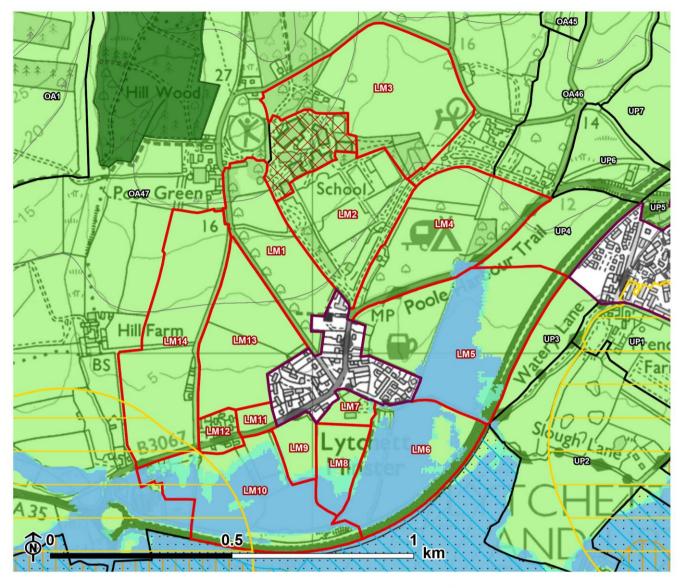
Appendix B Detailed Stage 1 Contribution Assessments: Lytchett Minster

# **Lytchett Minster**



- Local Authority boundary
  - Inset area
  - Green Belt
- Lytchett Minster parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- No openness

#### Absolute constraints

- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
  - Ancient Woodland Inventory



#### Potential constraints

- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- 400m Heathland Area

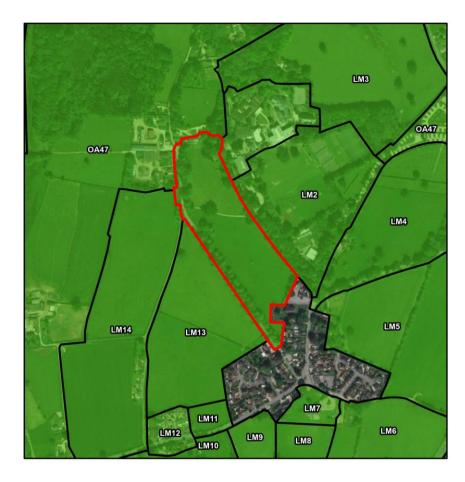
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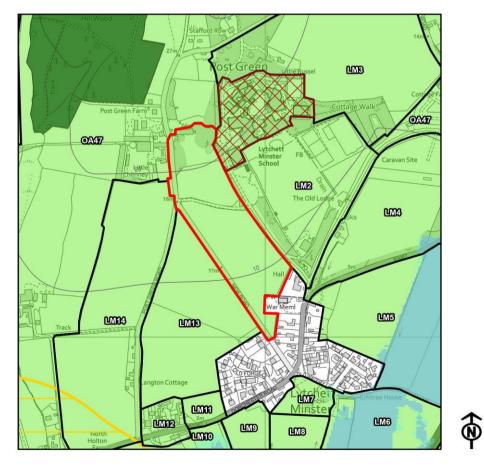
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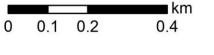
The analysis of contribution to the Green Belt purposes considers:

- the relevance of each Green Belt purpose, given the parcel's location relative to large built-up areas, towns, countryside and historic towns;
- the extent to which the land can be considered open in Green Belt terms;
- for Purpose 1-3, the degree of distinction between the parcel and urban area(s) - that is, the extent to which land is associated with the urban area or with the wider countryside. A stronger distinction from the urban area increases contribution to these purposes, where relevant.









## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 7.05ha

The parcel is located on the north western edge of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of grassland to the east of New Road and Post Green Road, bisected by the exit road from Lytchett Minster School.

### Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries, churchyard and sparse treeline of the church car park are weak boundary features, creating little separation from the inset settlement. However, the rising northward slope of the land within the parcel, which extends a significant distance from Lytchett Minster, provides some distinction from the village. The developed area at Lytchett Minster School is insufficient in size to have much urbanising, containing influence on the parcel, and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset settlement of Lytchett Minster.

#### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

- Purpose 1 Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No
  Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset
  Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster.
  Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large
  - built-up area.
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong

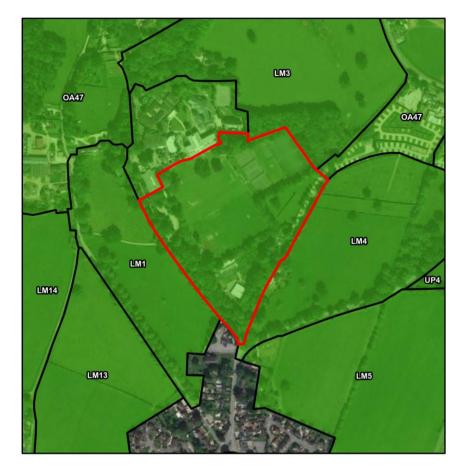
Land is open countryside and there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No

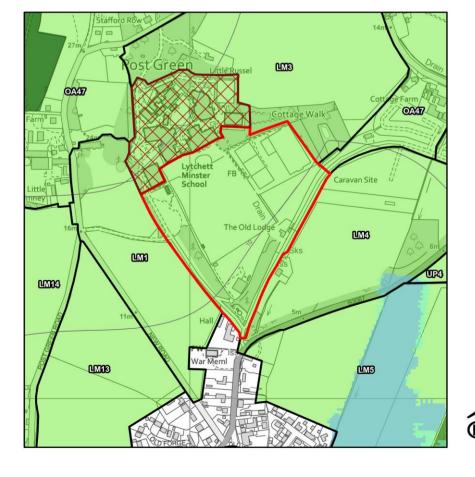
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

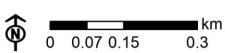
 Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 9.08ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of sports fields, courts and a horticultural area for the adjoining Lytchett Minster School. In addition, the parcel contains an area that is used for touring caravans to the east, but this has little impact on openness. It also contains a car park to the west; however, this is associated with the sports pitches and as such is 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and therefore does not impact openness. Likewise, the structures in the allotment area are 'appropriate development'.

#### Distinction between parcel and inset area

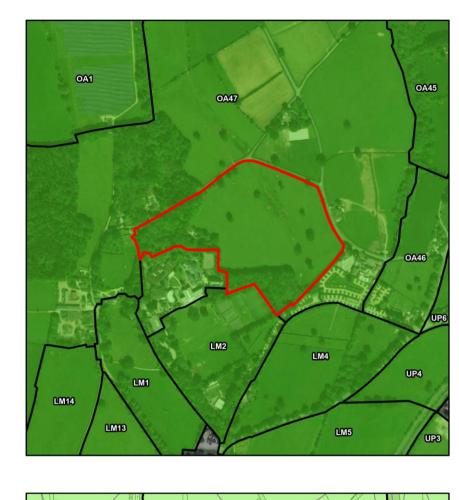
Land has some degree of containment by urban development within Lytchett Minster to the south and the washed-over but urbanising school buildings to the north, although neither countryside nor the urban area dominate views. The rising slope of the land within the parcel northwards provides some distinction from the settlement. In addition, the treelines along the south of the parcel form a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Lytchett Minster. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

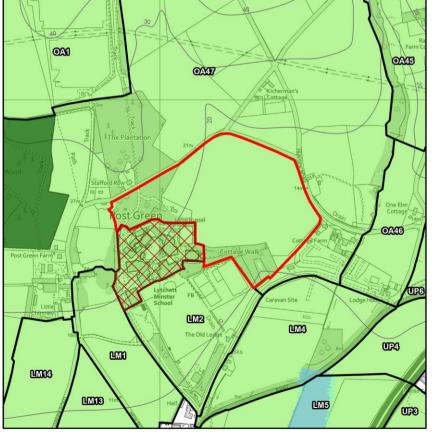
- Purpose 1 Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No
  Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset
  Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster.
  Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large
  - built-up area.
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Moderate

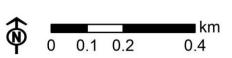
The parcel is open, but its usage - sports pitches, courts and a horticultural area associated with the adjoining school - associates it with the urbanising development at the school and therefore diminishes the extent to which it is perceived as countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal
  All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 13.26ha

The parcel is located to the north of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of grassland and woodland blocks. It contains a single dwelling; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

### **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The parcel is not contained by urban development, extends a significant distance from the inset settlement of Lytchett Minster and views are dominated by open countryside. The woodland blocks within the parcel and intervening tree-cover to the south create strong separation from Lytchett Minster, and the elevated slopes of the parcel are topographically distinct from the lower-lying inset village. Overall there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

- Purpose 1 Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No
  Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset
  Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster.
  Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong
  Land is open countryside and there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside.

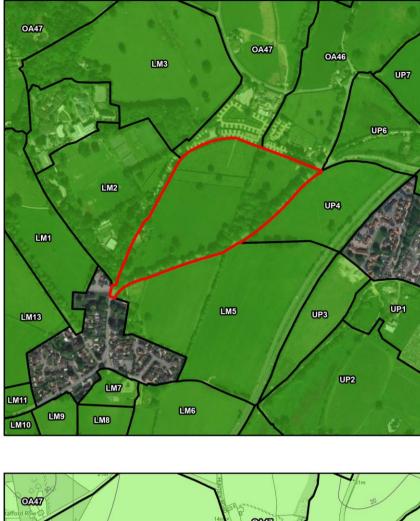
Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No

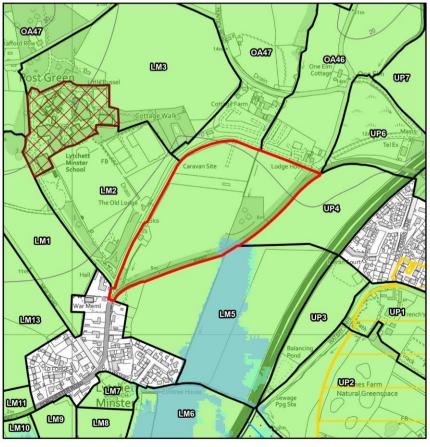
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

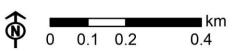
 Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 10.47ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of fields divided by hedgerows. It contains a single dwelling in the west; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness. Part of the field is used for touring caravans, but this has little impact on openness.

#### **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The tree-lined road to the south and the tree cover to the west of the parcel form moderate boundary features creating separation from the inset settlement. In addition, the land is not contained by urban development (the motorhomes to the north have only a limited urbanising influence), extends a significant distance from Lytchett Minster and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

#### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

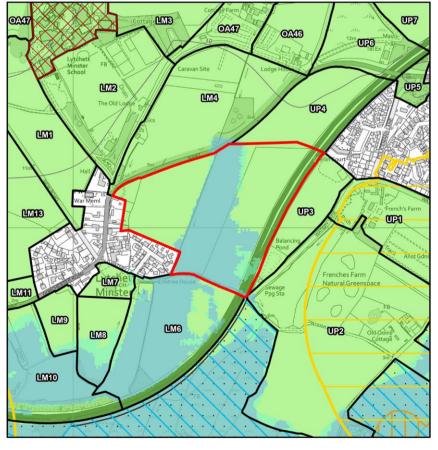
 Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Relatively strong

The parcel is open and close to Upton to the east, which is part of the large built-up area of the South East Dorset conurbation. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.

- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong
  Land is open countryside and there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal
  All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 14.42ha

The parcel is located on the eastern edge of Lytchett Minster and on the western edge of Upton. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of fields divided by treelines and hedgerow.

## **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

Although there is inset urban development to either side of the parcel in both Lytchett Minster and Corfe Mullen, the area is too large for there to be any significant sense of urban containment. However, although the A35 dual carriageway along the eastern edge of the parcel forms a strong boundary creating separation from Upton, the western edge of the parcel adjoining Lytchett Minster is largely defined by garden boundaries that create little separation from the inset settlement. Both the countryside and the urban area affect views, with development in Lytchett Minster having an influence in the westernmost field and the edge of Corfe Mullen having some influence on the westernmost field. Overall, the parcel has moderate distinction from the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

 Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Relatively strong

Land is open and is located adjacent to Upton to the east, which is part of the large built-up area of the South East Dorset conurbation. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.

 Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Relatively weak

Land is open. There is a wide gap between Upton/Hamworthy and Wareham. Intervening urban development at Lytchett Minster, Holton Heath and Sandford reduces perceived separation but Lytchett Bay and associated wetlands (SSSI and Ramsar designated), and protected heathlands around Holton and Sandford, constitute significant separating features. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

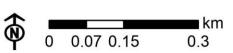
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Relatively strong
  Land is open countryside and the parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 8.82ha

The parcel is located on the south eastern edge of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Poole Harbour SSSI is located to the south of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising of fields and tree clusters divided by treelines and hedgerows. In addition, two buildings are located in the northwest of the parcel, however this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

### **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The tree-lined lane along the northern edge of the parcel forms a moderate boundary feature, creating separation from the village. In addition, land is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

 Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset Conurbation. It has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster, but intervening land to the east of the A35 does not create strong separation between the two settlements. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to checking the sprawl of the large built up area.

 Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Moderate

Land is open. There is a wide gap between Upton/Hamworthy and Wareham. Intervening urban development at Lytchett Minster, Holton Heath and Sandford reduces perceived separation but Lytchett Bay and associated wetlands (SSSI and Ramsar designated), and protected heathlands around Holton and Sandford, constitute significant separating features. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

 Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong

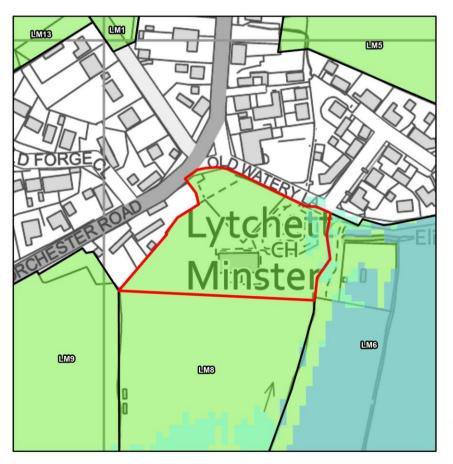
Land is open countryside and there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

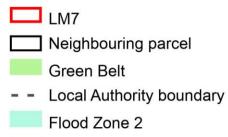
 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No

The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns

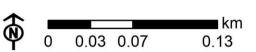
 Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling ofderelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.







Flood Zone 3



## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 1.07ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

A grassed area containing the Lytchett Park sports ground building and car park. These are associated with pitches to the south and as such are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt. A pub car park is also located in the northwest of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

#### Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is not contained by urban development and neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. However, the lane marking the northern edge of the parcel forms only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from the inset settlement of Lytchett Minster. In addition, the parcel is in close proximity to the inset settlement. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

 Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No

Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.

 Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Relatively weak

Land is open. There is a wide gap between Upton/Hamworthy and Wareham. Intervening urban development at Lytchett Minster, Holton Heath and Sandford reduces perceived separation but Lytchett Bay and associated wetlands (SSSI and Ramsar designated), and protected heathlands around Holton and Sandford, constitute significant separating features. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

• Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Moderate

Land is open and is largely occupied by a rugby club building and car park, uses which are associated with the urban area and diminish the extent to which it is perceived as countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

 Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 2.73ha

The parcel is located to the south of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Poole Harbour SSSI is located to the south of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising of sports pitches.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. However, the lane marking the southern edge of Lytchett Minster to the north of the parcel forms only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from the inset settlement. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

 Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No

Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.

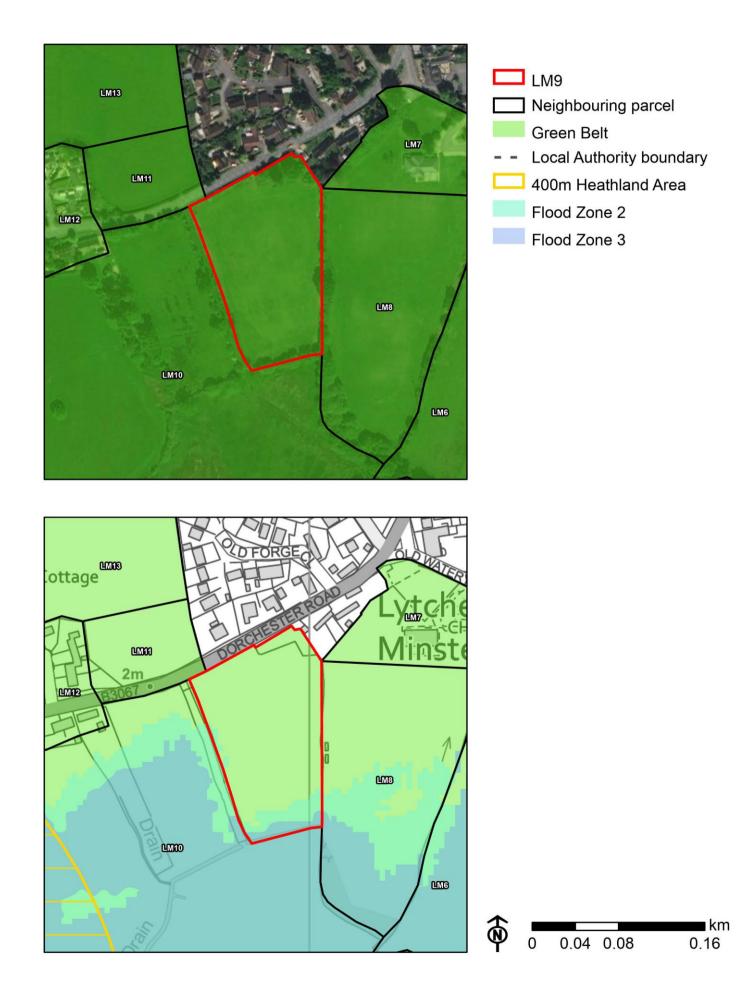
 Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Relatively weak

Land is open. There is a wide gap between Upton/Hamworthy and Wareham. Intervening urban development at Lytchett Minster, Holton Heath and Sandford reduces perceived separation but Lytchett Bay and associated wetlands (SSSI and Ramsar designated), and protected heathlands around Holton and Sandford, constitute significant separating features. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

• Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Relatively strong

This is open land. The sports pitches, which include floodlights for the main rugby pitch, have a usage which creates some association with the adjacent settlement. However, the absence of buildings in the parcel and the size of the area in relation to the village mean that The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
  The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.



## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 1.72ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, consisting of an agricultural field and surrounding hedgerow.

#### Distinction between parcel and inset area

The hedgerow boundary to the north of the parcel is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Lytchett Minster, and although neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, the parcel is not contained by urban development. However, the parcel is in close proximity to the inset area of Lytchett Minster. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

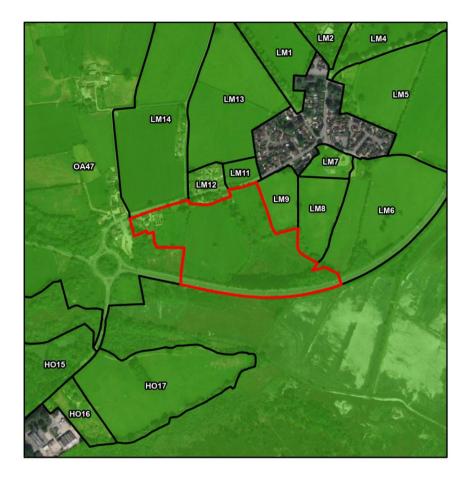
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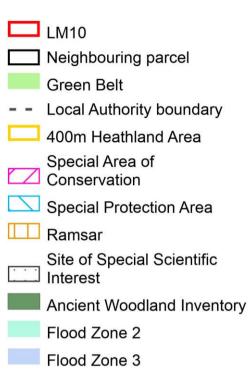
Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.

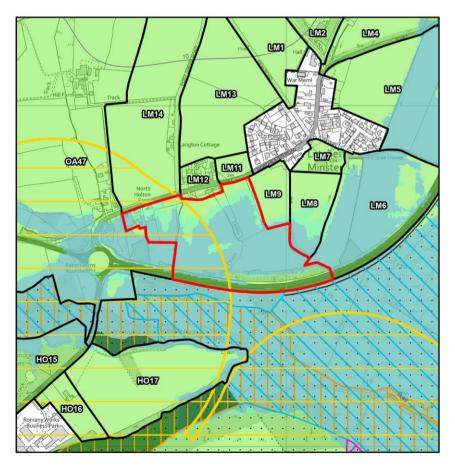
 Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Relatively weak

Land is open and there is a wide gap between Upton/Hamworthy and Wareham. Intervening urban development at Lytchett Minster, Holton Heath and Sandford reduces perceived separation but Lytchett Bay and associated wetlands (SSSI and Ramsar designated), and protected heathlands around Holton and Sandford, constitute significant separating features. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Relatively strong
  Land is open and the parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 11.18ha

The parcel is located south of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Poole Harbour SSSI is located to the south of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising largely of fields divided by hedgerows and tree lines. A pub and cluster of dwellings and associated buildings are located at the western end of the parcel, close to the A35 roundabout, but this development is not large enough in scale or urban enough in form to significantly impact openness.

### **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The tree cover and tree-lined road on the northern edge of the parcel, as well as hedgerows to the east, form moderate boundary features from the settlement. In addition, land is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

 Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No

Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.

 Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Moderate

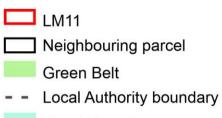
Land is open. There is a wide gap between Upton/Hamworthy and Wareham. Intervening urban development at Lytchett Minster, Holton Heath and Sandford reduces perceived separation but Lytchett Bay and associated wetlands (SSSI and Ramsar designated), and protected heathlands around Holton and Sandford, constitute significant separating features. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

• Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong

Land is open countryside and there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

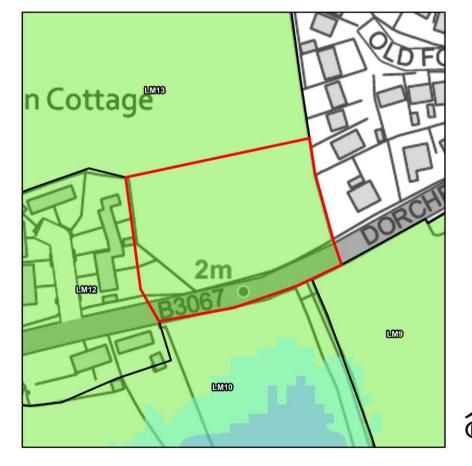
- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
  The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.

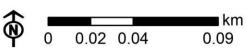




Flood Zone 2

Flood Zone 3





## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 0.78ha

The parcel is located on the western edge of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural field.

#### Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, the parcel has some degree of containment by urban development and the hedgerow boundary to the east of the parcel is only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from Lytchett Minster. In addition, land is in close proximity to the settlement. Overall there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

- Purpose 1 Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No
  Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset
  Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster.
  Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Moderate

Land is open countryside. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No

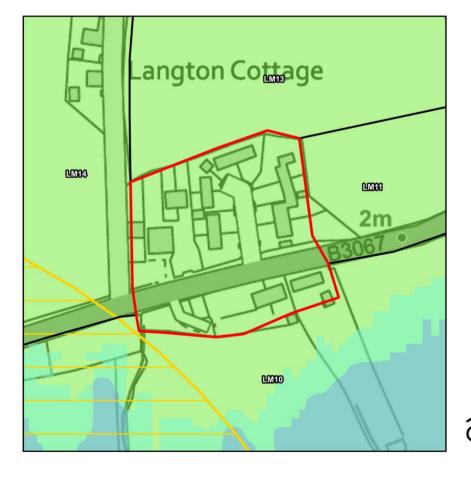
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

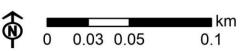
 Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 1.2ha

The parcel is located to the west of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is relatively developed, containing a cluster of houses, mostly on Orchard Close, and a church.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

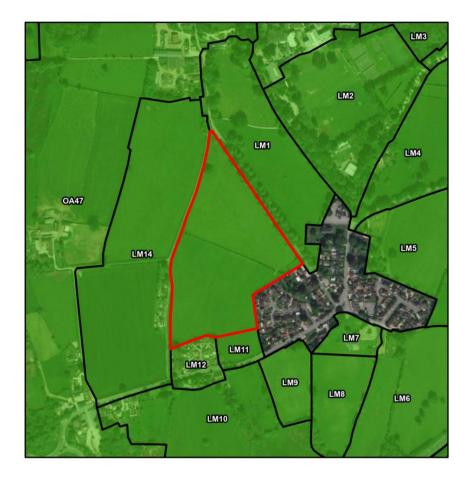
The parcel is not contained by urban development and there is a reasonable gap of open farmland separating it from the inset settlement of Lytchett Minster. However, the garden boundaries marking the edge of Lytchett Minster create little physical separation from the inset settlement. In addition, views are dominated by the washed-over but urbanising development within the parcel. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

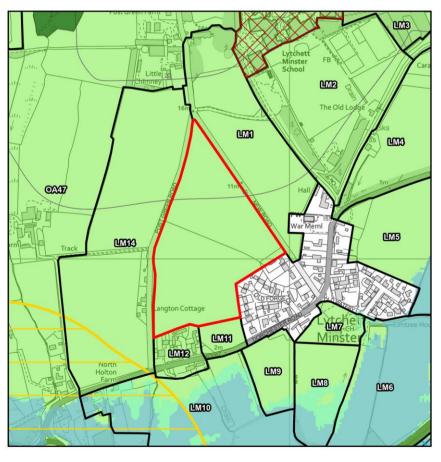
- Purpose 1 Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No
  Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset
  Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster.
  Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Relatively weak
  Land is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising development within it. This is washed over development in the countryside and there is moderate distinction between this and the urban area. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No

The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

 Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









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## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 8.2ha

The parcel is located on the western edge of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of two fields divided by hedgerow.

#### Distinction between parcel and inset area

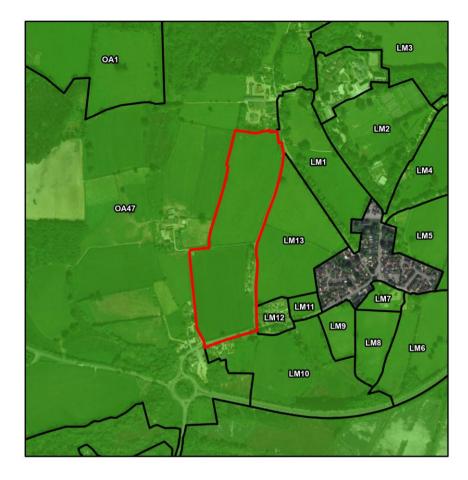
The garden boundaries marking the edge of the parcel with Lytchett Minster create little separation from the inset settlement and there is some urbanising containment between the inset settlement of Lytchett Minster to the east and washed-over development to the west. However, neither the countryside nor urbanising development dominates views. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

#### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

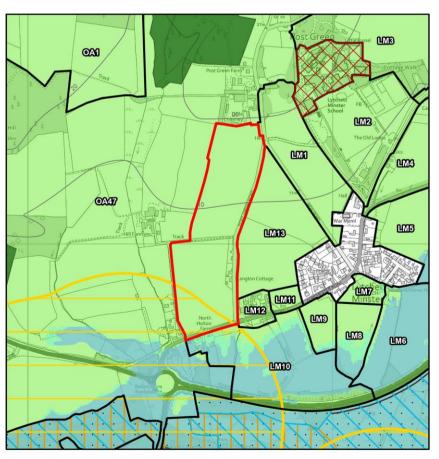
- Purpose 1 Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No
  Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset
  Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster.
  Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Relatively strong
  Land is open countryside and the parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:

Contribution: Equal

All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.









## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 12.59ha

The parcel is located to the west of Lytchett Minster. Lytchett Minster does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of fields divided by a lane. A few houses are located on the eastern edge of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

### **Distinction between parcel and inset area**

The hedgerow-lined road along the eastern edge of the parcel forms a moderate boundary feature, creating separation from the inset area. In addition, land is not contained by urban development, extends a significant distance from Lytchett Minster and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

### **Contribution to the Green Belt purposes**

- Purpose 1 Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No
  Land is relatively close to Upton, part of the South East Dorset
  Conurbation, but has a stronger relationship with Lytchett Minster.
  Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong

Land is open countryside and there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No

The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

 Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

All Green Belt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.