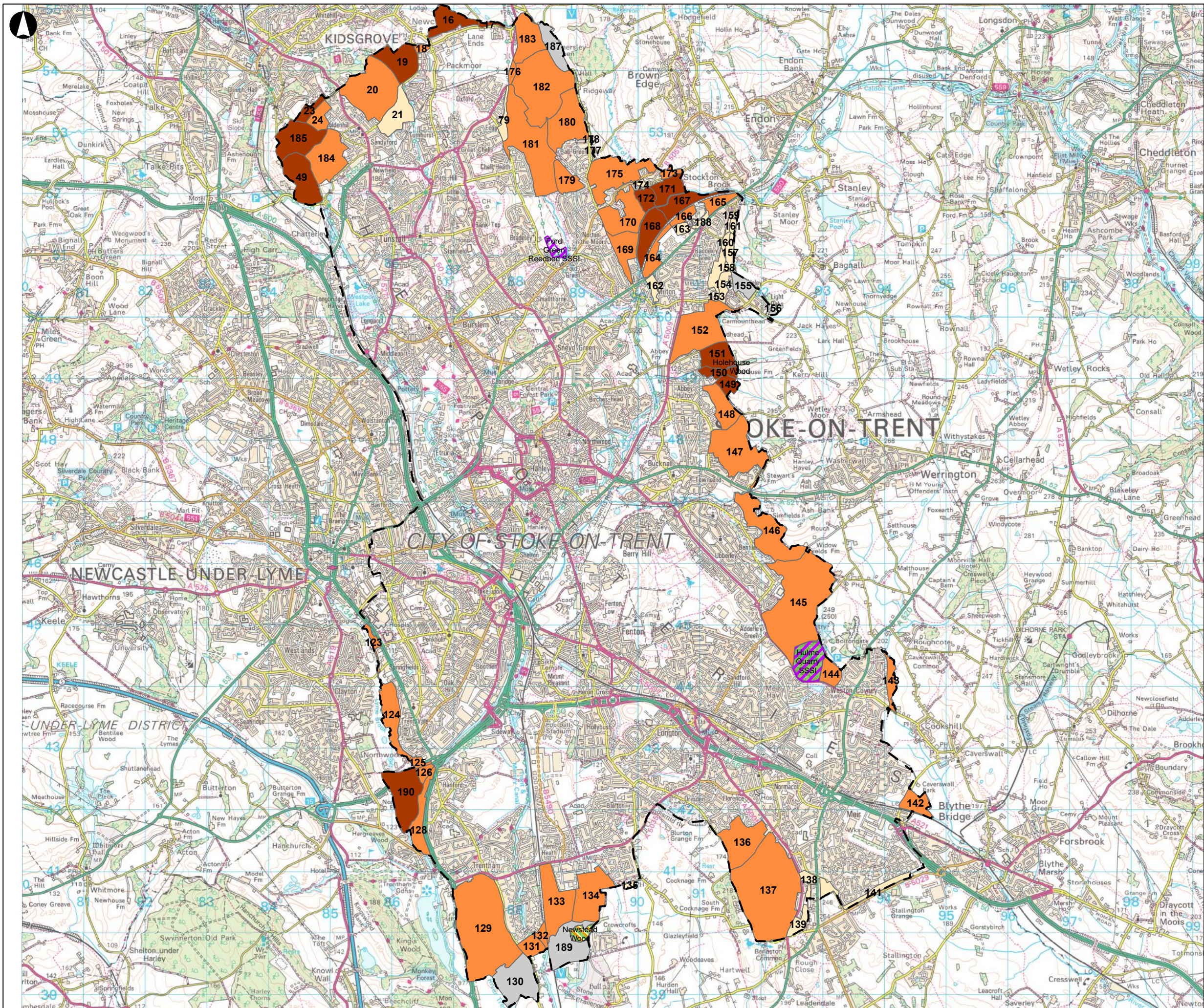
| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| already merged there are a few remaining gaps which are clearly defined due to the administrative boundary. The parcel forms a substantial part of the remaining gap between the defined towns where development would significantly reduce the actual separation between the towns resulting in further merging and closing of the remaining gap. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                |                       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The parcel consists primarily of grassy fields and some existing development (sewage works). There are some access constraints with parcel, however aerial imagery and base mapping suggests the parcel has approximately 10% built form, potentially allowing some long line views due to low vegetation. The parcel is surrounded by the wider Green Belt along all boundaries. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The parcel is not adjacent to, and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town, and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                     | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| The parcel makes a strong contribution to three purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Moderate contribution |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                       |
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| <b>Is the parcel provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                          |
| No – the parcel strongly contributes to purpose a and b and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

# Appendix D

## Maps of Parcel Assessment Findings





Key

Stoke-on-Trent boundary

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Ancient Woodland

Green Belt

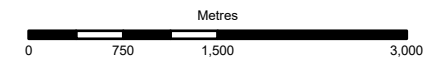
Parcel Assessment Purpose A

No contribution

Weak contribution

Moderate contribution

Strong contribution



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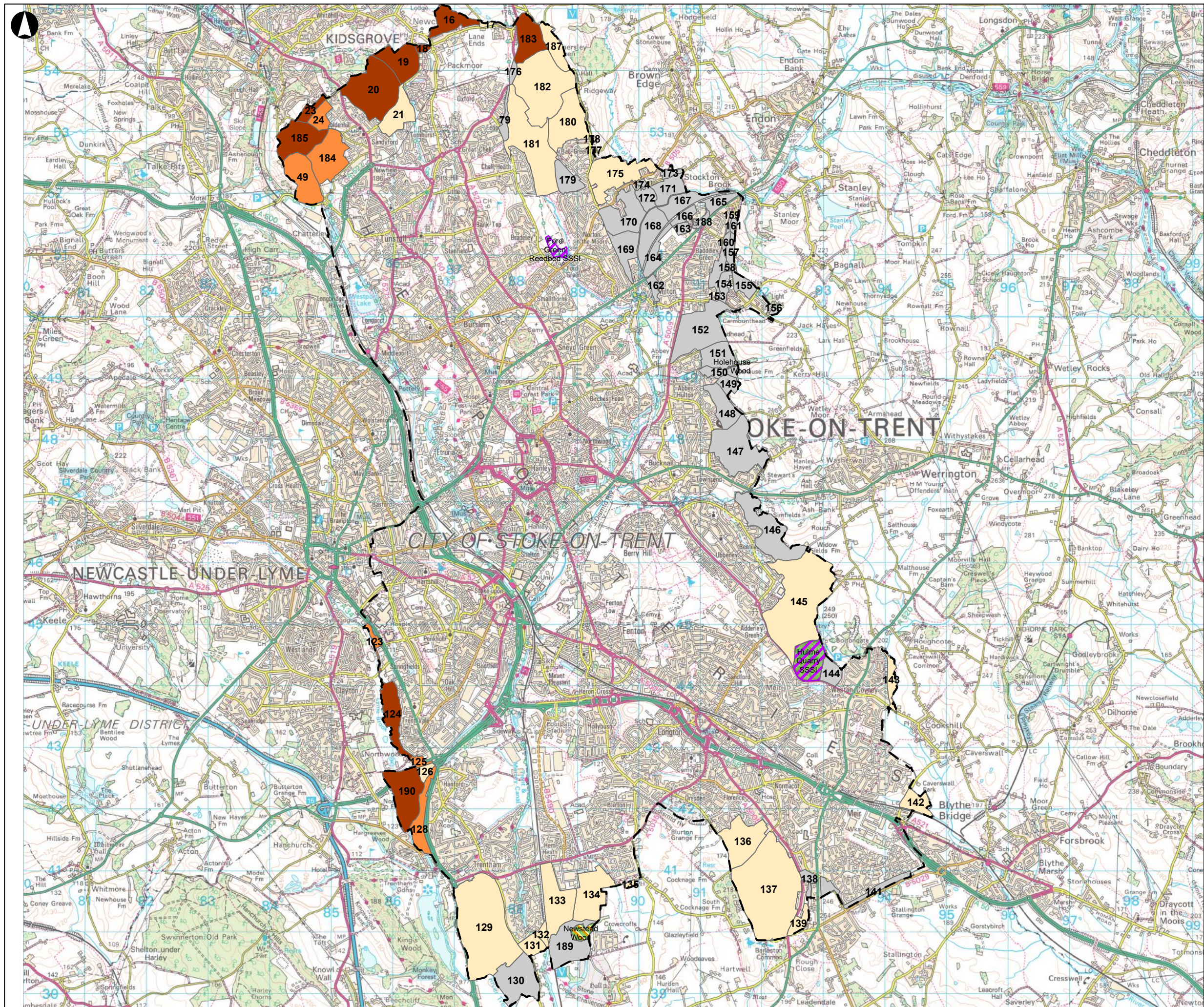
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Stoke-on-Trent boundary

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

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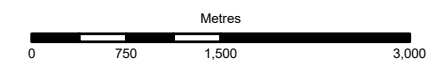
Parcel Assessment Purpose B

No contribution

Weak contribution

Moderate contribution

Strong contribution



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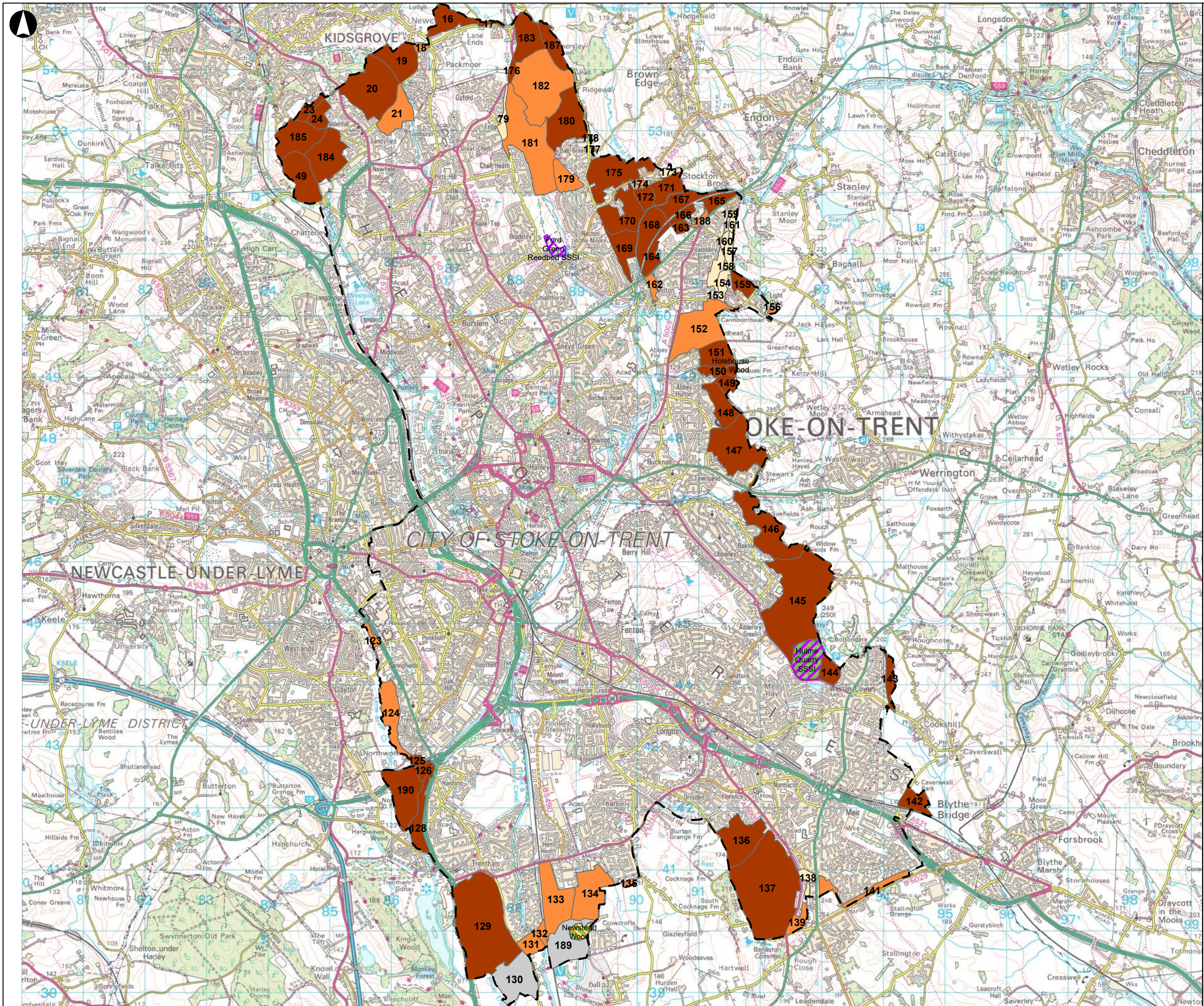
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Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Ancient Woodland

Green Belt

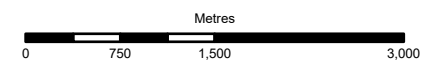
Parcel Assessment Purpose C

No contribution

Weak contribution

Moderate contribution

Strong contribution



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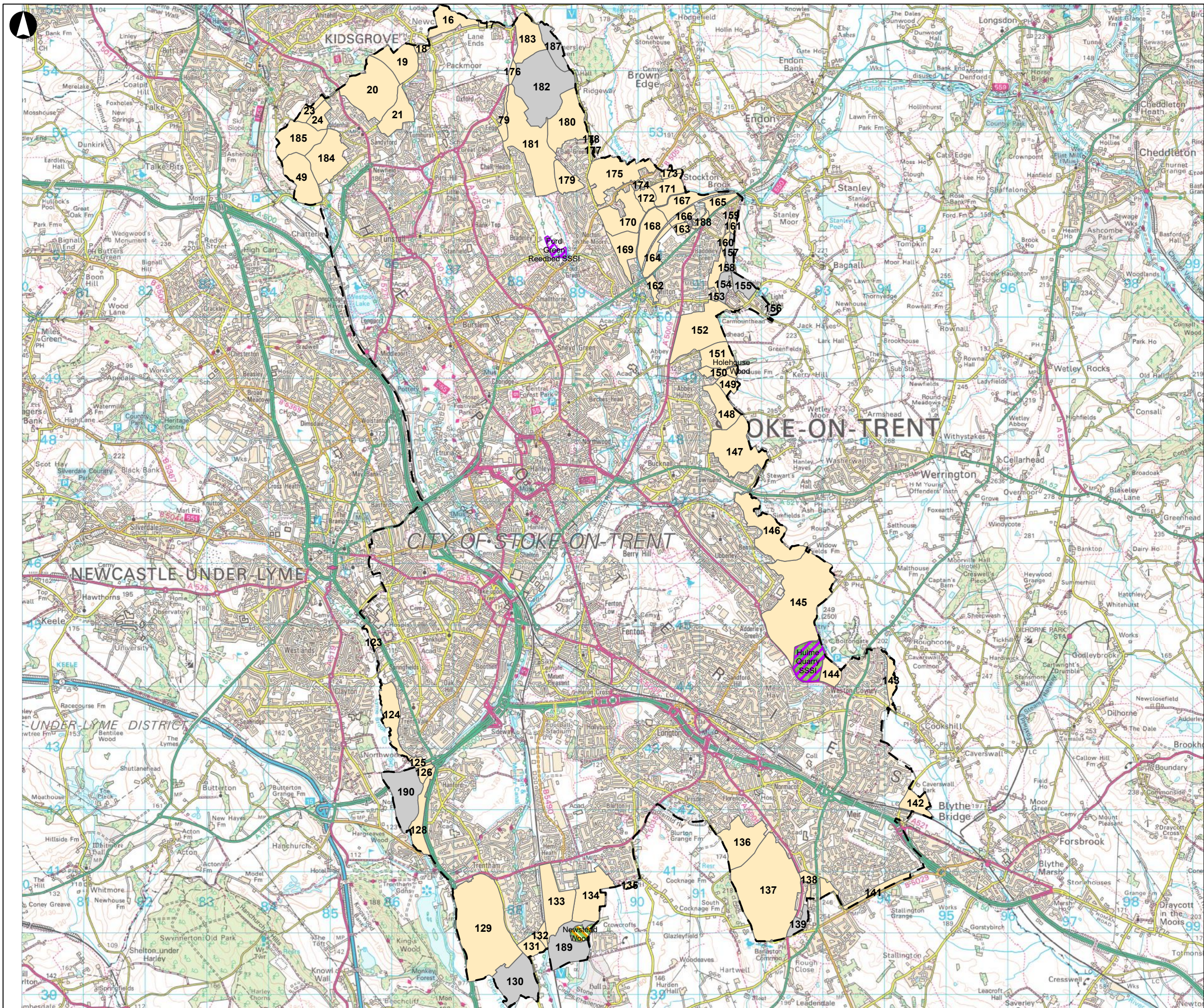
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Stoke-on-Trent boundary

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Ancient Woodland

Green Belt

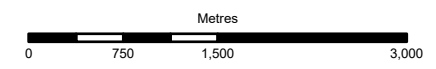
Parcel Assessment Purpose D

No contribution

Weak contribution

Moderate contribution

Strong contribution



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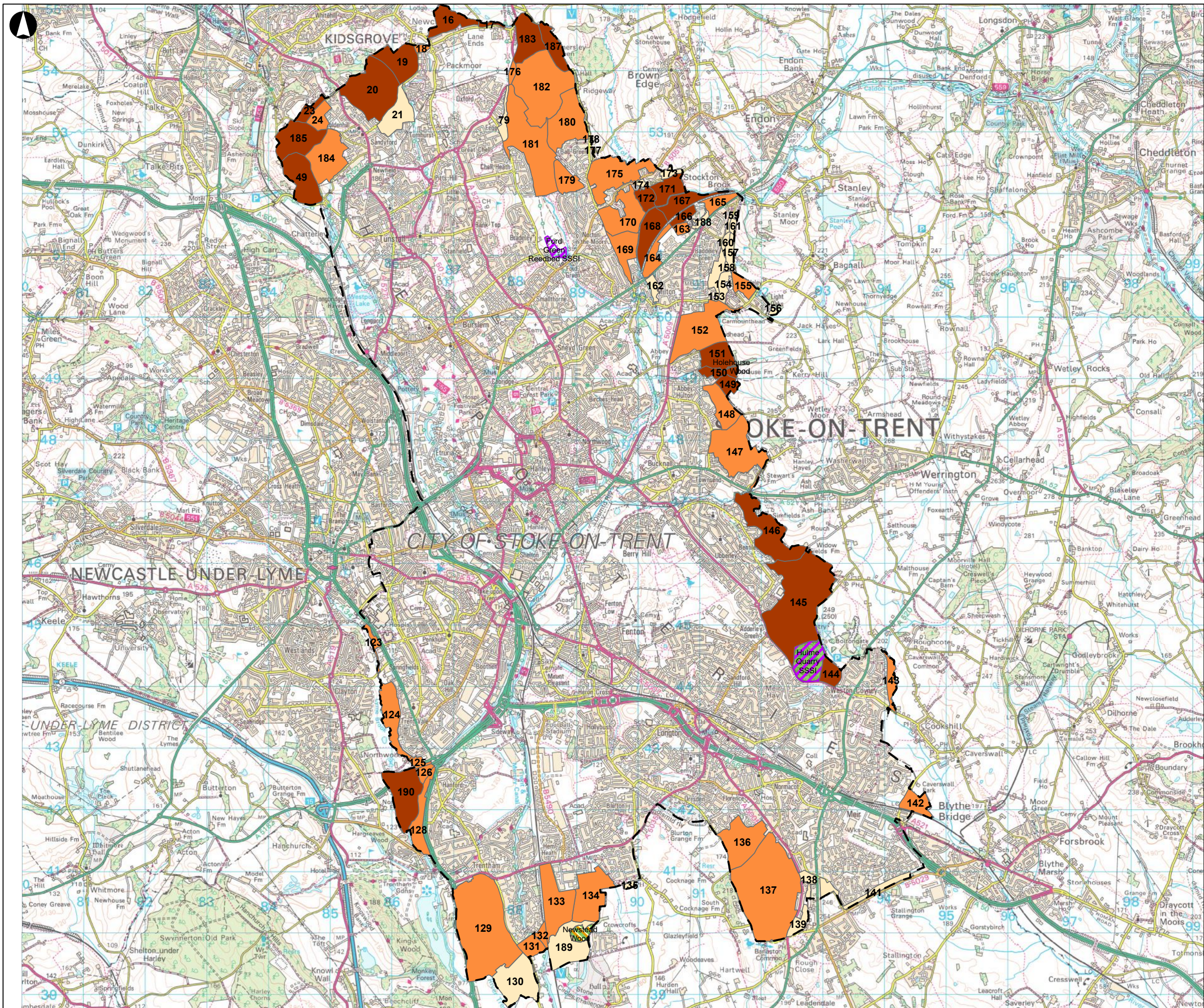
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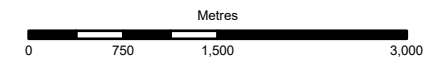


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Stoke-on-Trent boundary

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Parcel Assessment Purpose Overall



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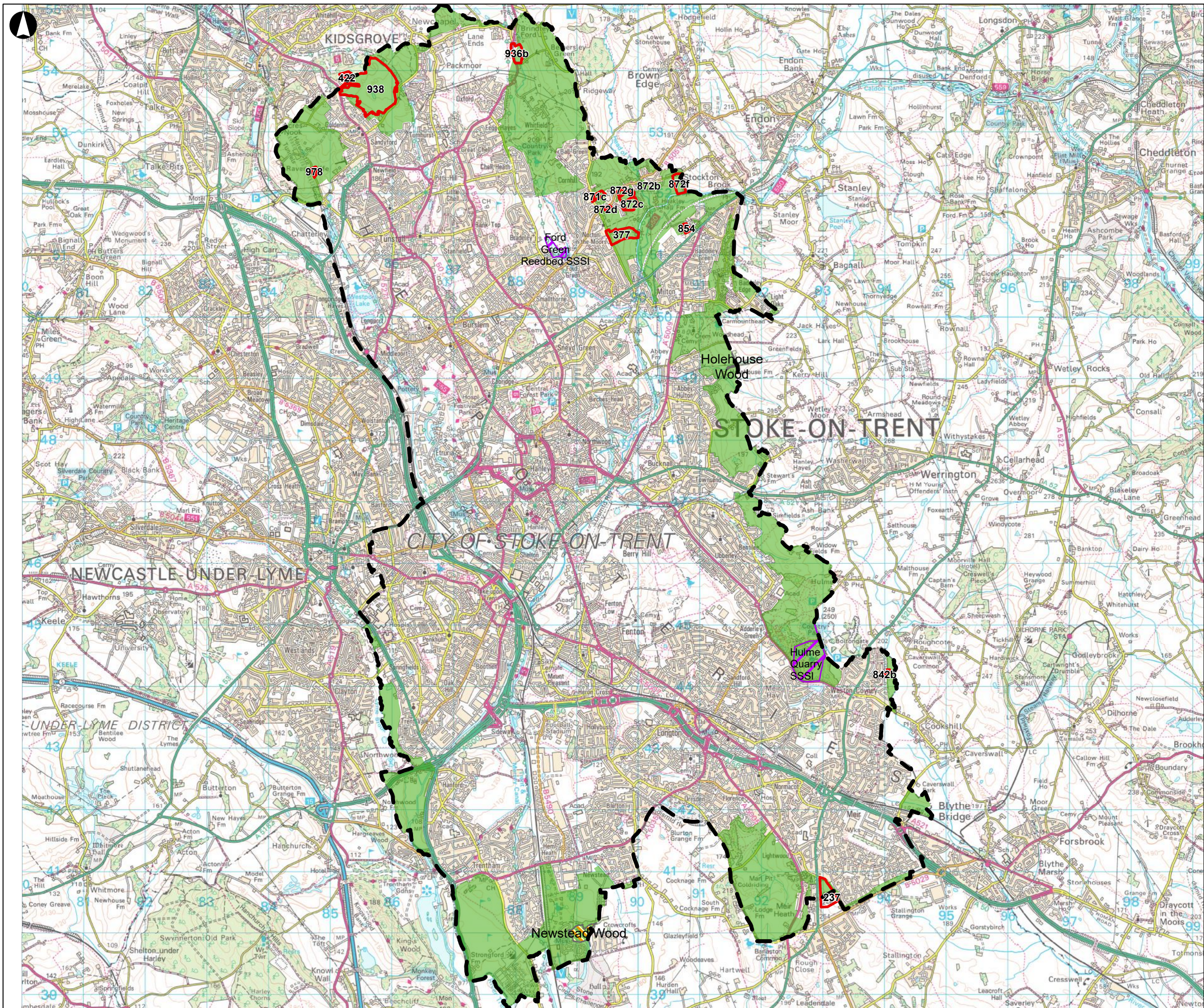
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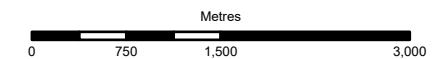
# Appendix E

## Maps – Green Belt Sites





- Key**
- Stoke-on-Trent boundary
  - Sites of Special Scientific Interest
  - Ancient Woodland
  - Green Belt
  - SHELAA Boundary



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Assessment  
Site Wide**

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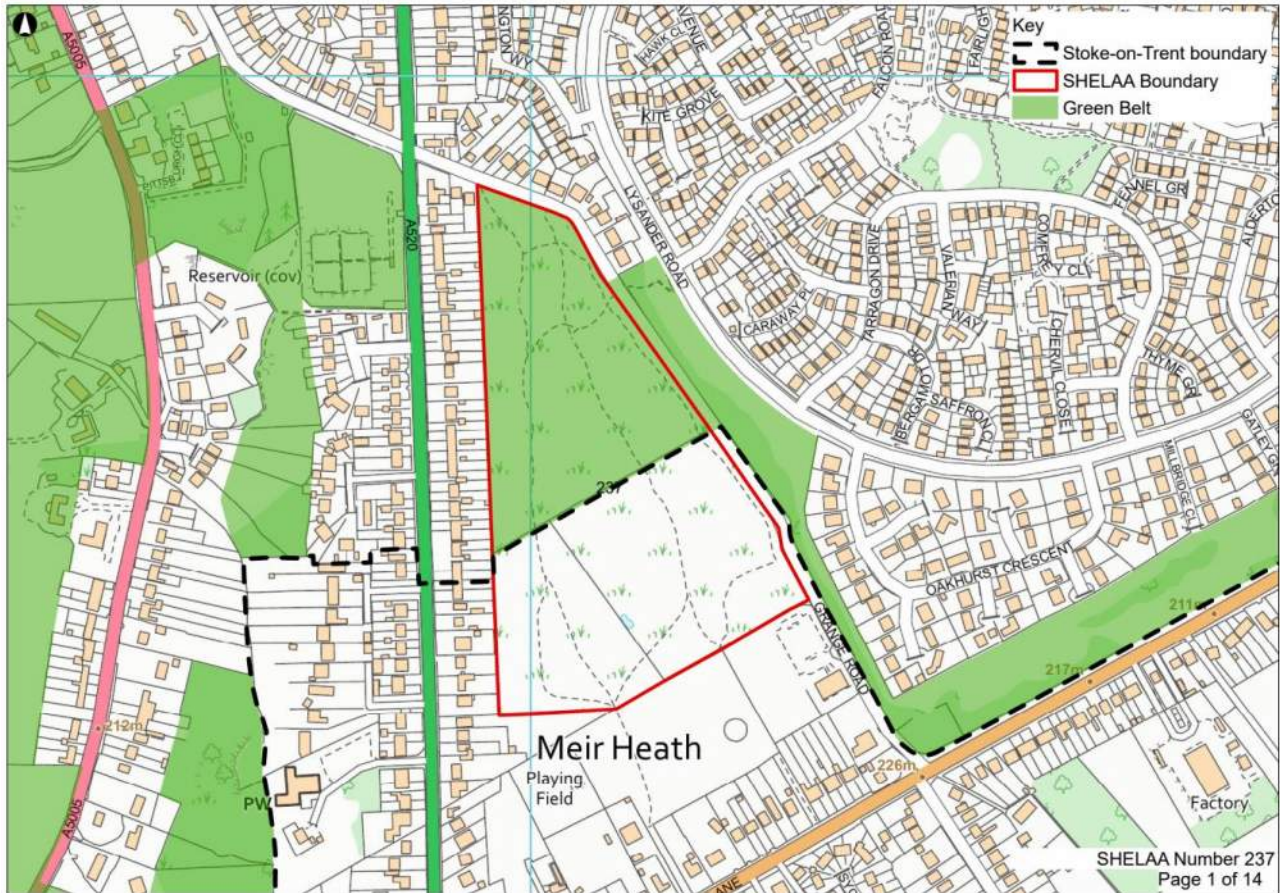
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# Appendix F

## Green Belt Site Assessment Proformas

## F.1 SHELAA 237 – Grange Road, Meir Heath, ST7 7BH



Note: Only the part of the site within the Stoke-on-Trent administrative boundary has been assessed.

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Contribution             |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                          |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is free of existing development and consists of tall grass and dense tree cover. The boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of Grange Road to the north, and the rear gardens of residential properties to the west. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of a section of Grange Road to the east and an undefined boundary to the south. The site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along the site's northern, eastern, and western boundaries such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development, and it could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |

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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The site is not located in a gap between two or more neighbouring towns, therefore it makes no contribution to this purpose. Overall, this site makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The site consists predominantly of tall grass and tree cover. The site has a strong-moderate degree of openness with no built form and a flat topography, but minimal long line views due to dense vegetation throughout most of the site. The site is largely enclosed by the urban area which reduces its sense of openness. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to any defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The site makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this site makes a weak contribution to the Green Belt purposes.                                                                                                                                                                      | Weak contribution     |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site's grey belt status. |

## Green Belt Impact Assessment

### What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?

Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as the site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area and development of the site could be considered to round off the settlement pattern.

Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.

Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.

Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.

### What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?

If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the surrounding Green Belt would continue to perform the same function and purpose. Removal of the site would not exacerbate any of the above impacts.

### Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?

There are no other sites in this location under consideration which are likely to have cumulative impacts.

### Conclusion

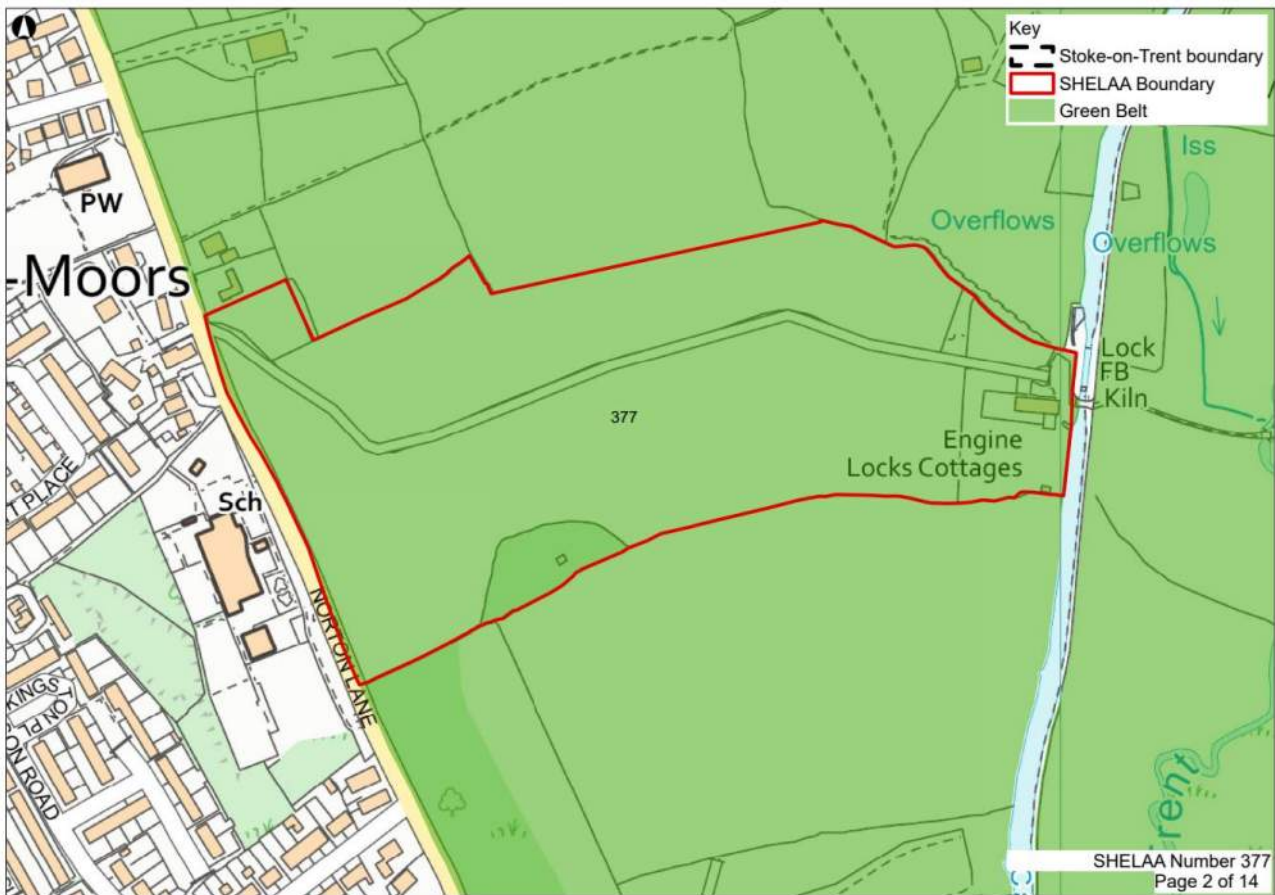
The site makes a weak overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into predominantly undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. **Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.**

### Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?

The new Green Belt boundary would be defined by Grange Road to the east which is a recognisable and permanent boundary. The site's existing southern boundary follows the administrative boundary which is not currently defined by any features on the ground. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary is created to the south.



## F.2 SHELAA 377 – Land off Norton Lane, Norton



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution        |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                     |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is predominantly open countryside with a residential property located to the east. The boundary between the site and the large built-up area is durable, consisting of Norton Lane to the west. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are predominantly less durable consisting of field boundaries to the north and south and a short section of Caldon Canal to the east. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the site has some limited features that could restrict and contain development. The site is connected to the large built-up area along the site's western boundary and due to its level of connection, combined with its shape and the existing settlement pattern, as well as its predominantly less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                     |

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| The site is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The site consists of predominantly open countryside and rural land uses with a residential property located to the east. The site has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The site's topography is predominantly flat. The site is surrounded by open countryside to the north, east and south. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                 | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The site makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the site therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Strong contribution   |

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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                               |
| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |
| No – the site strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

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### What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?

Purpose a – Development of the site would entail growth of the large built-up area and would result in an incongruous pattern of development due to the existing settlement pattern and the shape of the site, combined with the less durable outer boundaries. It would therefore represent unrestricted sprawl.

Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.

Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into predominantly undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.

Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.

### What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?

If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the remaining Green Belt to the north and south of the site would become more enclosed by development which is likely to reduce the sense of openness in these remaining areas of Green Belt.

### Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?

There are no other sites in this location under consideration which are likely to have cumulative impacts.

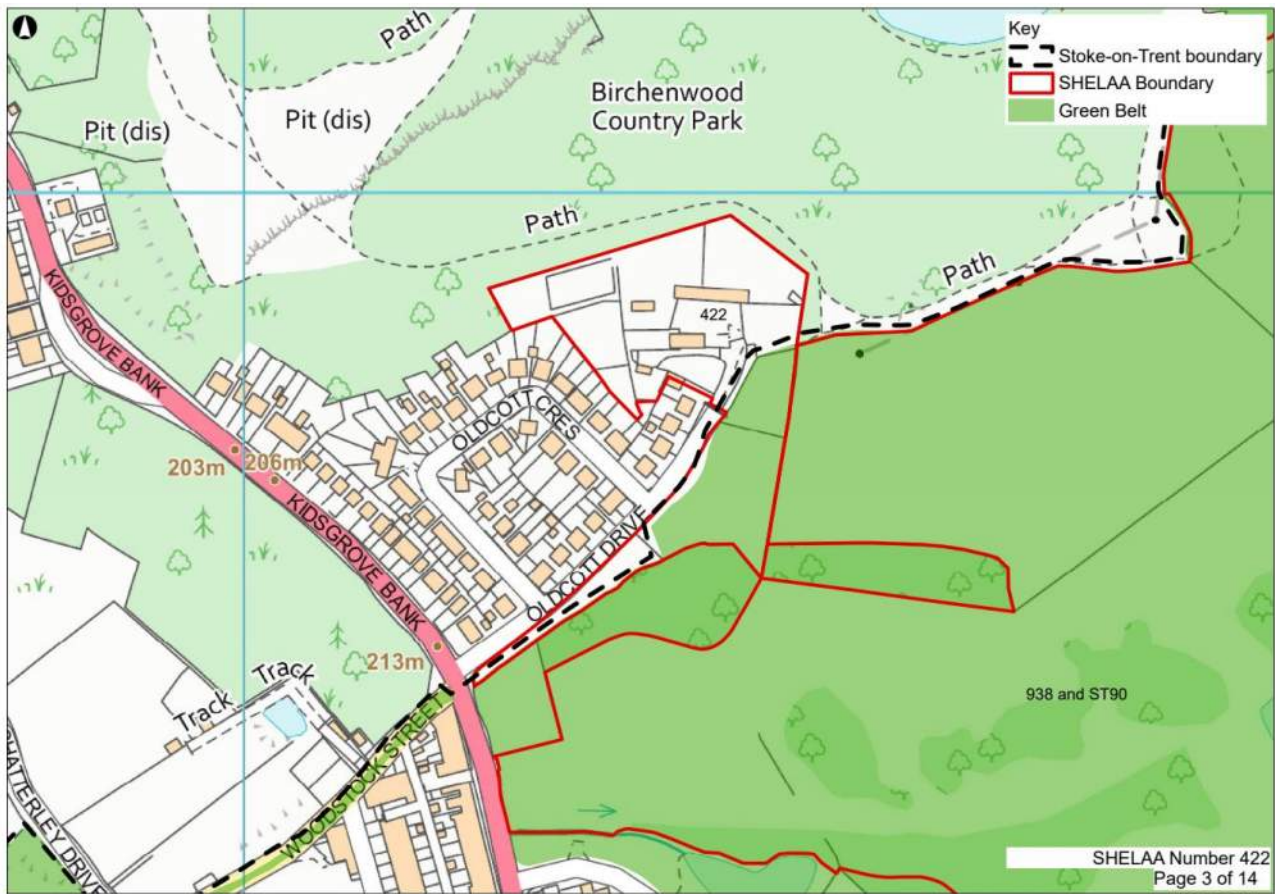
### Conclusion

The site makes a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is not considered to be provisional grey belt as it makes a strong contribution to purpose a. Development of the site would represent unrestricted sprawl as it would result in an incongruous pattern of development due to the existing settlement pattern and the shape of the site, combined with the less durable outer boundaries. **Removal of the site from the Green Belt could therefore harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location.**

### Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?

The new Green Belt boundary would be defined by the Caldon Canal to the east which is a recognisable and permanent boundary. The site's existing boundaries to the north and south are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these boundaries are strengthened to create a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.3 SHLAA 422 – Oldcroft Drive, Kidsgrove, ST7 4HE



Note: The majority of the site is within Newcastle-under-Lyme's Green Belt. Only the part of the site within the Stoke-on-Trent administrative boundary and within the Green Belt has been assessed.

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is free of existing development. The boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are durable consisting of a very short section of Kidsgrove Road (A50) to the west. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of a field boundary and fence to the east, the limits of Oldcott Motors car dealership to the north and woodland to the south. As such, the site has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site has a very limited connection to the large built-up area however it is connected to the settlement of Kidsgrove to the northwest such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate contribution |



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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The site is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The site forms a very small part of the gap between the towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The site consists of open countryside. The site has a strong degree of openness with no built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The site's topography is undulating. The site is connected to the settlement of Kidsgrove to the northwest and there is existing development in the Green Belt to the north consisting of Oldcott Motors car dealership however the site is surrounded by open countryside to the east and south. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                     | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| The site makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the site has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The site has a strong degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the site makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging, the site's boundaries with the wider | Strong contribution   |

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| Green Belt are partly less durable, therefore the site plays a stronger role in preventing development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a strong contribution overall. |  |
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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site’s grey belt status. |

| <b>Green Belt Impact Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| <b>What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <p>Purpose a – The site has a very limited connection with the large built-up area and is mainly connected to the settlement of Kidsgrove. As such, development of the site would represent growth of Kidsgrove.</p> <p>Purpose b – Development of the site would slightly reduce the gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove (in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme). Due to the size of the site, this would represent a limited decrease in the separation of the towns, and it would not result in them merging.</p> <p>Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.</p> <p>Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.</p> |
| <b>What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the surrounding Green Belt would continue to perform the same function and purpose. Removal of the site would not exacerbate any of the above impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Site 938 is located to the south of the site. Due to the scale of site 938, it would result in the perceived merging of the neighbouring towns.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| The site makes a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

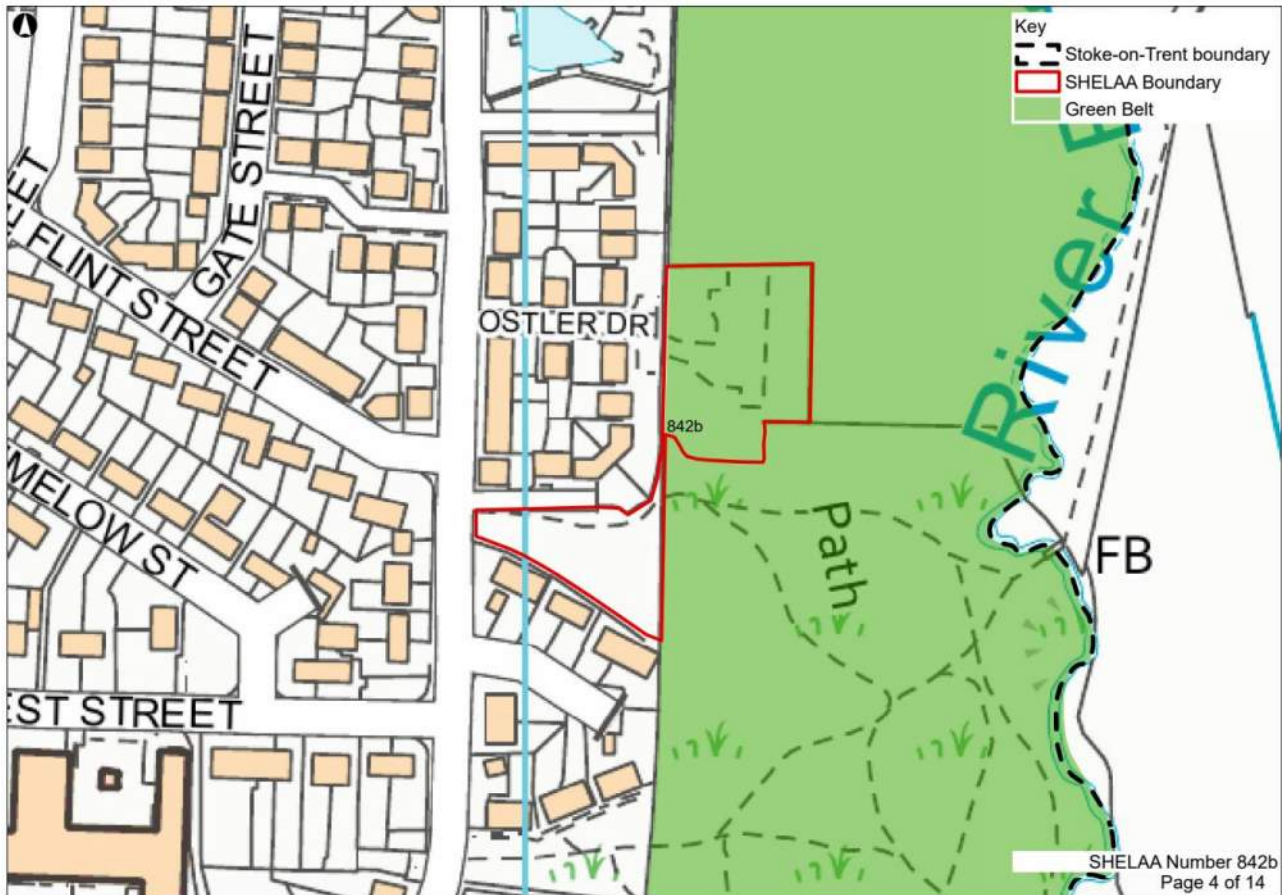
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character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. **Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.**

**Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?**

The new Green Belt boundary would be defined by woodland to the south which is recognisable and permanent however the existing eastern boundary is less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that the existing boundaries are strengthened to create a recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.4 SHELAA 842b – Former Weston Coyney Mining Youth Centre, Weston Coyney



Note: Only the Green Belt part of the site has been assessed.

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site includes an extensive area of hardstanding although there are no buildings on the site. The inner boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are durable consisting of Ostler Drive to the west. The outer boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are less durable consisting of field boundaries and being partly undefined by any features. The River Blithe is a durable boundary to the east. As such, the site has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is connected to the large built-up area along the site's western boundary and although there is a well-defined edge to the large built-up area in this location, given the existing hardstanding on the site, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate Contribution |



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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The site is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent built-up-area and Cheadle in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands. The site forms a very small part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                         | Weak Contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The site consists of an area of hardstanding from its former use however there are no buildings located on the site. The site has a moderate degree of openness as although it is completely covered by hardstanding, there are long line views. The site has low levels of vegetation and a flat topography. The site is surrounded by open countryside to the north, east and south. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose. | Moderate Contribution |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                               | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent, and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                           | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| The site makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to the Green Belt purposes.                                                                                                                                                                        | Moderate contribution |

### Identification of provisional grey belt

Is the site provisional grey belt?

Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site’s grey belt status.

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### What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?

Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as the site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area and development of the site could be considered to round off the settlement pattern.

Purpose b – Development of the site would slightly reduce the gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Cheadle (in neighbouring Staffordshire Moorlands). Due to the size of the gap, this would represent a limited decrease in the separation of the towns, and it would not result in them merging.

Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a small incursion into partly undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site includes existing hardstanding from former development.

Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.

### What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?

If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the surrounding Green Belt would continue to perform the same function and purpose. Removal of the site would not exacerbate any of the above impacts.

### Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?

There are no other sites in this location under consideration which are likely to have cumulative impacts.

### Conclusion

The site makes a moderate overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into partly undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. **Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.**

### Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?

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The site's existing boundaries are all less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that the existing boundaries are strengthened to create a recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.5 SHELAA 854 – Land at The Green, Baddeley Green



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution             |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                          |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of The Green (minor public road) to the east and rear gardens of properties with hedgerow to the south. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are also mixed consisting of an unnamed (public) single track road to the north and a tree lined field boundary to the west. As such, the site has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its eastern and southern boundaries and a small part of its northern boundary such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and it could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Weak contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                          |



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| The site is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The site consists of open countryside. The site has a strong degree of openness with no built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints. The topography of the site slopes gently upwards to the southeast. The site is connected to open countryside along its northern and western boundaries. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| This site makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the site has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The site supports a strong degree of openness and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although it has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries, the site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area. As such, development would be contained which would prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. | Moderate contribution |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site’s grey belt status. |

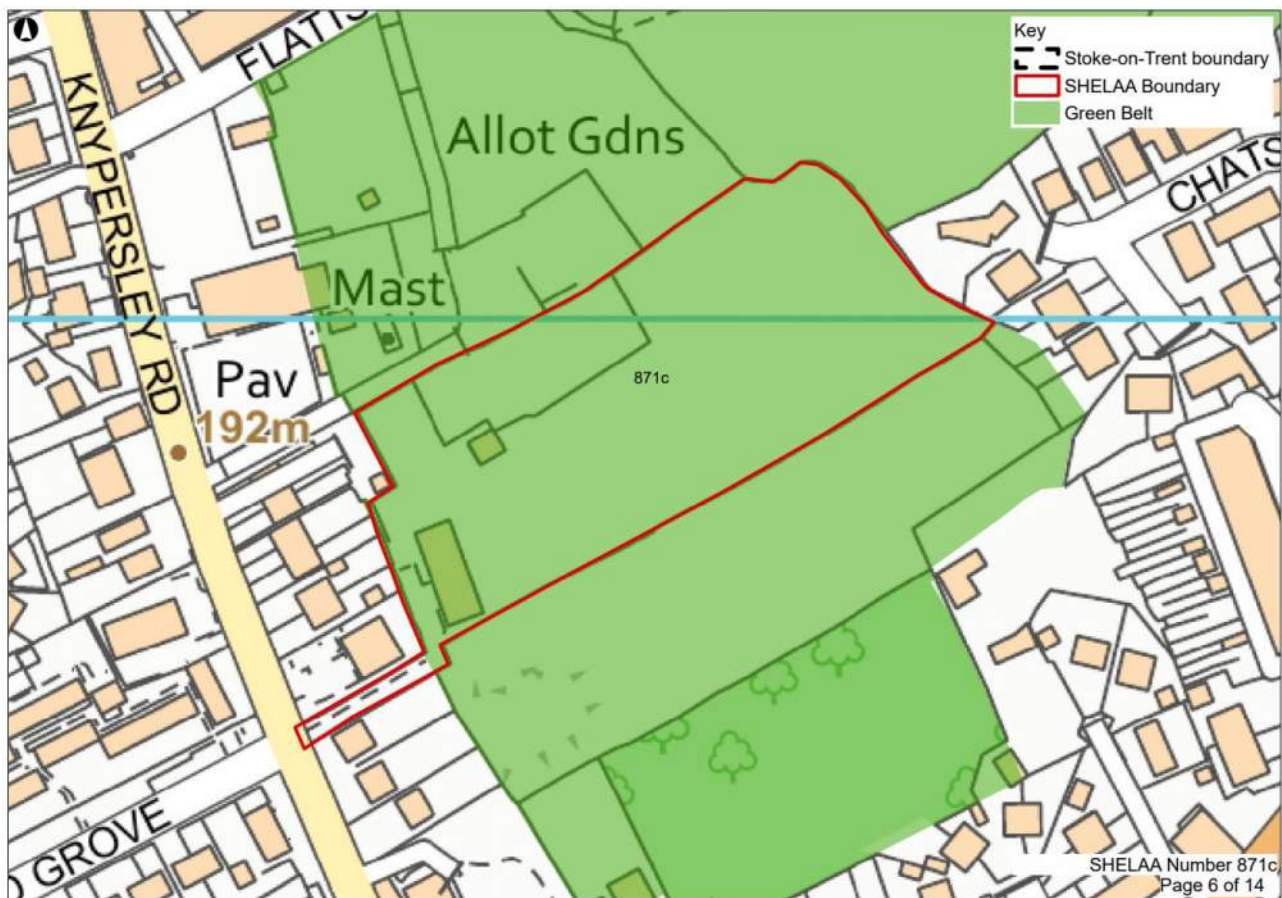
| Green Belt Impact Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <p>Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as the site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area and development of the site could be considered to round off the settlement pattern.</p> <p>Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.</p> <p>Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.</p> <p>Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.</p> |
| <b>What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <p>If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the surrounding Green Belt would continue to perform the same function and purpose. Removal of the site would not exacerbate any of the above impacts.</p> <p>If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that the site is extended to the east and north to the road in order to avoid a slither of Green Belt remaining.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| There are no other sites in this location under consideration which are likely to have cumulative impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| The site makes a moderate overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that the site is extended to the east and north to the road in order to avoid a slither of Green Belt remaining.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

**Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.**

**Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?**

The site's existing boundaries to the north and west are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these boundaries are strengthened to create a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.6 SHELAA 871c – Land at Norton Green



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site consists of a large residential property with a large garden. The boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of rear gardens of residential properties to the east and west. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt to the north and south are less durable consisting of field boundaries. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the site lacks physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its eastern and western boundaries and further to the south and north, such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |



| <b>Green Belt Purpose Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Contribution</b>   |
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| The site is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The site consists of a semi-urban land use consisting of a large residential property with a large garden. The site has a weak degree of openness with less than 20% built form and no long line views due to dense vegetation. The site has a sloping topography. The site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its eastern and western boundaries and further to the south and north which impacts its sense of openness. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose. | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                              | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The site makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. Overall, this site makes a weak contribution to the Green Belt purposes.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Weak contribution     |

| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site's grey belt status. |

## Green Belt Impact Assessment

### What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?

Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as the site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area and development of the site could be considered to round off the settlement pattern.

Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.

Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into partly undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site includes an existing large residential property.

Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.

### What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?

If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the remaining Green Belt to the south of the site would become completely enclosed by development and disconnected from the surrounding Green Belt which is likely to reduce the sense of openness in this remaining area of Green Belt. It is therefore recommended that if the site is taken forward, the area of Green Belt to the south should also be taken forward for release.

### Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?

There are no other sites in this location under consideration which are likely to have cumulative impacts.

### Conclusion

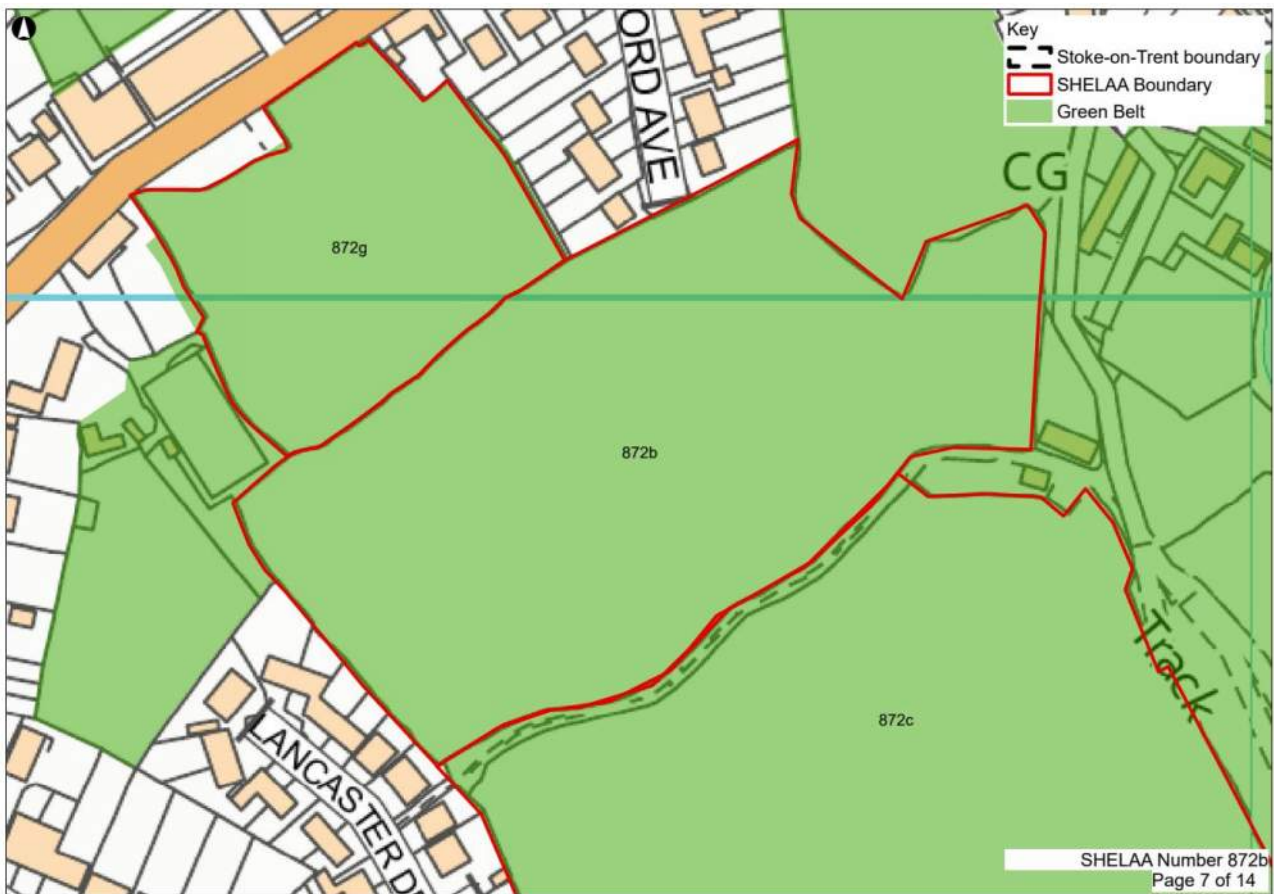
The site makes a weak overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into partly undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. Removal of the site from the Green Belt is likely to have localised impacts on the surrounding Green Belt to the south which will become disconnected from the surrounding remaining Green Belt. It is therefore recommended that if the site is taken forward, the area of Green Belt to the south should also be taken forward for release. **Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.**

### Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?

### **Green Belt Impact Assessment**

The site's existing boundaries to the north and south are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these boundaries are strengthened to create a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.7 SHELAA 872b – Land south of Norton Green



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is free of existing development. The boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of the rear gardens of residential properties to the north and west. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are also less durable consisting of field boundaries to the northwest, northeast and east and a footpath to the south. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the site lacks physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is connected to the large built-up area along the site's northern and western boundaries, and due to its level of connection, combined with the existing settlement pattern and the scale and shape of the site, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                              |



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| The site is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The site consists of open countryside. The site has a strong degree of openness with no built form, low levels of vegetation and long line views. The site has an undulating topography which slopes down towards the southeast. The site is connected to the urban area to the north and west with existing development in the Green Belt to the east. The site is surrounded by open countryside to the south. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The site makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the site has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The site has a strong degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the site makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and no contribution to preventing towns from merging, the site's boundaries with the wider Green Belt are all less durable, therefore the site plays a stronger role in preventing development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a strong contribution overall. | Strong contribution   |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site’s grey belt status. |

| Green Belt Impact Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as it would not result in an incongruous pattern of development due to the site’s connection to the large built-up area, combined with the existing settlement pattern and the scale and shape of the site.</p> <p>Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.</p> <p>Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.</p> <p>Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.</p> |
| <b>What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the remaining Green Belt to the north and west of the site would become completely enclosed by development and disconnected from the surrounding Green Belt which is likely to reduce the sense of openness in this remaining area of Green Belt. It is therefore recommended that if the site is taken forward, these areas should also be taken forward for release.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| There are two other sites in this location under consideration (site 872c and 872g). There would be no cumulative impacts resulting from the combined release of these sites with the exception of there being a greater incursion into the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| The site makes a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. Removal of the site from the Green Belt is likely to have localised impacts on the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

### Green Belt Impact Assessment

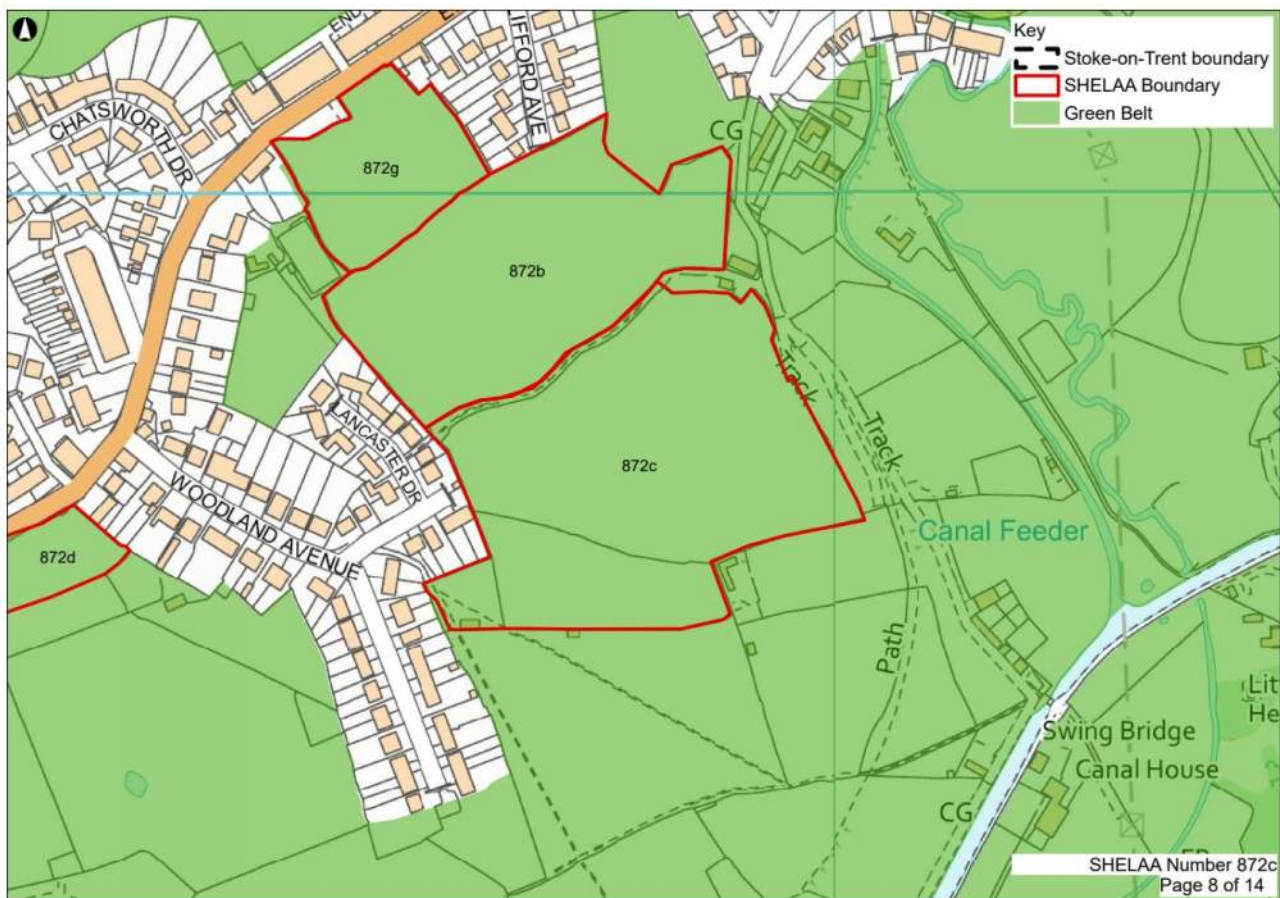
surrounding Green Belt to the north and west which will become disconnected from the surrounding remaining Green Belt. It is therefore recommended that if the site is taken forward, site 872g and the area of Green Belt to the west should also be taken forward for release.

**Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.**

**Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?**

The site's existing boundaries to the northwest, northeast, east and south are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these boundaries are strengthened to create a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.8 SHELAA 872c – Land south of Norton Green



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is free of existing development including only an agricultural building. The boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are less durable consisting of the rear gardens of residential properties to the west. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are also less durable consisting of field boundaries to the east and south, and a footpath to the north. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the site lacks physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is connected to the large built-up area along the site's western boundary, and due to the existing settlement pattern and the scale and shape of the site, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |



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| The site is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The site consists of open countryside and rural land uses including an agricultural building. The site has a strong degree of openness with no built form, low levels of vegetation and long line views. The site has an undulating topography which slopes down towards the southeast. The site is connected to the urban area to the west and is surrounded by open countryside along its remaining boundaries. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The site makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the site has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The site has a strong degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although the site makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and no contribution to preventing towns from merging, the site's boundaries with the wider Green Belt are all less durable, therefore the site plays a stronger role in preventing development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a strong contribution overall. | Strong contribution   |

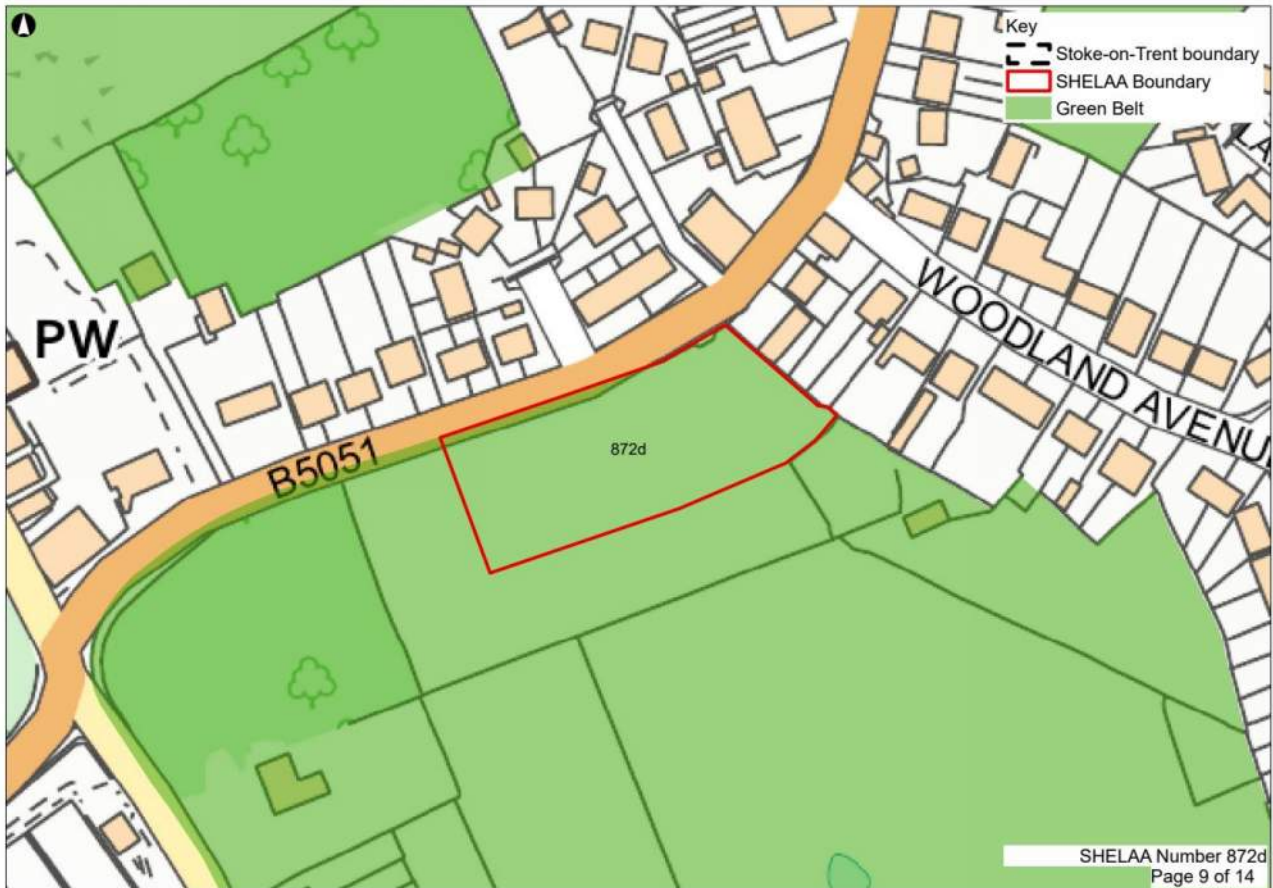
| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site’s grey belt status. |

| Green Belt Impact Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as it would not result in an incongruous pattern of development due to the existing settlement pattern and the scale and shape of the site.</p> <p>Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.</p> <p>Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.</p> <p>Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.</p> |
| <b>What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the surrounding Green Belt would continue to perform the same function and purpose. Removal of the site would not exacerbate any of the above impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| There are two other sites in this location under consideration (site 872b and 872g). There would be no cumulative impacts resulting from the combined release of these sites with the exception of there being a greater incursion into the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| The site makes a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. <b>Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

### **Green Belt Impact Assessment**

The site's existing boundaries to the north, east and south are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these boundaries are strengthened to create a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.9 SHELAA 872d – Land south of Endon Road / West of Woodlands Avenue, Norton-in-the-Moors, ST6 8ND



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Contribution                 |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is free of existing development. The boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of Endon Road to the north and the rear gardens of residential properties to the east. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are less durable consisting of a field boundary to the south and being undefined to the west. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the site lacks physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is connected to the large built-up area along its northern and eastern boundaries, and due to its level of connection, combined with its scale, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. The site is somewhat enclosed by the large built-up area and could be</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |



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| considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The site is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| The site consists of open countryside. The site has a strong degree of openness with no built form, low levels of vegetation and long line views. The site has an undulating topography which slopes down towards the southeast. The site is somewhat enclosed by the large built-up area to the north, east and further to the west however it is surrounded by open countryside to the south. Overall the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| This site makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the site has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The site supports a strong degree of openness and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although it has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries, the site is somewhat enclosed by the large built-up area and development of the site could be considered to round off the settlement pattern therefore | Moderate contribution |

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| development would not compromise the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. |  |
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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site’s grey belt status. |

| <b>Green Belt Impact Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| <b>What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <p>Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as the site is somewhat enclosed by the large built-up area and development of the site could be considered to round off the settlement pattern.</p> <p>Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.</p> <p>Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.</p> <p>Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.</p> |
| <b>What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the surrounding Green Belt would continue to perform the same function and purpose. Removal of the site would not exacerbate any of the above impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| There are no other sites in this location under consideration which are likely to have cumulative impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| The site makes a moderate overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

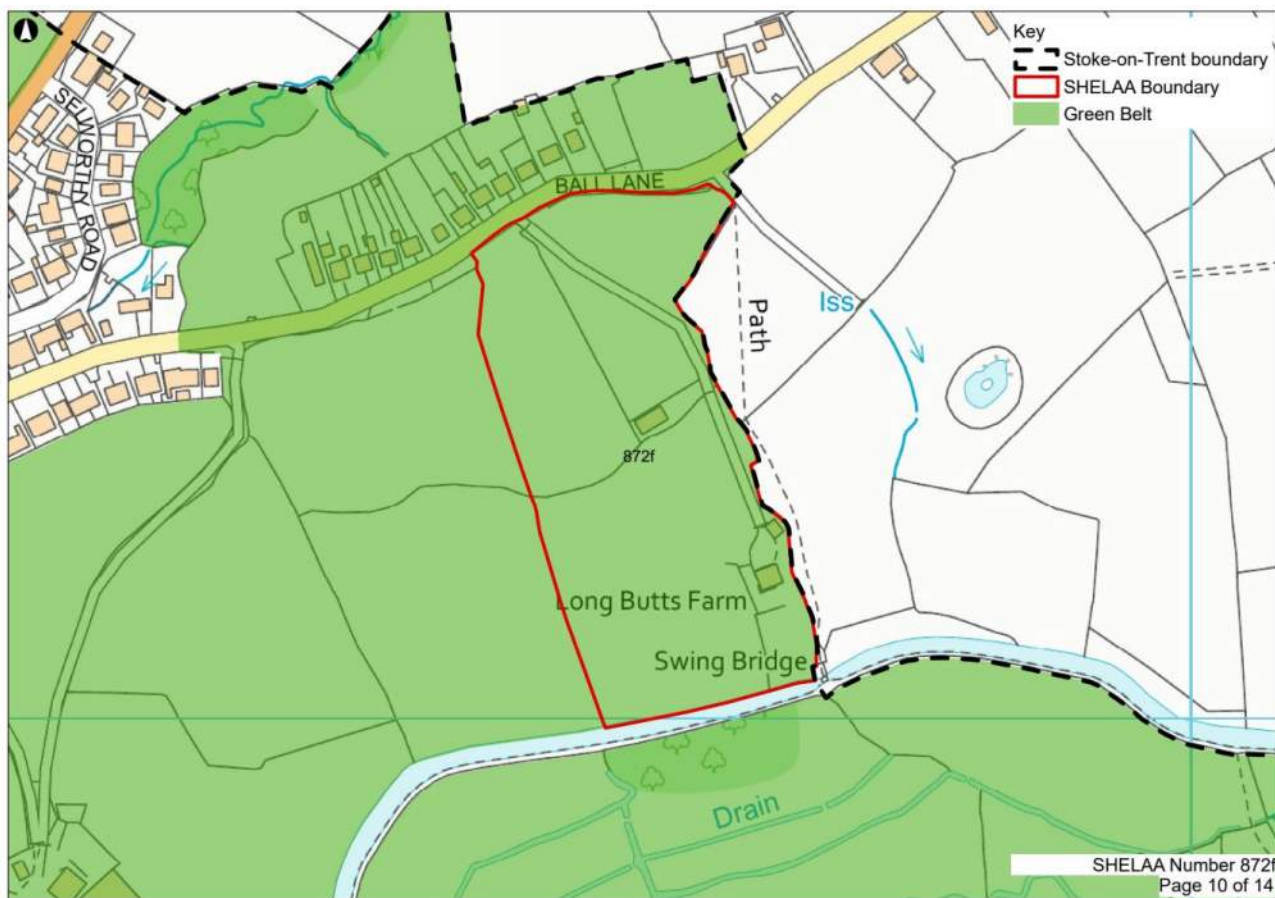
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Stoke-on-Trent urban area. **Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.**

**Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?**

The site's existing boundaries to the south and west are less durable and partly undefined. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these boundaries are strengthened to create a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.10 SHELAA 872f – Land east of Norton Green



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Contribution        |
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| <p><b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b></p> <p>The site is located near to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area being functionally linked to it due to Ball Lane. The site is predominantly open countryside with an agricultural building and a residential property (Long Butts Farm). The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are mixed, consisting of durable boundaries to the north (Ball Lane) and south (Caldon Canal) and less durable boundaries to the east and west consisting of hedgerow and field boundaries and a private driveway. As such, the site has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is not directly connected to the large built-up area and as a result of this, combined with its shape and partly less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution |
| <p><b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b></p> <p>The site is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No contribution     |



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| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The site predominantly consists of open countryside and rural land uses including Long Butts Farm with an agricultural building and residential property. The site has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints due to its low level of development and vegetation. The site has an undulating topography. The site is connected to the countryside along most of its boundaries, although there is ribbon development in the Green Belt to the north along Ball Lane. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| The site is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No Contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The site makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the site therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Strong contribution   |

### Identification of provisional grey belt

#### Is the site provisional grey belt?

No – the site strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt.

### Green Belt Impact Assessment

#### What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?

Purpose a – The site is not directly adjacent to the large built-up area however it is near to it. Development of the site would result in an incongruous pattern of development given it is not directly connected to the large built-up area, combined with the shape of the site, and the less durable outer boundaries. It would therefore represent unrestricted sprawl.

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Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.

Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into predominantly undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.

Purpose d – The site is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a historic town.

### **What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?**

If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, it would result in an island of Green Belt release given that the site does not directly adjoin the urban area.

### **Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?**

There are no other sites in this location under consideration which are likely to have cumulative impacts.

### **Conclusion**

The site makes a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is not considered to be provisional grey belt as it makes a strong contribution to purpose a. Development of the site would represent unrestricted sprawl as it would result in an incongruous pattern of development due to the site not being directly connected to the large built-up area, combined with its shape and partly less durable outer boundaries. **Removal of the site from the Green Belt could therefore harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location.**

### **Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?**

The new Green Belt boundary would be defined by the Caldon Canal to the south which is a recognisable and permanent boundary. The site's existing boundaries to the east and west are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these boundaries are strengthened to create a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.11 SHELAA 872g – Land south of Norton Green



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is free of existing development. The boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are predominantly less durable consisting of rear gardens of residential properties to the east and west and a short section of Endon Road to the north. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt to the south and southwest are less durable consisting of field boundaries with hedgerow. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the site lacks physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its eastern, northern and part of its western boundaries, such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development and could be considered to round off the settlement pattern. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| <p>The site is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns, and it makes no contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | No contribution       |

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| The site consists of open countryside and rural land uses. The site has a strong degree of openness with no built form, low levels of vegetation and open long line views. The site's topography slopes down towards the south. The site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area along its eastern, northern and part of its western boundaries however it is connected to open countryside to the south. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment however it is not located in close proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| This site makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the site has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The site supports a strong degree of openness and it makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment. Although it has less durable boundaries, the site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area to the east, north and west and development of the site could be considered to round off the settlement pattern therefore development would not compromise the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. | Moderate contribution |

| Identification of provisional grey belt   |
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| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b> |



Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site’s grey belt status.

## Green Belt Impact Assessment

### What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?

Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as the site is largely enclosed by the large built-up area and development of the site could be considered to round off the settlement pattern.

Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.

Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.

Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.

### What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?

If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the surrounding Green Belt would continue to perform the same function and purpose. Removal of the site would not exacerbate any of the above impacts.

### Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?

There are two other sites in this location under consideration (site 872c and 872g). There would be no cumulative impacts resulting from the combined release of these sites with the exception of there being a greater incursion into the Green Belt.

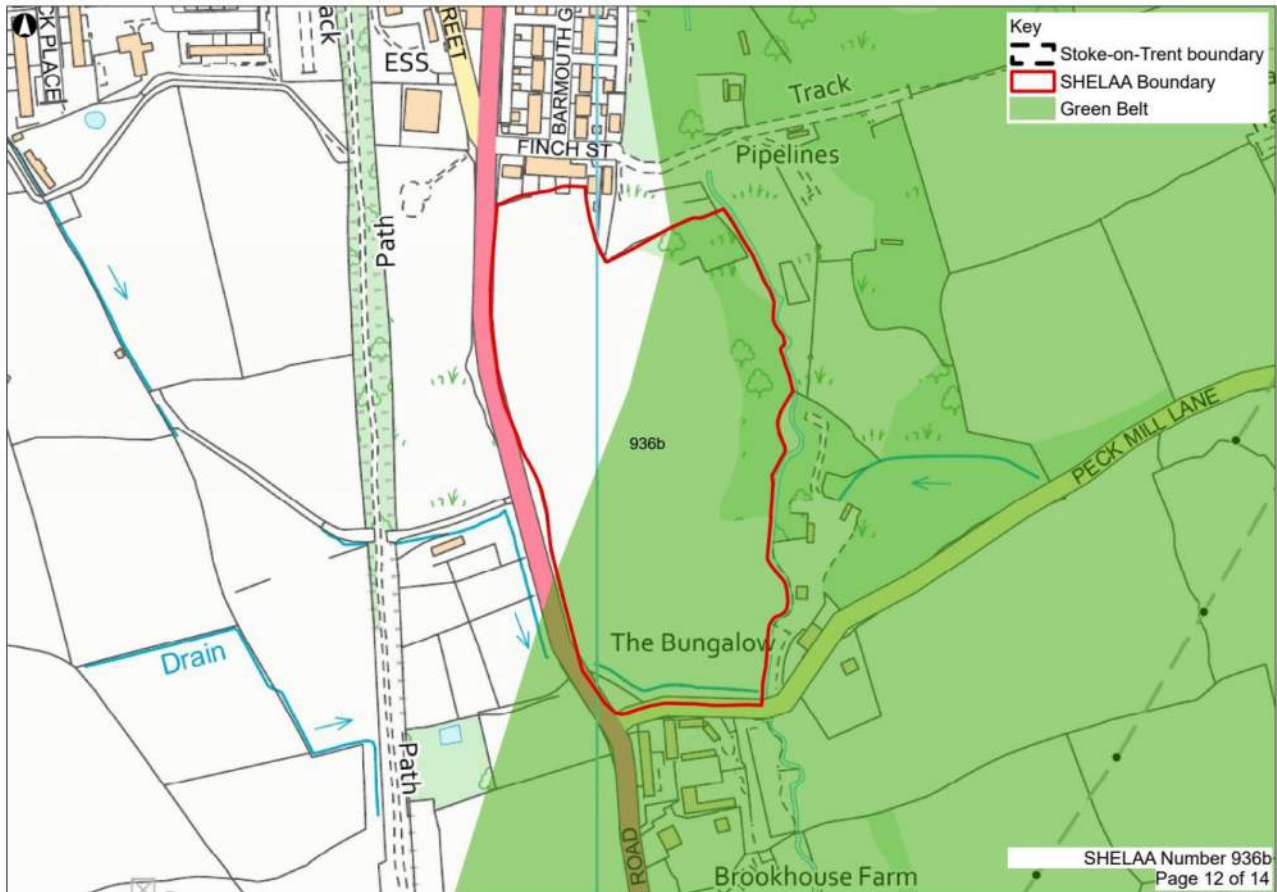
### Conclusion

The site makes a moderate overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. **Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.**

### Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?

The site’s existing boundaries to the south and southwest are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these boundaries are strengthened to create a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.12 SHELAA 936b – Land to the east of Outclough Road and north of Peck Mill Lane, Brindley Ford



Note: Only the Green Belt part of the site has been assessed.

| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                              |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is open countryside and is free of existing development. The boundary between the site and the large built-up area to the west is less durable as it cuts across the field and is undefined by any physical features. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of a watercourse and tree line to the east, tree line to the north, Peck Mill Lane to the south, and Outclough Road to the southwest. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the site has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is connected to the large built-up area along the site's western boundary, and due to the existing settlement pattern of the urban area, development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development, and it could regularise the western boundary given it is undefined by any</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

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| physical features. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The site is not located in a gap between two or more neighbouring towns, therefore it makes no contribution to this purpose. Overall, this site makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| The site consists of open countryside consisting of open fields. The site has a strong degree of openness with no built form, open long line views from certain viewpoints, and low levels of vegetation overall except around the boundaries. The topography slopes down gently to the southwest. The site is surrounded by open countryside to the east and west (albeit the land to the west is within the urban area). There is some existing development in the Green Belt to the southeast and Brookhouse Farm is to the south. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                       |
| The site makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has therefore been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. Taking into account the overall aims and purposes of the Green Belt, the site has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the site supports a strong degree of openness and makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment, development could regularise the western boundary with the large built-up area which is currently undefined by any physical features. This could help to prevent development from threatening the overall openness and | Moderate contribution |

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| permanence of the Green Belt. It therefore makes a moderate contribution overall. |  |
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| <b>Identification of provisional grey belt</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site’s grey belt status. |

| <b>Green Belt Impact Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as it would not result in an incongruous pattern of development due to the existing settlement pattern and the scale and shape of the site. Development could help to regularise the western boundary with the large built-up area given it is currently undefined by any physical features</p> <p>Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.</p> <p>Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.</p> <p>Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.</p> |
| <b>What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the surrounding Green Belt would continue to perform the same function and purpose. Removal of the site would not exacerbate any of the above impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| There are no other sites in this location under consideration which are likely to have cumulative impacts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| The site makes a moderate overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. Development of the site would not result in neighbouring towns merging, it would not represent unrestricted sprawl, and it would not impact upon the setting or character of the historic town of Stoke-on-Trent. Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. <b>Overall, the removal of the site from the Green Belt will not harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

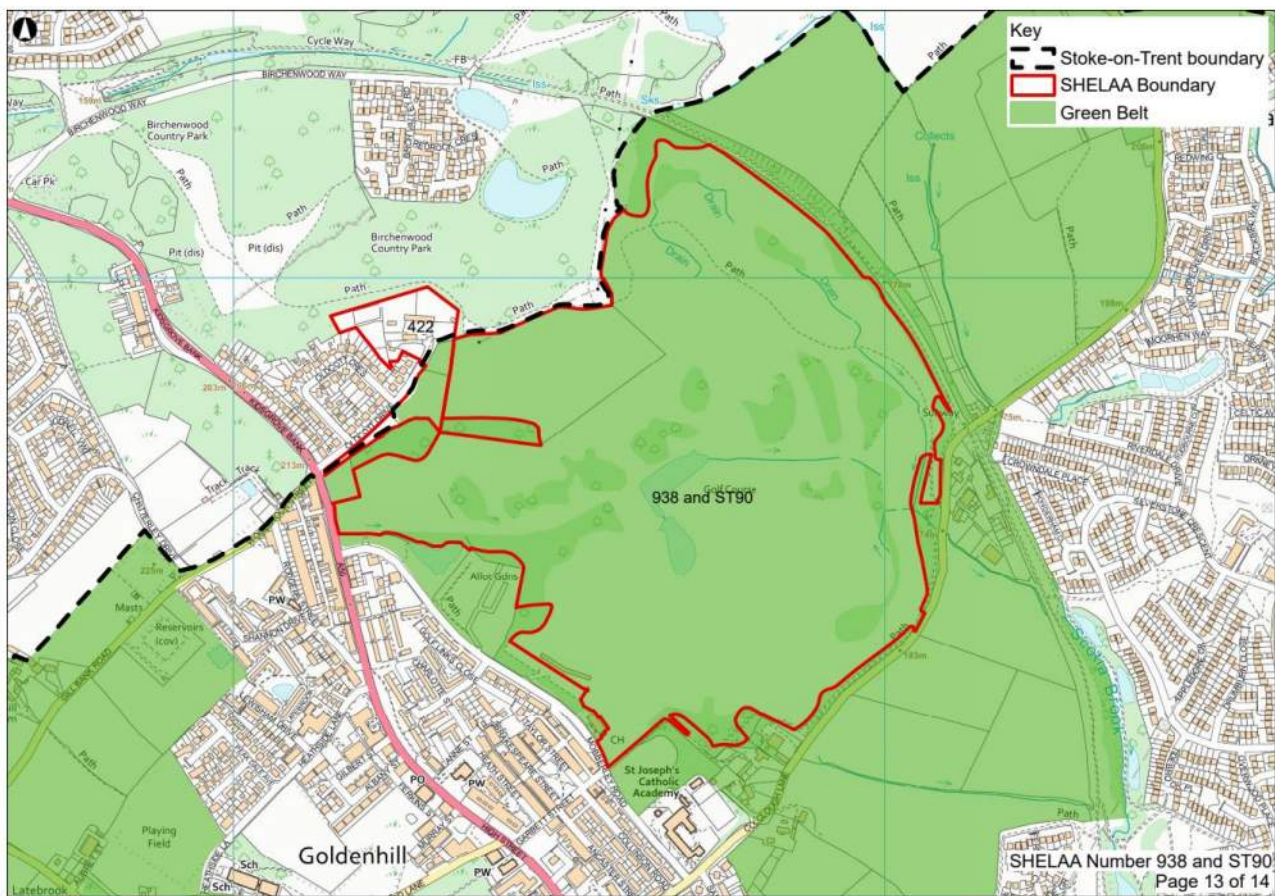


## Green Belt Impact Assessment

**Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?**

The site's existing boundaries to the east, north, south and southwest are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these boundaries are strengthened to create a new recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

## F.13 SHELAA 938 – Goldenhill Golf Course



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Contribution                 |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                              |
| <p>The site is located adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area. The site is free of existing development consisting of open countryside and a former golf course. The boundaries between the site and the large built-up area are mixed consisting of tree line and footpaths to the northwest, west and south, however there are durable boundaries in close proximity consisting of Oldcott Drive, Kidsgrove Road, and Mobberley Road to the northwest and west, with the limits of St Joseph's Catholic Academy to the south. The boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are mixed consisting of Colclough Lane to the southeast, with the remaining boundaries to the north and northeast consisting of a footpath along the disused railway, tree line, field boundaries and parts of the boundary which are undefined. There are no other durable boundaries in reasonable proximity. As such, the site has some physical features that could restrict and contain development. The western section of the site is partially enclosed by the large built-up area along the site's northwestern and western boundaries, such that new development would not result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p> | <p>Moderate contribution</p> |

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| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The site is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The site forms a substantial part of the gap between the defined neighbouring towns where development would significantly, both visually and physically, reduce the separation between the defined neighbouring towns, resulting in their perceived merging. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose                                                                                                                                                     | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The site consists of predominantly open countryside and consists of rural land uses including a former golf course. The site has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views from multiple viewpoints, due to its low level of development and vegetation. The site's topography is undulating, generally sloping towards the northeast. The western section of the site is partially enclosed by the urban area however the site is surrounded by open countryside to the north and northeast. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose. | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                       |
| The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purpose of this assessment. However, it is not located in proximity to the defined historic core. The site does not form part of the setting of the historic town and it has no visual, physical, or experiential connection to the historic core as it is located a significant distance away from it.                                                                                                                                                                                             | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                       |
| The site makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the site therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Strong contribution   |

### Identification of provisional grey belt

Is the site provisional grey belt?

No – the site strongly contributes to purposes b and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt.

## Green Belt Impact Assessment

### What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?

Purpose a – Whilst entailing growth of the large built-up area, development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl as the western section of the site is partially enclosed by the large built-up area and it would not result in an incongruous pattern of development.

Purpose b – Development of the site would significantly reduce the gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove (in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme) resulting in the perceived merging of the neighbouring towns.

Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.

Purpose d – The site is adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area which is defined as a historic town for the purposes of this assessment but it does not form part of the setting of the historic town as it is located a significant distance from the historic core. Therefore, development would not impact upon the setting or character of a historic town.

### What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?

If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, the remaining Green Belt to the south of the site would become more enclosed by development which is likely to reduce the sense of openness in this remaining area of Green Belt.

If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that the remaining areas of the Green Belt to the west of the site are also removed to avoid slithers of Green Belt remaining between the site and the large built-up area.

### Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?

Site 422 is located to the north of the site however due to its size it would not exacerbate any of the above impacts.

### Conclusion

The site makes a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is not considered to be provisional grey belt as it makes a strong contribution to purpose b. Development of the site would significantly reduce the gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove (in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme) and it would result in the perceived merging of the neighbouring towns. **Removal of the site from the Green Belt could therefore harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location.**

### Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?

The site's existing boundaries to the north and northeast are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these existing boundaries are strengthened to create a recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.



## F.14 SHELAA 978 – Land off Boathorse Road



| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                       |
| The site is not directly adjacent to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area, and it is not considered near to the urban area as there is no visual or functional linkage. It therefore makes no contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                  | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| The site is located in a gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kids Grove in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme. The site forms a very small part of the gap between the towns where development would not have any impact on the visual or perceived separation between the towns. Overall, the site makes a weak contribution to this purpose.                               | Weak contribution     |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The site consists of a caravan park and an open field. The site has a moderate degree of openness with less than 20% built form albeit there is extensive hardstanding across the site, no long line views and low levels of vegetation. The topography of the site rises towards the north. The site is not connected to the urban area or an inset settlement, and it is surrounded | Moderate contribution |

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| by open countryside along all boundaries. Overall, the site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                       |
| The site is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.                                                                                                                                                          | No Contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                       |
| All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.              | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                       |
| The site makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the overall contribution should be applied according to the split. The site therefore makes a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt. | Weak contribution     |

### Identification of provisional grey belt

#### Is the site provisional grey belt?

Yes – the site does not strongly contribute to any of purposes a, b or d and is therefore considered to be provisional grey belt. A full assessment against footnote 7 designations is required in order to confirm the site's grey belt status.

### Green Belt Impact Assessment

#### What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?

Purpose a – Development of the site would not represent unrestricted sprawl of the large built-up area as the site is not directly adjacent to or near to the large built-up area.

Purpose b – Development of the site would slightly reduce the gap between the Stoke-on-Trent urban area and Kidsgrove (in neighbouring Newcastle-under-Lyme). Due to the size of the site, this would represent a limited decrease in the separation of the towns, and it would not result in them merging.

Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a very small incursion into undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.

Purpose d – The site is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a historic town.

#### What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?

## Green Belt Impact Assessment

If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, it would result in an island of Green Belt release given that the site does not directly adjoin the urban area.

### **Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?**

There are no other sites in this location under consideration which are likely to have cumulative impacts.

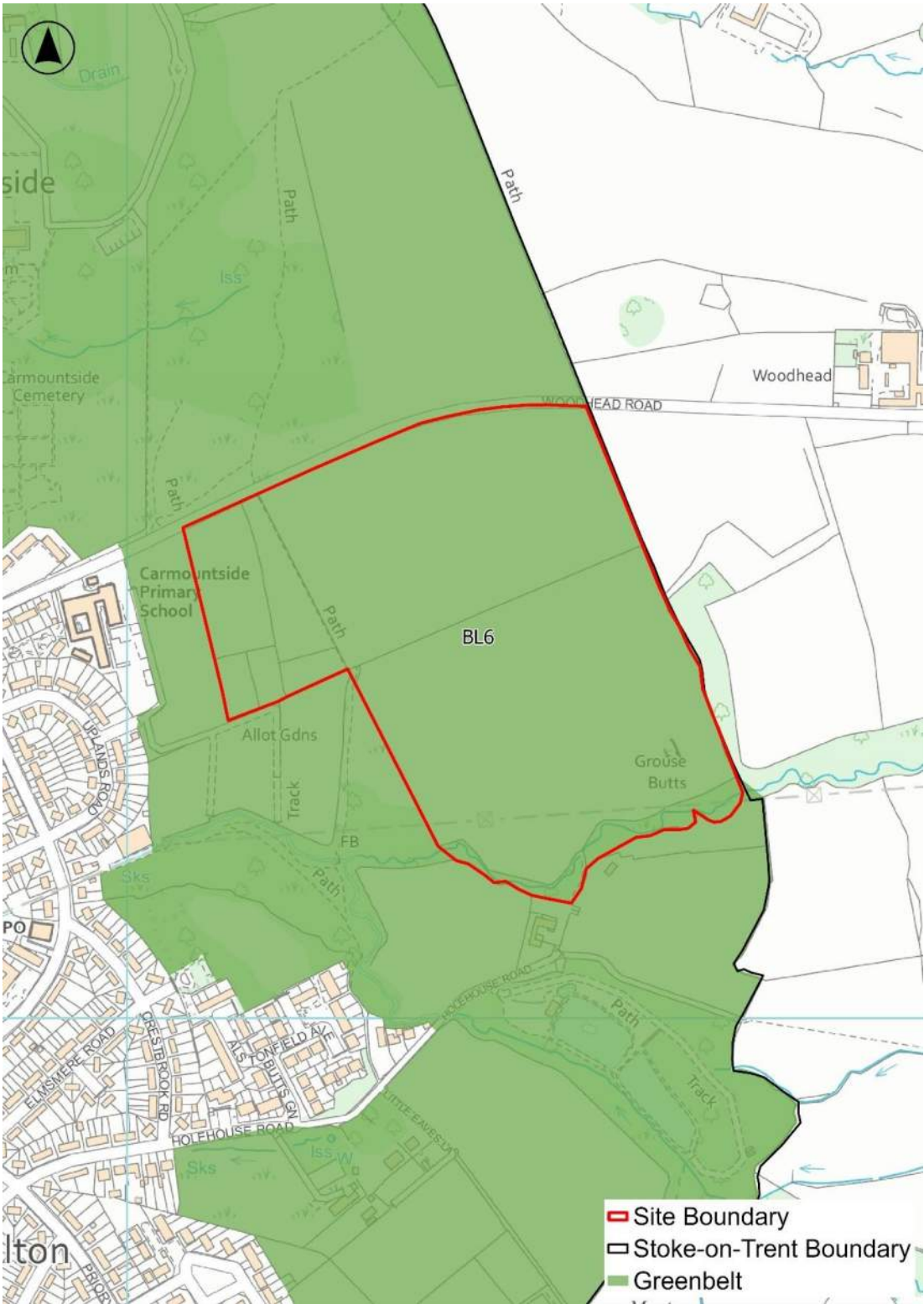
### **Conclusion**

The site makes a weak overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is also considered to be provisional grey belt. The site is not directly adjacent to or near to the large built-up area or a settlement. If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, it would therefore result in an island of Green Belt release. **The removal of the site from the Green Belt could therefore harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location.**

### **Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?**

The new Green Belt boundary would be defined by Boathorse Road to the west which is a durable boundary. The site's existing boundaries to the north and east are less durable. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that these existing boundaries are strengthened to create a recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

F.15 Site BL6 (reassessment of site from GBA Part 3)





| Green Belt Purpose Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Contribution          |
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| <b>Purpose a: To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                       |
| <p>The site is located near to the Stoke-on-Trent urban area as it is functionally linked by Woodhead Road. The site is free of existing development or other urbanising influences. The outer boundaries between the site and the wider Green Belt are predominantly less durable consisting of Woodhead Road to the north which is durable, with the remaining boundaries being hedgerows and a tree line to the east, west and south. As such, the site has limited physical features that could restrict and contain development. The site is not directly connected to the large built-up area and as a result of this, combined with its shape and the predominantly less durable outer boundaries, development would result in an incongruous pattern of development. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p> | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose b: To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| <p>The site is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns and it makes no contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | No contribution       |
| <b>Purpose c: To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                       |
| <p>The site consists of open countryside. The site has a strong degree of openness with less than 10% built form and open long line views. Vegetation on site is predominantly grassland and hedgerows. The topography is undulating across the site. The site is surrounded by open countryside to the north, east and south with an area of allotments to the west adjacent to the urban area. Overall, the site makes a strong contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Strong contribution   |
| <b>Purpose d: To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
| <p>The site is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a defined historic town and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No Contribution       |
| <b>Purpose e: To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                       |
| <p>All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Stoke-on-Trent and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Overall, this site makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Moderate contribution |
| <b>Overall Assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                       |
| <p>The site makes a strong contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the site therefore makes a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Strong contribution   |

| Identification of provisional grey belt                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Is the site provisional grey belt?</b>                                                                    |
| No – the site strongly contributes to purpose a and is therefore not considered to be provisional grey belt. |

| Green Belt Impact Assessment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>What is the impact on Green Belt function and purposes of removing the site from the Green Belt?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p>Purpose a – The site is not directly adjacent to the large built-up area however it is near to it. Development of the site would result in an incongruous pattern of development given it is not directly connected to the large built-up area, combined with the shape of the site, and the less durable outer boundaries. It would therefore represent unrestricted sprawl.</p> <p>Purpose b – Development of the site would have no impact on preventing towns from merging as it is not located in a gap between neighbouring towns.</p> <p>Purpose c – Development of the site would entail a small incursion into predominantly undeveloped countryside relative to the size of the Stoke-on-Trent urban area.</p> <p>Purpose d – The site is not adjacent to and does not provide views into or out of a historic town.</p> |
| <b>What is the impact on the function and purposes of the surrounding Green Belt of removing the site?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| If the site is removed from the Green Belt and developed, it would result in an island of Green Belt release given that the site does not directly adjoin the urban area. As such, it is recommended that the site is only taken forward if the western boundary of the site is extended to the west to join the settlement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Are there any cumulative impacts (due to release of adjacent sites)?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| There is one site under consideration to the north east of the site located to the east of Baddeley Edge (BL11) and a further site to the south (BL5) There would be no cumulative impacts resulting from the combined release of these sites with the exception of there being a greater incursion into the Green Belt.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| The site makes a strong overall contribution to Green Belt purposes. The site is not considered to be provisional grey belt as it makes a strong contribution to purpose a. Development of the site would represent unrestricted sprawl as it would result in an incongruous pattern of development due to the site not being directly connected to the large built-up area, combined with its shape and less durable outer boundaries. <b>Removal of the site from the Green Belt could therefore harm the overall function and integrity of the Green Belt in this location.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Would a new Green Belt boundary be defined using physical features that are readily recognisable and likely to be permanent?</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

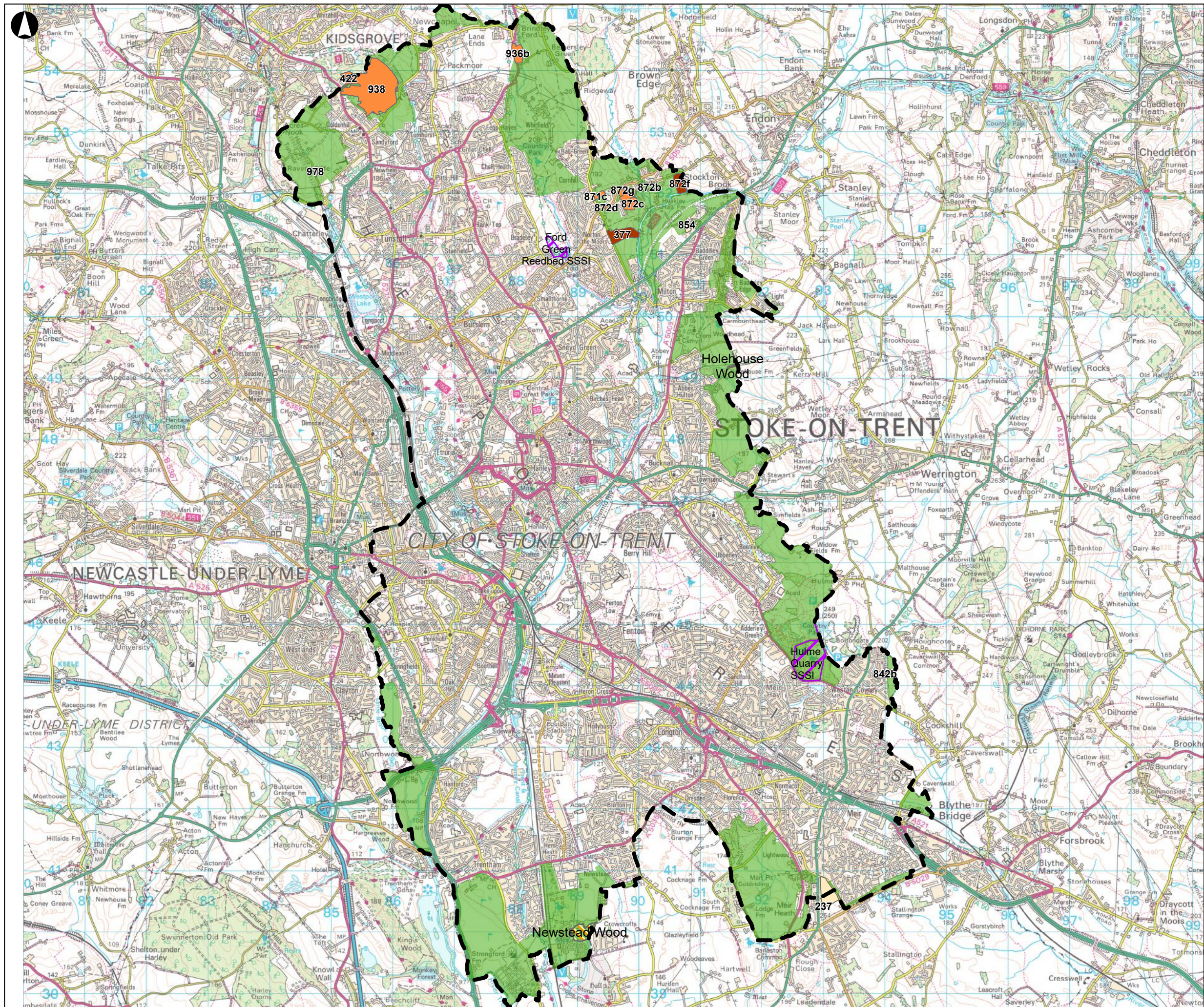
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Assuming the site boundary is extended to the west to join the urban area, the new Green Belt boundary would be defined by Woodhead Road to the north which represents a recognisable and permanent boundary. The remainder of tree line and field boundaries to the east and south. If the site is taken forward, it is recommended that the existing boundaries are strengthened to create a recognisable and permanent Green Belt boundary.

# Appendix G

## Maps of Green Belt Site Assessment Findings





Key

Stoke-on-Trent boundary

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Ancient Woodland

Green Belt

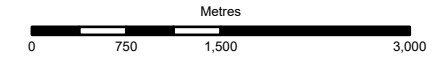
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No contribution

Weak contribution

Moderate contribution

Strong contribution



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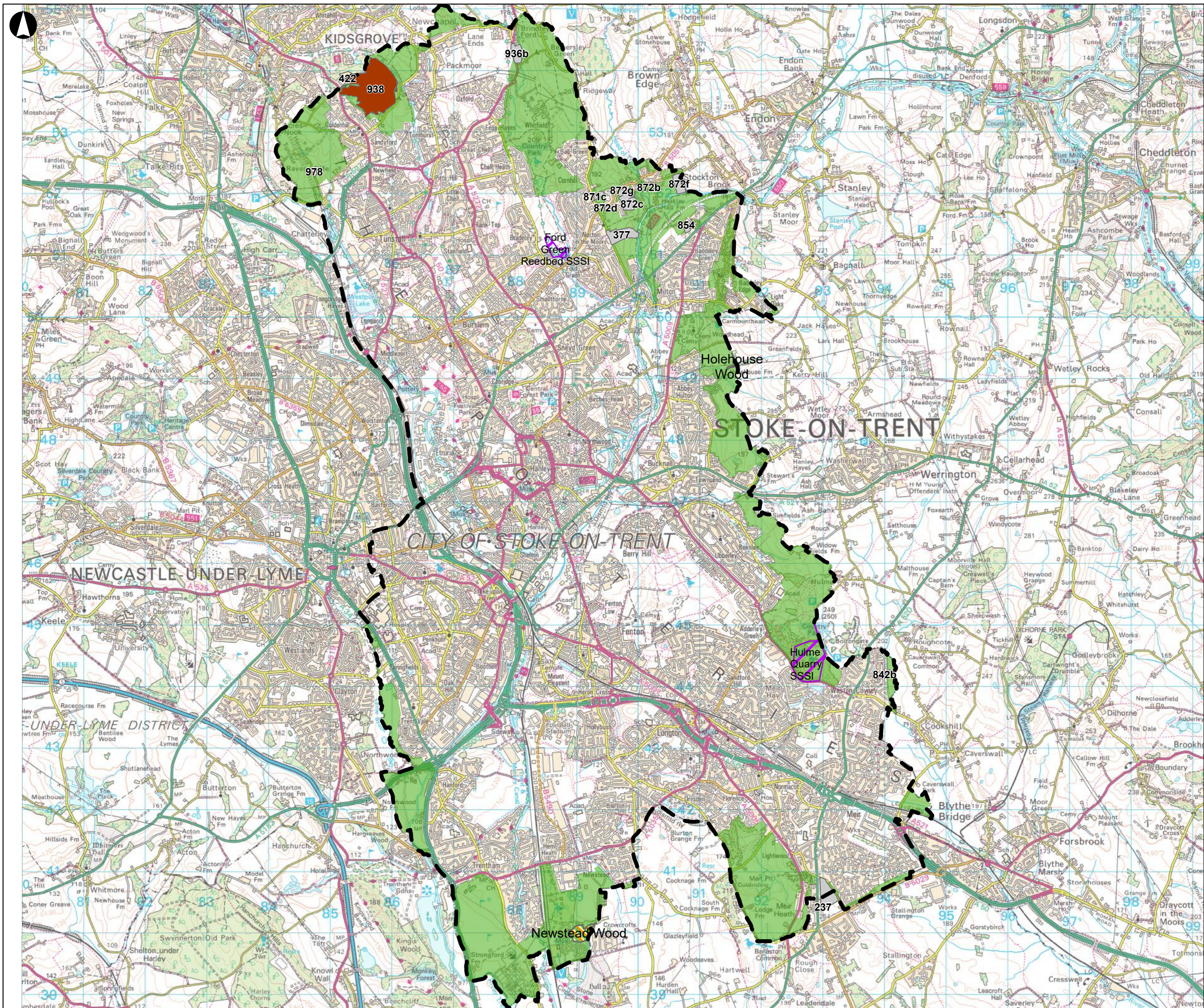
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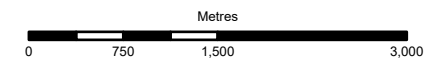


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Stoke-on-Trent boundary

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

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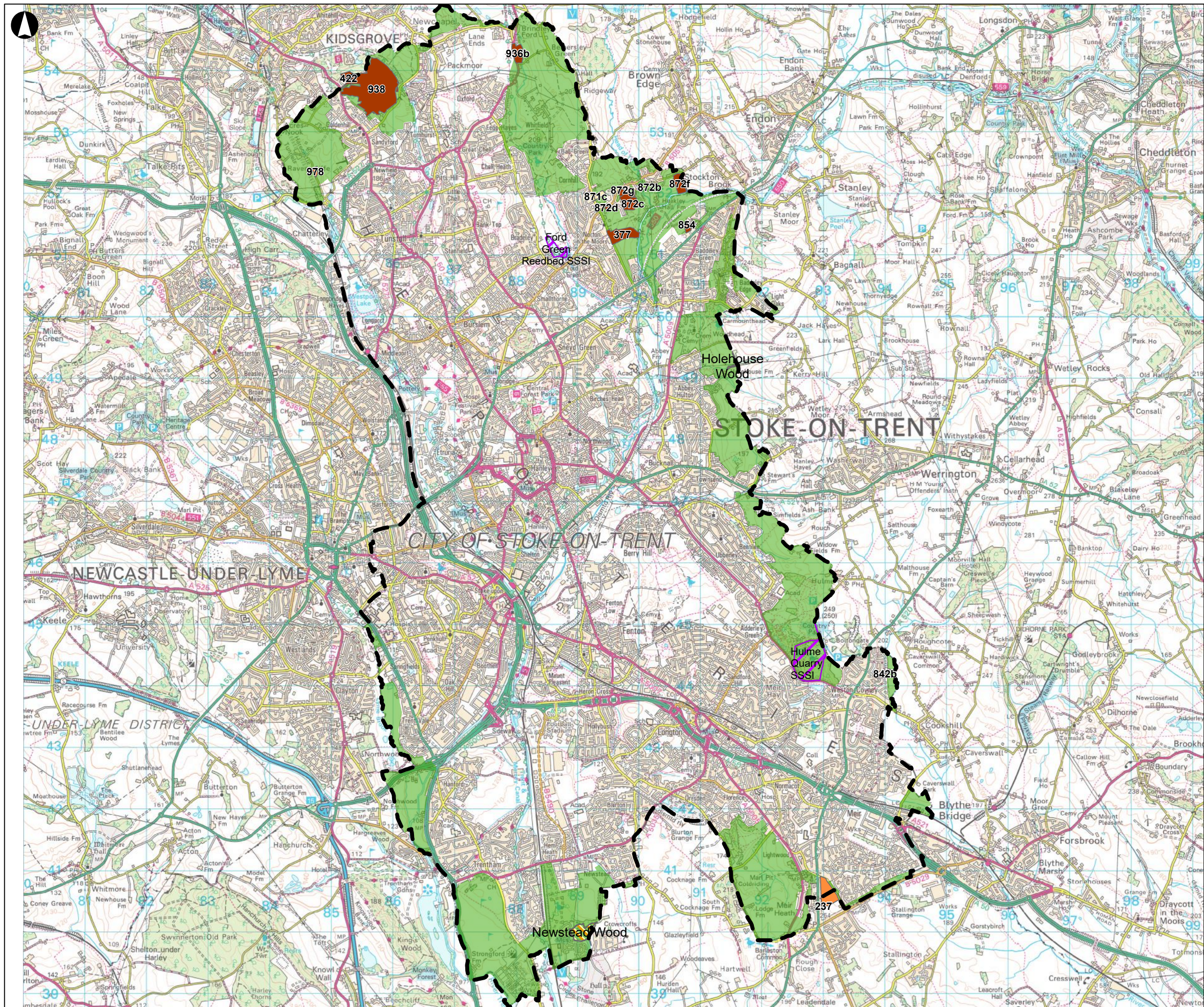
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Stoke-on-Trent boundary

Sites of Special Scientific Interest

Ancient Woodland

Green Belt

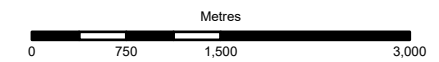
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No contribution

Weak contribution

Moderate contribution

Strong contribution



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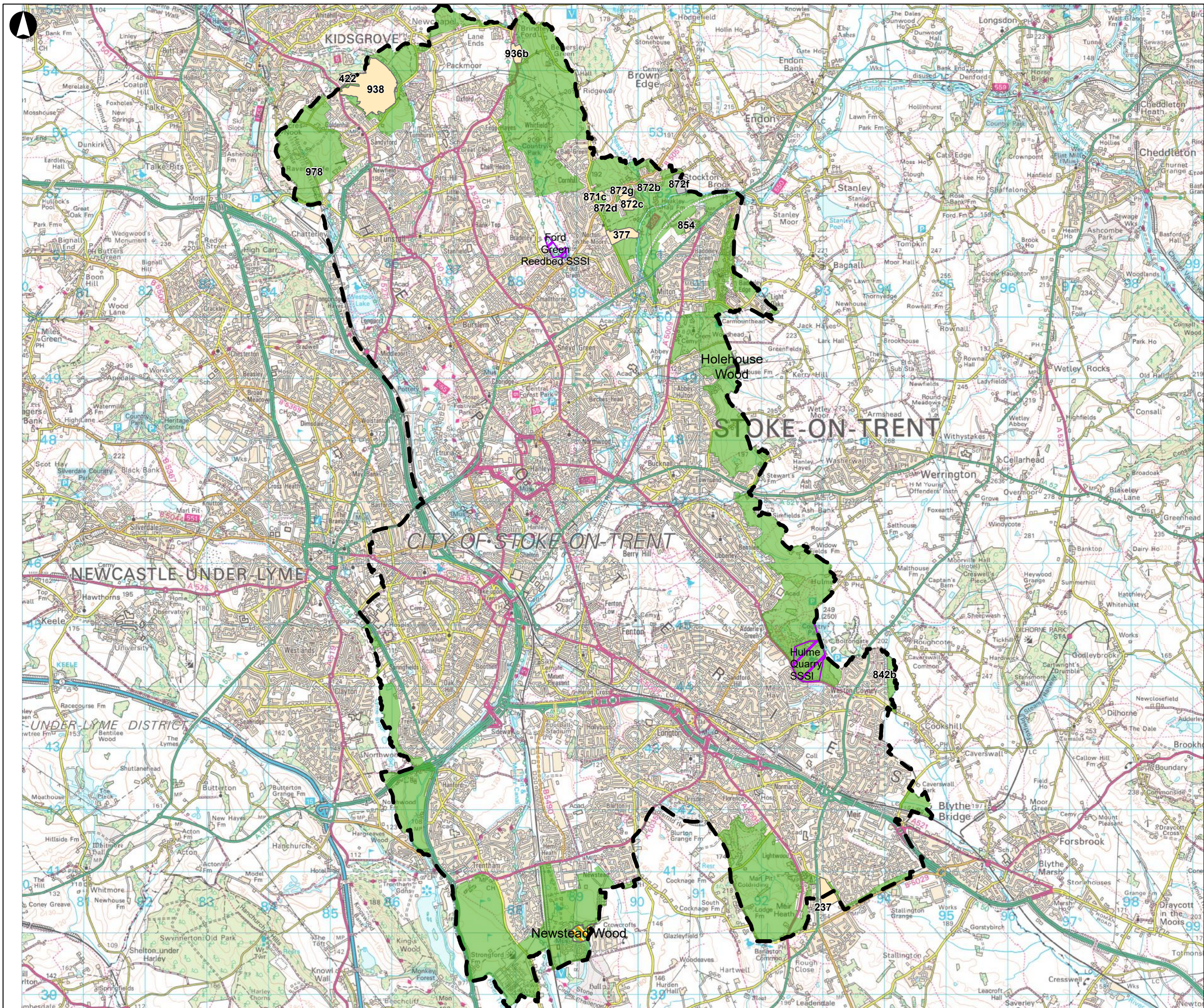
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Ancient Woodland

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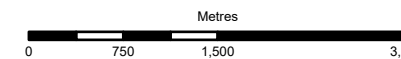
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No contribution

Weak contribution

Moderate contribution

Strong contribution



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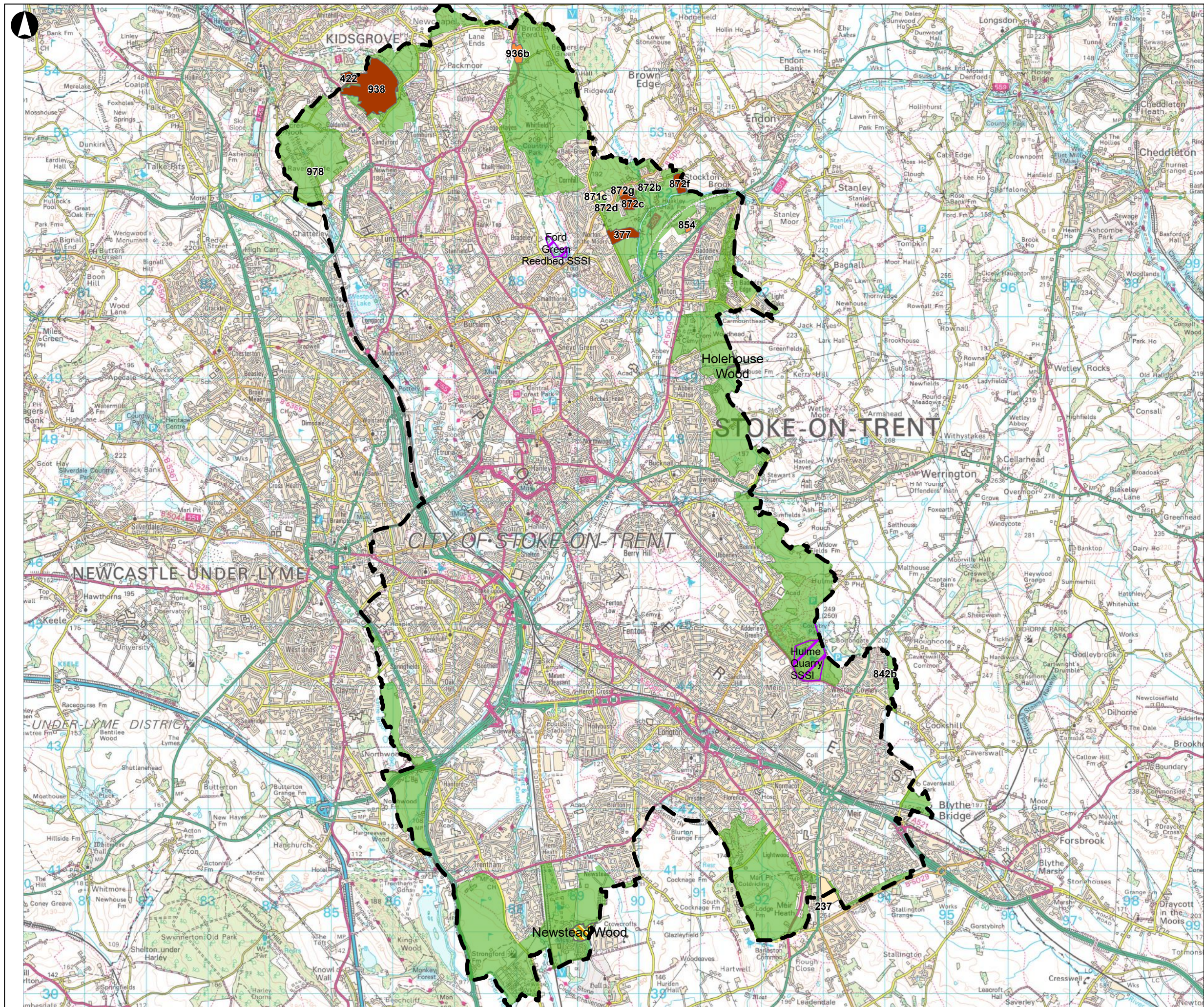
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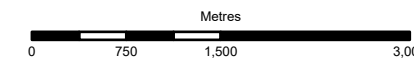
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No contribution

Weak contribution

Moderate contribution

Strong contribution



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