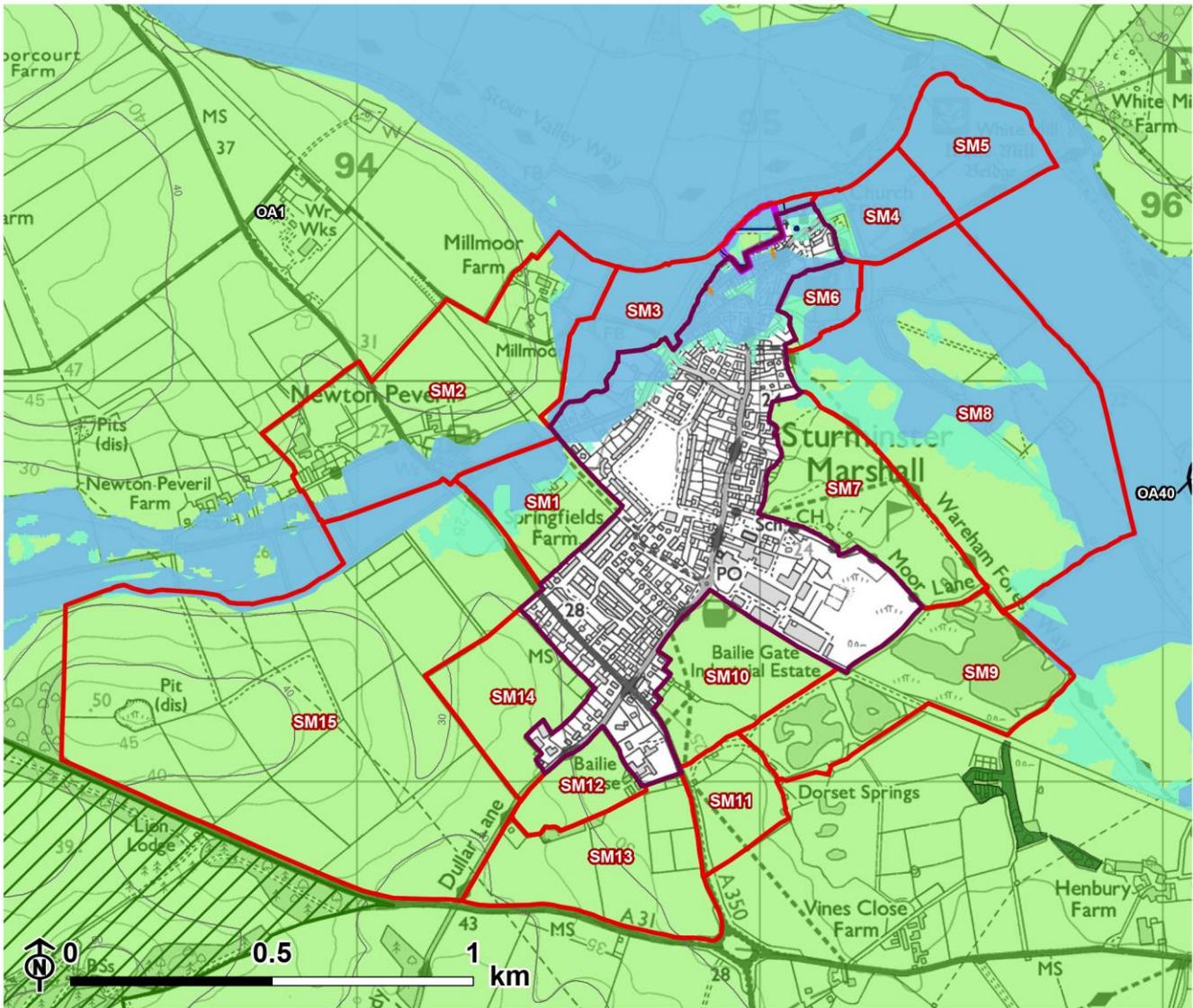


**Appendix B**  
**Detailed Stage 1**  
**Contribution**  
**Assessments:**  
**Sturminster Marshall**

# Sturminster Marshall



- - - Local Authority boundary
- Inset area
- Green Belt
- Red outline Sturminster Marshall parcel
- Black outline Neighbouring parcel

## Absolute constraints

- Dark Green Ancient Woodland Inventory
- Blue outline Scheduled monument
- Green with diagonal lines Registered park & garden
- Orange CROW Registered Common Land



## Potential constraints

- Purple outline Local Nature Reserve
- Light Blue Flood zone 3
- Light Green Flood zone 2

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## Components of contribution assessment

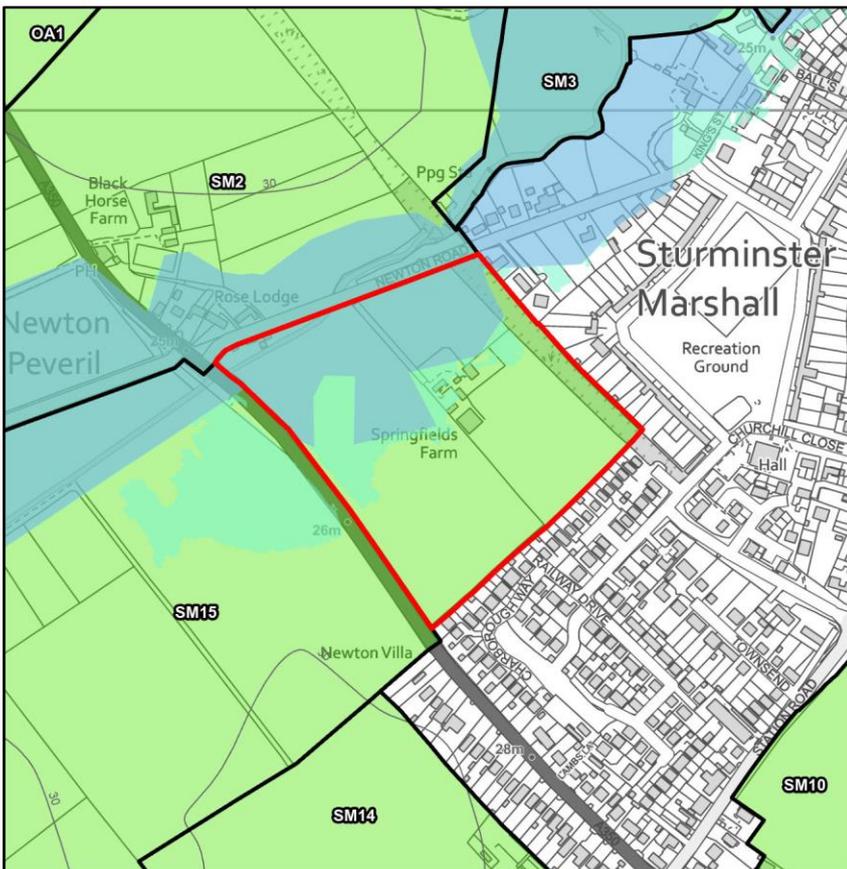
The analysis of contribution to the Green Belt purposes considers:

- 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.

# Contribution of land in SM1



- SM1
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3



# SM1

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.64ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields. It contains a farmstead and agricultural buildings, however these are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness. In addition, a single dwelling is 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 in close proximity to Sturminster Marshall. Although the former railway line and associated trees form a strong boundary to create separation from the settlement edge to the north, the weak inset settlement edge to the east negates this. Although neither the countryside nor the urban area dominate views the land has some degree of urban containment. Overall there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM1

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

Contribution: Weak/No

Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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 but 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:

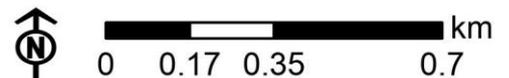
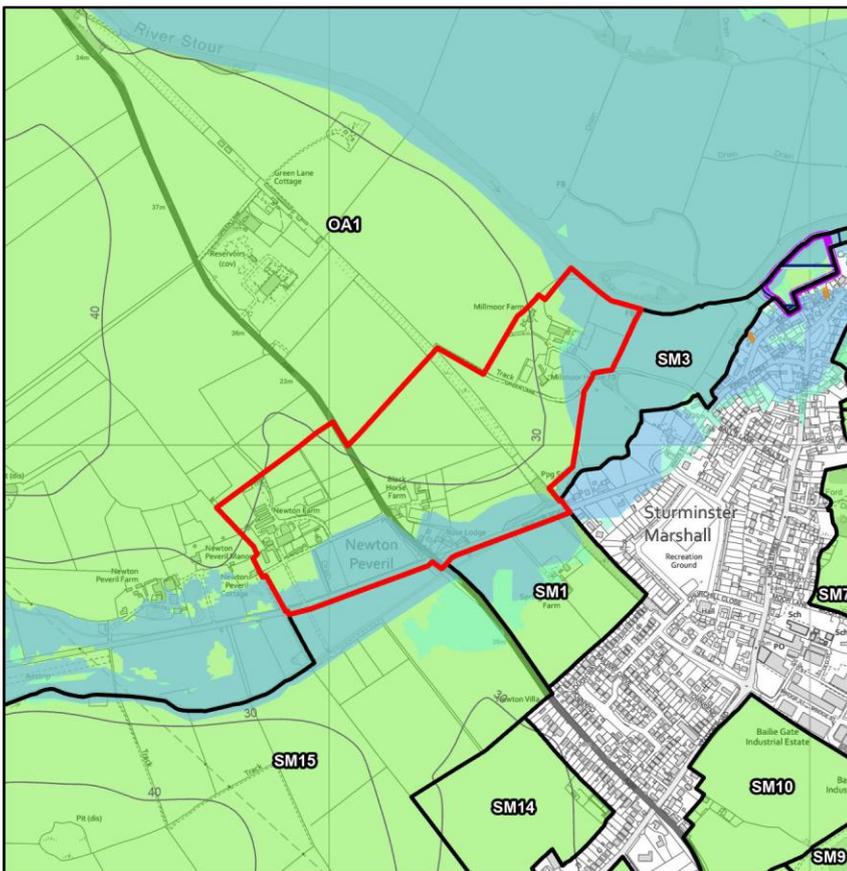
Contribution: Equal

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

# Contribution of land in SM2



- SM2
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Scheduled monument
- CROW Registered Common Land
- Local Nature Reserve
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3



# SM2

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 28.07ha

The parcel is located on the north west of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields. It contains some farmsteads and agricultural buildings, however these are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness. In addition, a few dwellings and a pub are located in the west of the parcel, however this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

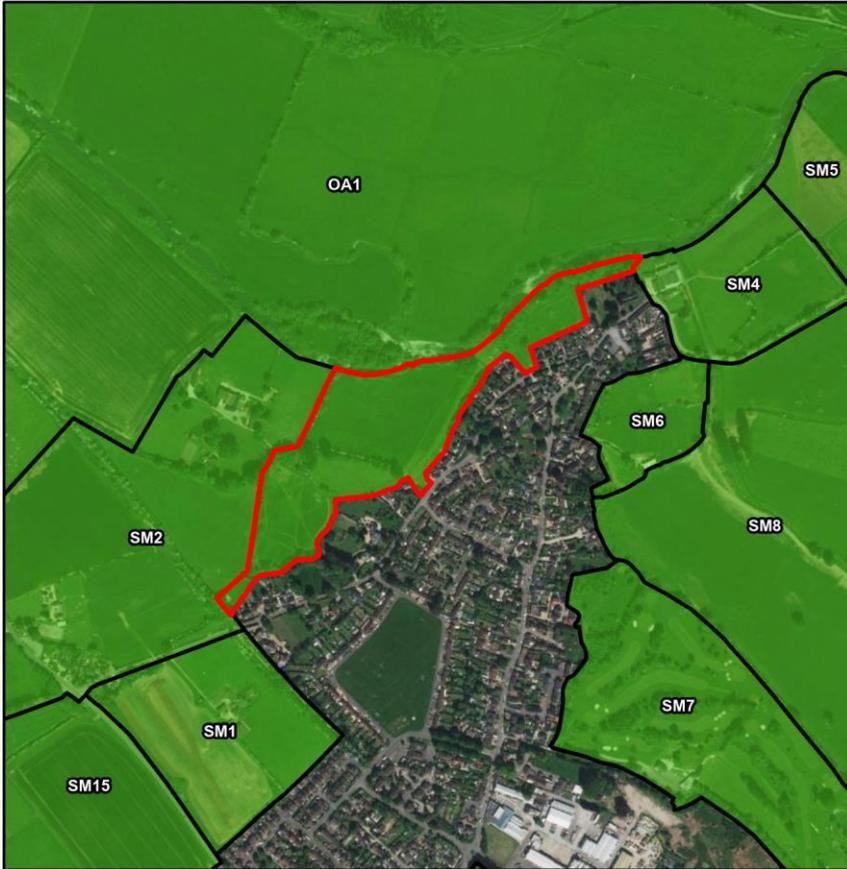
Land is not contained by urban development. Newton Road and the hedgerows lining the parcels to the south create moderate separation from Sturminster Marshall. The land slopes up towards to northwest, creating some difference in landform between open land and the urban area. The area also extends a significant distance from Sturminster Marshall and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall there is very strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM2

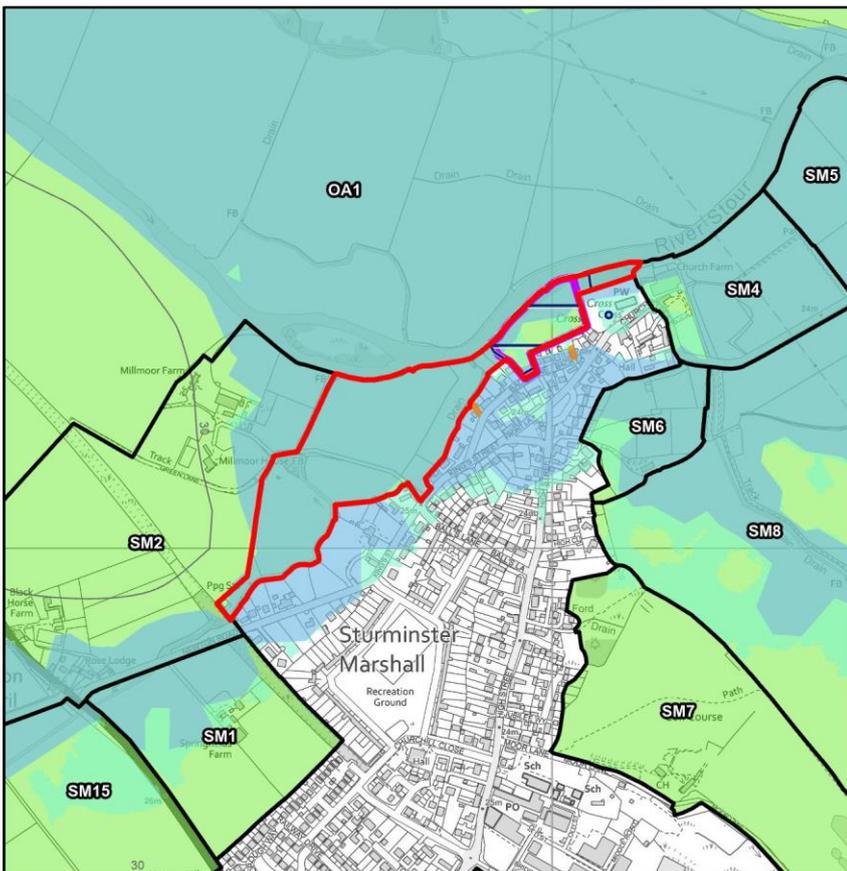
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM3



- SM3
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Scheduled monument
- CROW Registered Common Land
- Local Nature Reserve
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3



# SM3

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 8.46ha

The parcel is located on the north western edge of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Some of the area is designated a Scheduled Monument, which is an absolute constraint to development.

Land is open, comprising predominantly of fields divided by tree lines and the River Winterbourne.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by urban development, and views are dominated by open countryside. However, most of the parcel lies in close proximity to the urban edge, the garden boundaries marking the majority of the settlement boundary create weak separation from the urban area. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM3

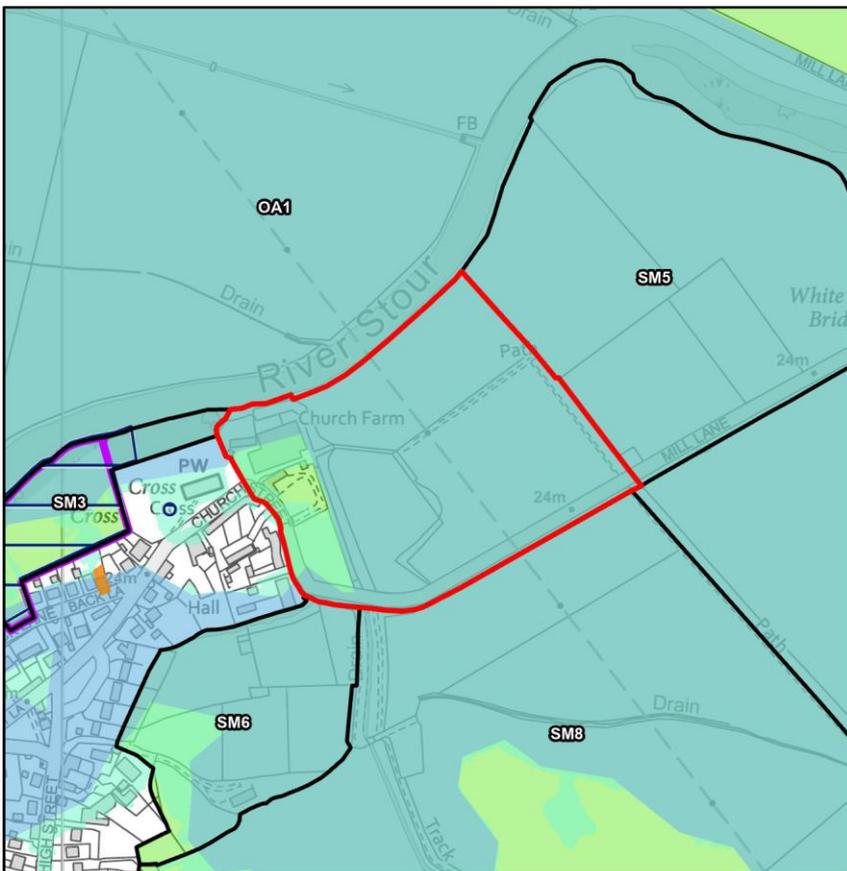
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM4



- SM4
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Scheduled monument
- CROW Registered Common Land
- Local Nature Reserve
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3



# SM4

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.85ha

The parcel is located on the north-eastern edge of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields. It contains agricultural buildings, however, these are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness. In addition, a single dwelling is located in the west of the parcel, however this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

Church Street bounding the west of the parcel is only a weak boundary to the urban area. However, the parcel is not contained by urban development and is visually dominated by open countryside. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM4

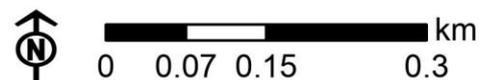
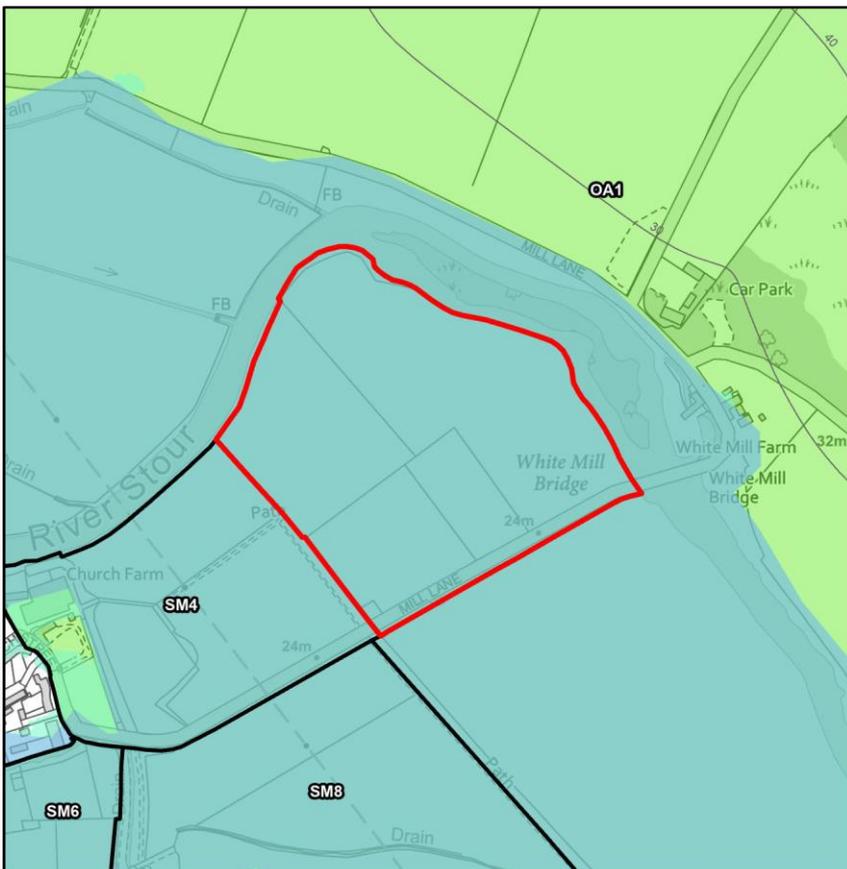
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM5



-  SM5
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Local Authority boundary
-  Flood Zone 2
-  Flood Zone 3



# SM5

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 8.24ha

The parcel is located to the northeast of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of fields divided by hedgerow.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. In addition, the hedgerow bounding much of the west of the parcel and Church Street beyond are enough to create moderate boundary separation from the village for most of the parcel. Where there is no hedgerow present along the western boundary of the parcel, there is only weak separation from the urban area, but as the land extends a significant distance from Sturminster Marshall there is overall a stronger separation. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM5

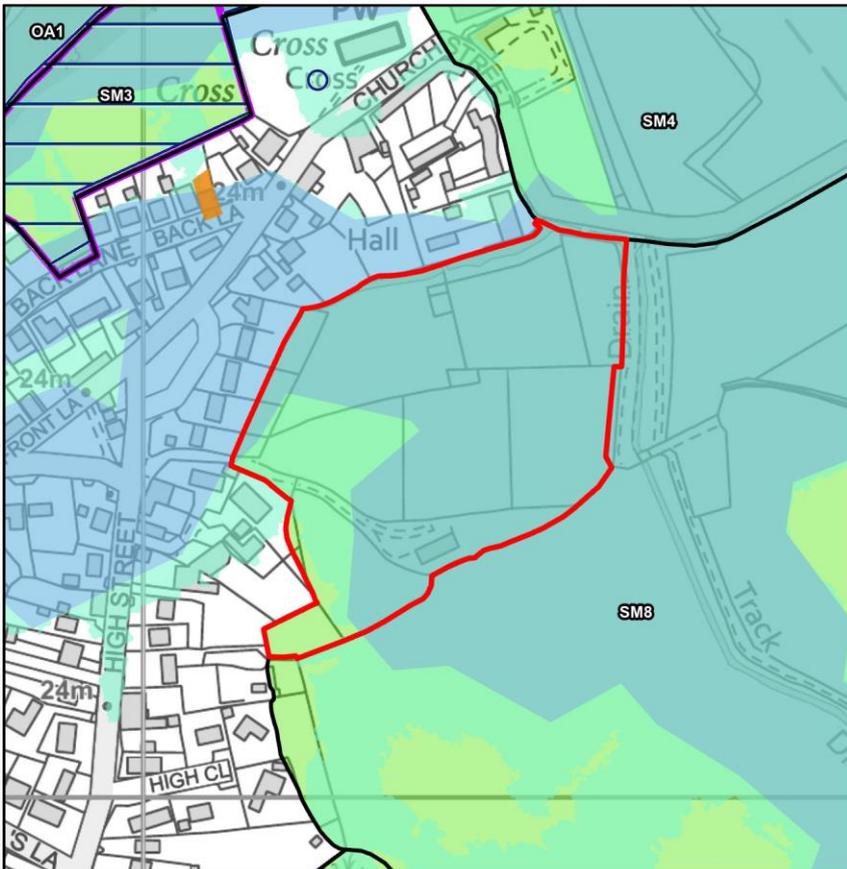
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM6



- SM6
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Scheduled monument
- CROW Registered Common Land
- Local Nature Reserve
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3



# SM6

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.99ha

The parcel is located on the north eastern edge of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields. It contains agricultural buildings, however, these are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is in close proximity to Sturminster Marshall, and the garden boundaries along much of the northern and western edges of the parcel create little separation from the urban area. In addition, landform and land cover do not increase distinction from Sturminster Marshall. Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views and, although the settlement edge arcs around the parcel to a degree this is not sufficient to create a sense of urban containment. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM6

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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. 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.



# SM7

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 13.53ha

The parcel is located on the eastern edge of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of a golf course. It contains buildings and a car park associated with the golf course; however these are in association with the recreational use of the golf course and do not have a significant impact on openness. as such are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree line and lane bounding the south of the parcel, and the tree lines and wooded blocks along much of the west of the parcel are moderate boundary features creating separation from the inset area of Sturminster Marshall. Land extends a reasonable distance from the urban area and views are dominated by open countryside. Although the area has urban influences on more than one edge, this is not sufficient to create a significant degree of containment across the parcel as a whole. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area, but it is noted that there is transition from a moderate degree of distinction in the south western corner of the parcel, which has slightly weaker boundary vegetation and slightly greater containment by urban edges. It is noted that the eastern end of the inset area to the south of the parcel is currently undeveloped, so future development here could potentially strengthen urban visual influence and weaken distinction.

# SM7

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

Contribution: Weak/No

Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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. There is strong distinction between the parcel as a whole and the urban area, but it is noted that there is transition from a moderate degree of distinction in the south western corner of the parcel, which has slightly weaker boundary vegetation and slightly greater containment by urban edges. Therefore, contribution in this corner is relatively strong, increasing to strong to the north and east. 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

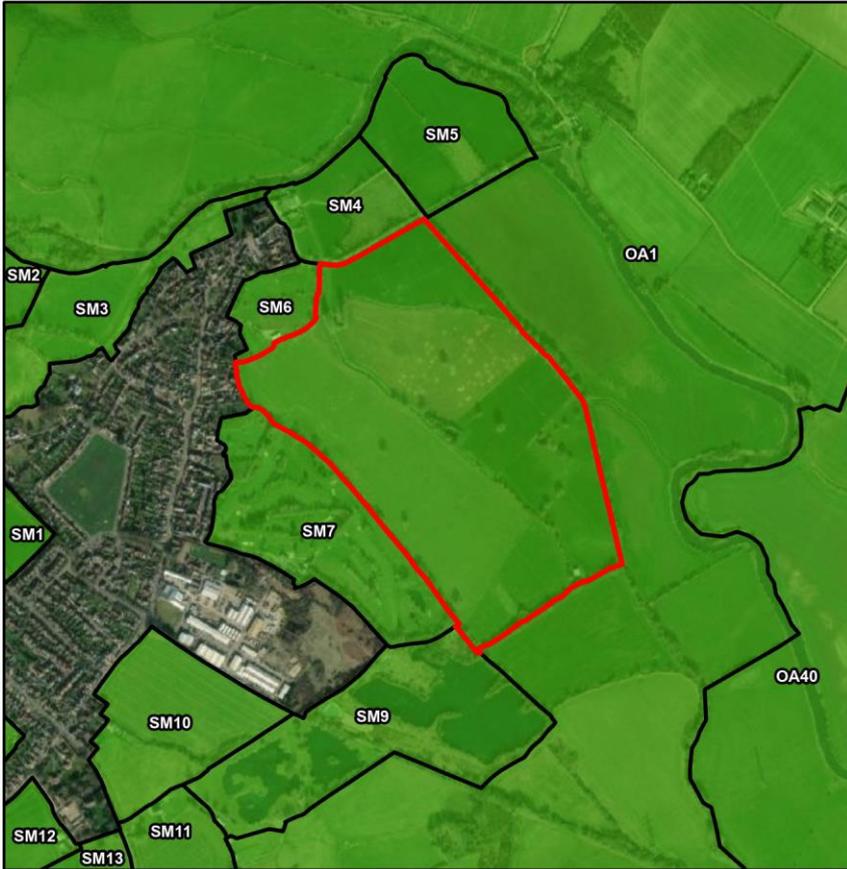
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

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

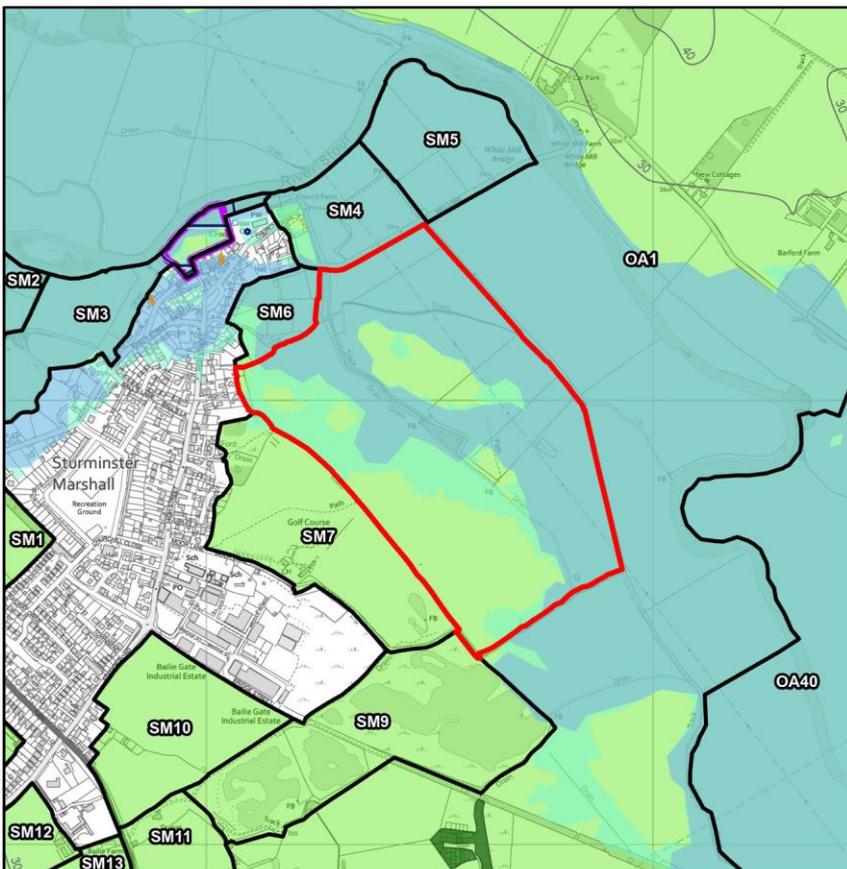
Contribution: Equal

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

# Contribution of land in SM8



- SM8
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Ancient Woodland Inventory
- Scheduled monument
- CROW Registered Common Land
- Local Nature Reserve
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3



# SM8

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 43.88ha

The parcel is located on the eastern edge of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields divided by hedgerow and a stream.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

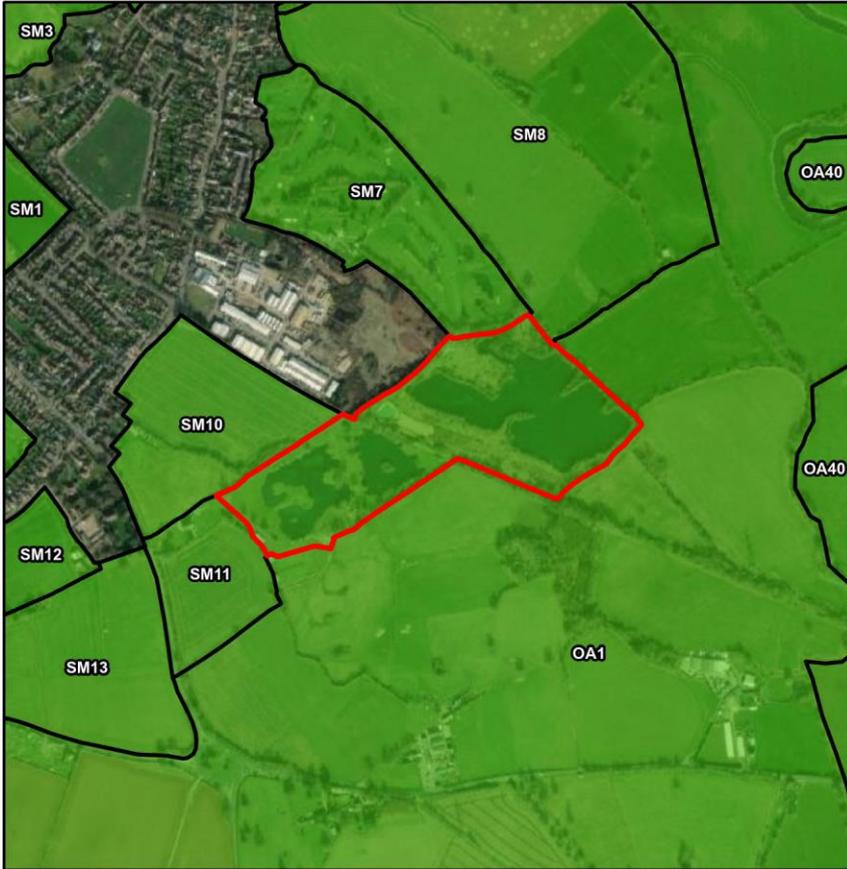
The garden boundaries and limited tree cover marking the edge of the parcel with Sturminster Marshall to the west are only weak boundary features, creating little separation from the urban area. However, the parcel extends a significant distance from the village, land is not contained by urban development, and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM8

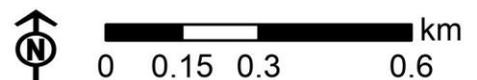
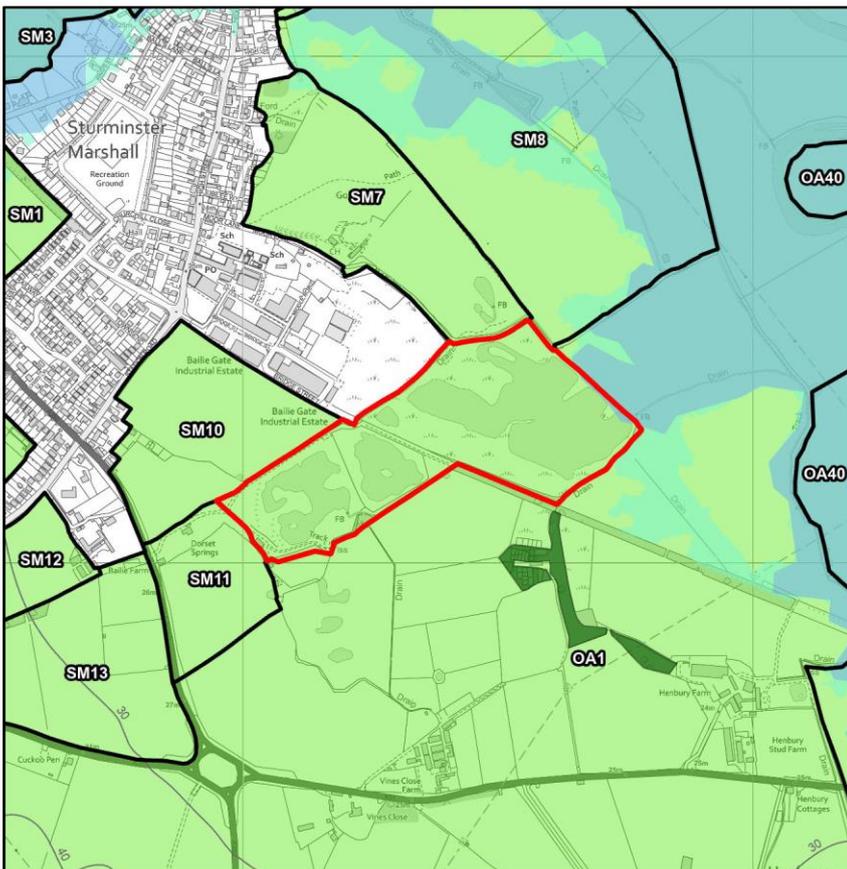
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM9



- SM9
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Ancient Woodland Inventory
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3



# SM9

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 17.53ha

The parcel is located on the south eastern edge of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of fishing lakes with surrounding trees and grassland. It contains several small, isolated buildings which do not impact openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree line marking the edge of the inset area of Sturminster Marshall to the north west, beyond which there is currently undeveloped land adjacent to the industrial estate, creates moderate separation from the urban area, and the track, hedgerow and Station Road beyond to the northeast of the parcel together also create moderate separation from the urban area. The parcel is not contained by urban development, and views are dominated by open countryside. In addition, the lakes within the parcel are relatively prominent, adding to distinction from the urban area. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area. Development of the currently open land within the inset settlement is unlikely to weaken this distinction.

# SM9

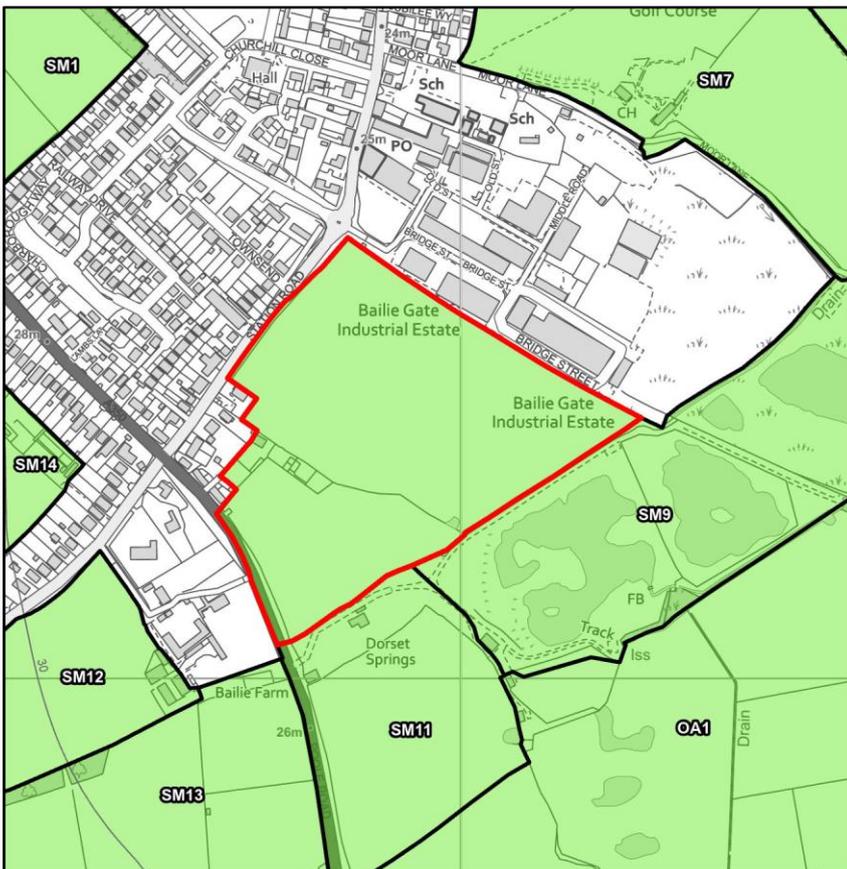
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM10



-  SM10
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Local Authority boundary



# SM10

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 10.36ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields divided by hedgerow, and part of the gardens of properties to the north. The northwest of the parcel also contains a single building; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is in close proximity to Sturminster Marshall, and land has some degree of containment by surrounding urban development within the settlement to the northeast, northwest and west. Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views and although the boundary of the parcel with Sturminster Marshall is defined by a tree line to the northeast, Station Road to the northwest, and the A350 to the west, Station Road and the A350 have been breached by housing development. Therefore, the northwest of the parcel predominantly adjoins gardens within Sturminster Marshall, weak boundary features that create little separation from the urban area. Overall, there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM10

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

Contribution: Weak/No

Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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 but 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

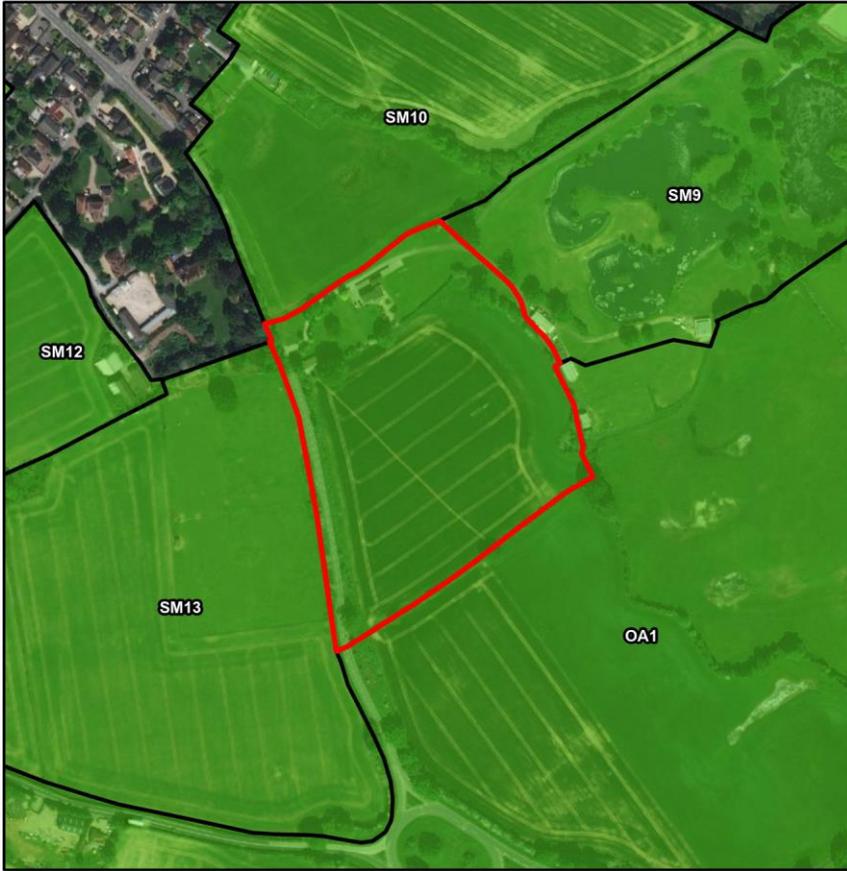
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

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

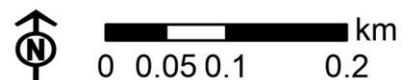
Contribution: Equal

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

# Contribution of land in SM11



-  SM11
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Local Authority boundary



# SM11

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.68ha

The parcel is located to the southeast of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising predominantly of an agricultural field. A single dwelling and an additional building are located in the north of the parcel; 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 and views are dominated by open countryside. The tree lined A350 to the west creates strong separation from Sturminster Marshall, whilst the track, hedgerow and garden boundaries beyond to the north of the parcel together create moderate separation from the urban area. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM11

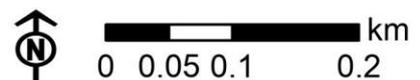
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM12



-  SM12
-  Neighbouring parcel
-  Green Belt
-  Local Authority boundary



# SM12

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.5ha

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

Land is open, comprising of an agricultural field. Farm buildings are located in the eastern corner of the parcel, however these are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The lanes to the north and northeast of the parcel are weak boundary features, creating little separation from Sturminster Marshall. In addition, most of the area is in close proximity to Sturminster Marshall. However, although the parcel has some degree of containment by Sturminster Marshall to the north and northeast, views in this flat landscape are dominated by open countryside and reduce the significance of this. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM12

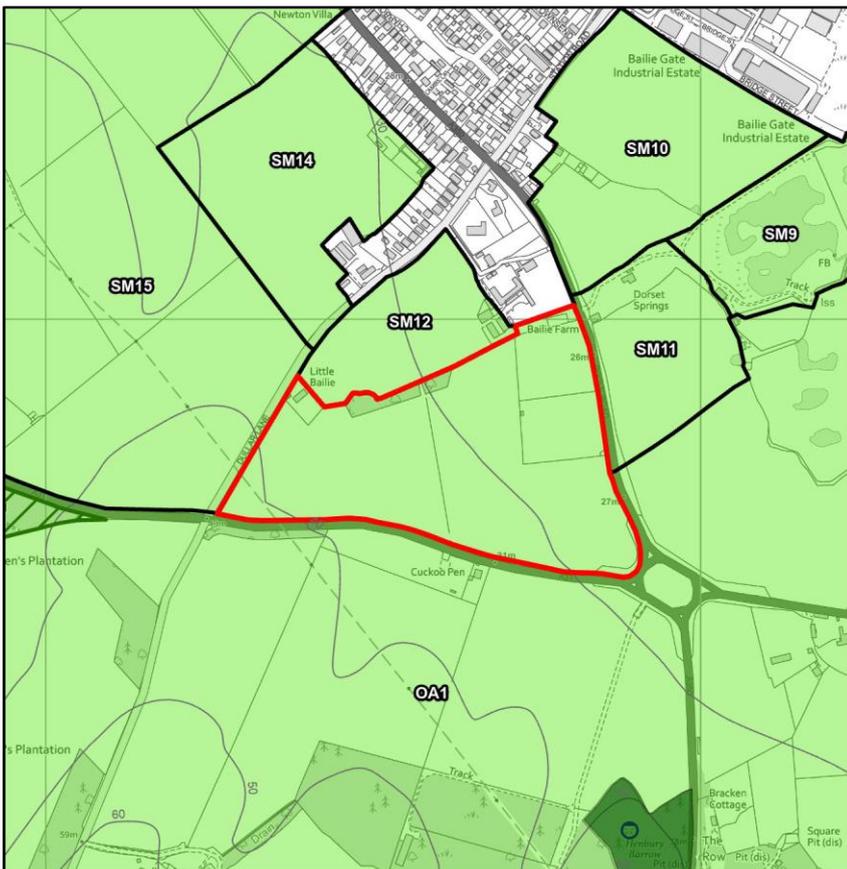
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM13



- SM13
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Ancient Woodland Inventory
- Scheduled monument
- Registered Park & Garden



# SM13

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 14.95ha

The parcel is located to the south of Sturminster Marshall. Sturminster Marshall does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields and paddocks. A single dwelling is 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

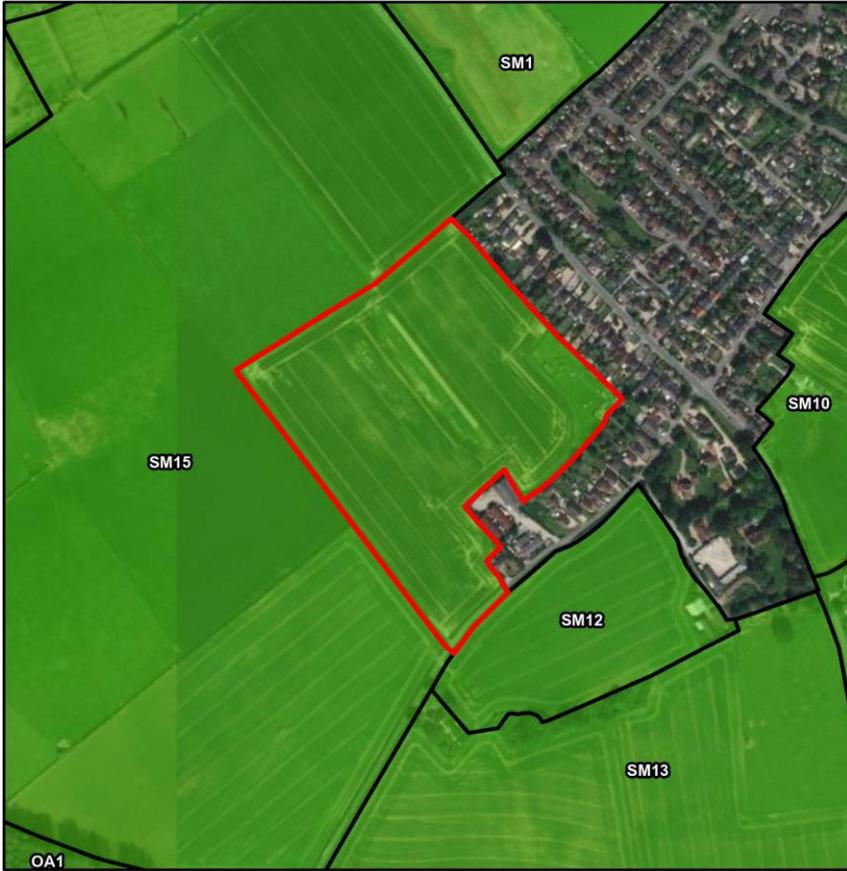
The parcel is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. In addition, the tree line along the northwest of the parcel creates moderate separation from Sturminster Marshall, whilst the woodland block, hedgerow and lanes beyond to the north of the parcel together also create moderate separation. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM13

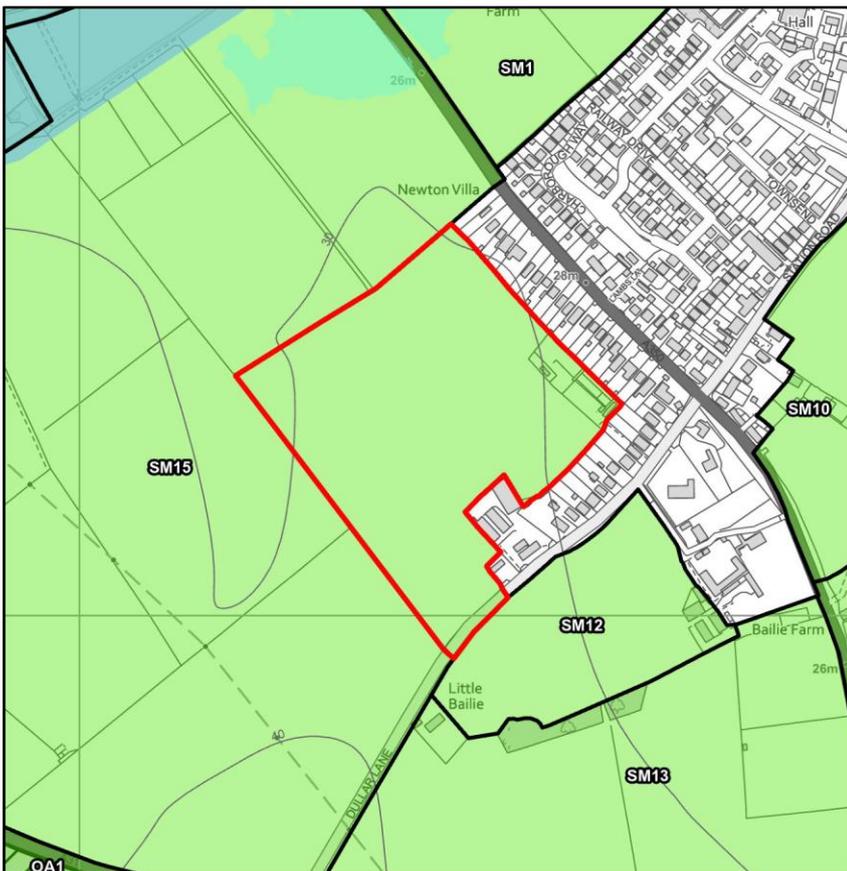
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM14



- SM14
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Registered Park & Garden
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3



# SM14

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9.37ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields and paddocks. A few scattered buildings are also located within the paddocks in the east of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries defining much of the edge of the parcel with Sturminster Marshall to the east are weak boundary features creating little separation from the urban area. However, although the parcel has some degree of containment by Sturminster Marshall to the northeast and southeast, neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. The hedgerow forms a weak outer boundary that strengthens the parcel's relationship with the wider countryside. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM14

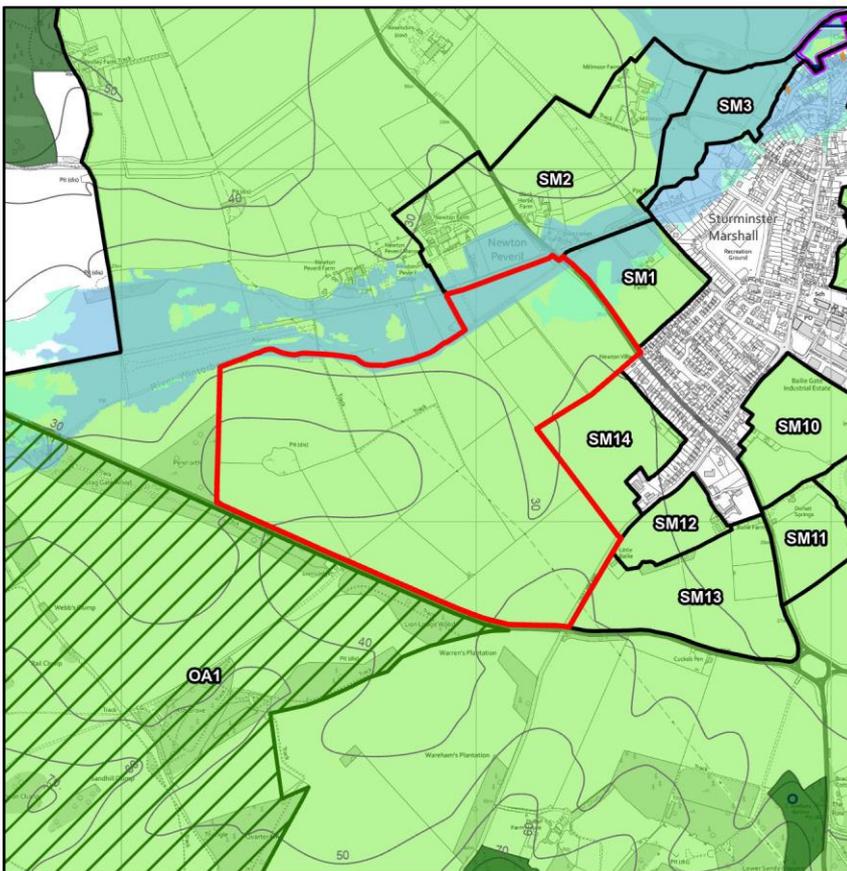
## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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. 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.

# Contribution of land in SM15



- SM15
- Neighbouring parcel
- Green Belt
- Local Authority boundary
- Ancient Woodland Inventory
- Scheduled monument
- Registered Park & Garden
- CROW Registered Common Land
- Local Nature Reserve
- Flood Zone 2
- Flood Zone 3



# SM15

## Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 76.45ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields divided by hedgerows and the River Winterbourne.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by urban development, land extends a significant distance from the urban area, and views are dominated by open countryside. In addition, the A350 is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from Sturminster Marshall to the northeast. To the east, the A350 is breached by housing development, but the hedgerows and garden boundaries beyond to the east of the parcel together also create moderate separation from the urban area. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

# SM15

## Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

- Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:  
Contribution: Weak/No  
Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. 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.