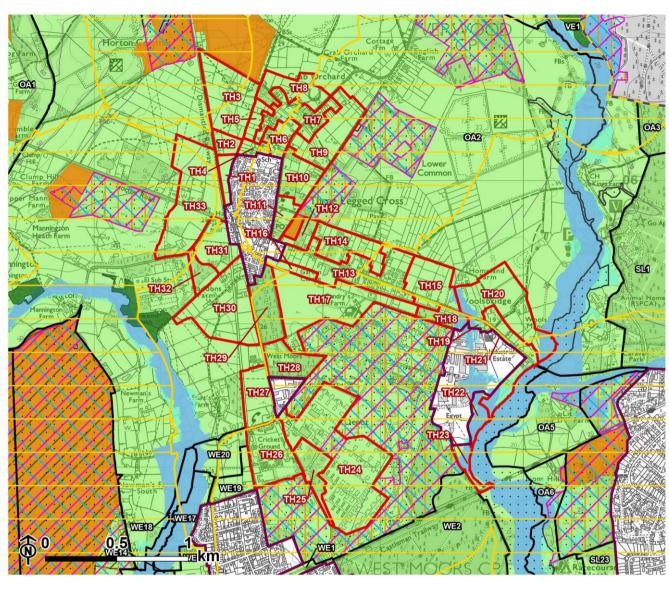
Appendix B
Detailed Stage 1
Contribution
Assessments:
Three Legged
Cross - Part 1

Three Legged Cross



- - Local Authority boundary
- --- Inset area
- Green Belt
- Three Legged Cross parcel
- Neighbouring parcel

Absolute constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- National Nature Reserve
- Ancient Woodland Inventory
- Scheduled monument
- CROW Registered Common Land



Potential constraints

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

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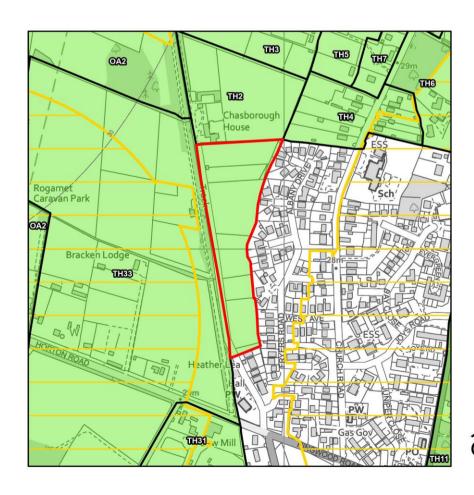
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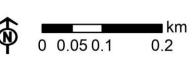
The analysis of contribution to the Green Belt purposes considers:

- 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.









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Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.65ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural land.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the parcel is not contained by urban development, the garden boundaries to the east are only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from the inset area. The parcel is in close proximity to Three Legged Cross. As such, the urban area dominates views. Overall there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

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Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

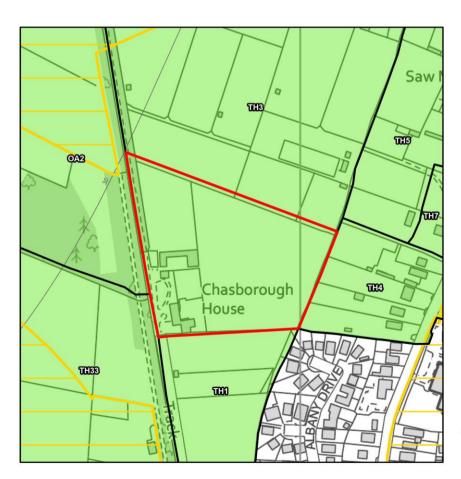
Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
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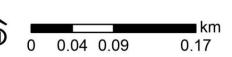
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. There is weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a weak/no contribution to preventing the merging of 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









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.66ha

The parcel is located on the north western edge of Three Legged Cross.

Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of vacant grassland and a residential building in the west of the parcel. However, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundary in the south east corner of the parcel is only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from the inset area. However, it is not contained by urban development. As such, open countryside dominates the 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 not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with
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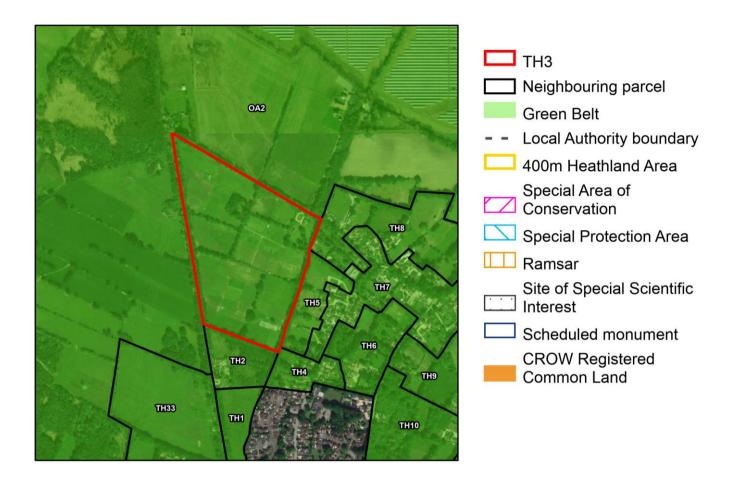
Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
 Contribution: Relatively weak
 Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors.
 Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. 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.

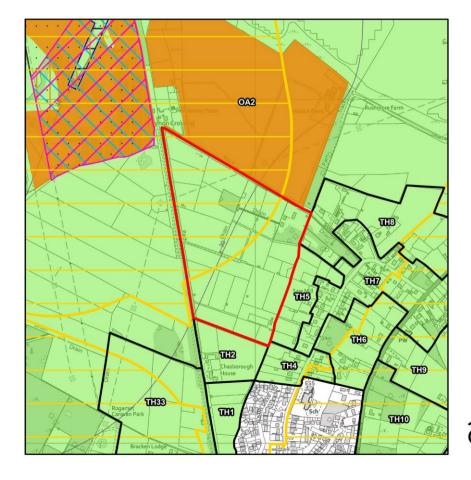
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Relatively strong
 Land is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the
 inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes
 a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 15.66ha

The parcel is located on the western edge of the northern area of Three Legged Cross. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open and is dominated by agricultural fields and separating hedgerows. A residential building is located in the north eastern corner of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

There are enough boundary features to create strong separation from the settlement. The parcel is not contained by urban development and is dominated by views of open countryside. In addition, the parcel extends a significant distance from the inset area. 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 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: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is very 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 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.

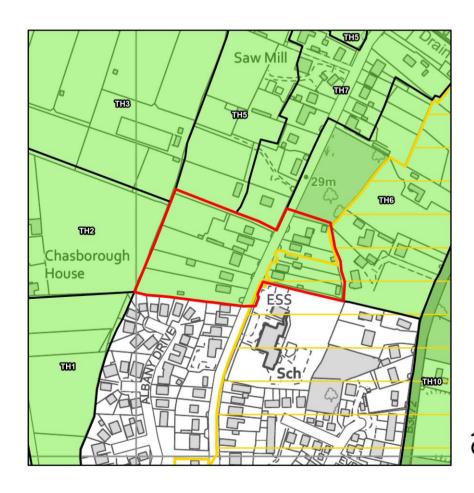
 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

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

Contribution: Equal









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.98ha

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

Land is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising development within it, including several dwellings.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is in close proximity to Three Legged Cross and the garden boundaries to the south are only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from the inset area. Land has some degree of containment by urban development, and views are dominated by the urban area. 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 developed and has a significant amount of urbanising
 development within it. 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 is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising
 development within it. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West
 Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but
 there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths,
 Horton Common, and the Moors River System. There is weak distinction
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 development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area
 makes a weak/no contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring
 towns.

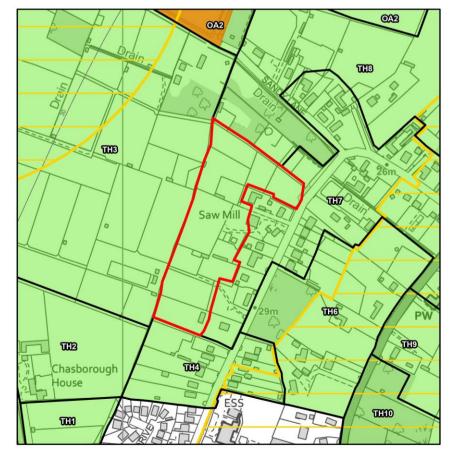
• Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Weak/No Land is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising development within it. Land is characterised by uses which are associated with the urban area, including residential buildings, and diminish the extent to which it is perceived as 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 weak/no contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

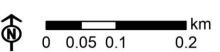
 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

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

Contribution: Equal







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Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.62ha

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

Land is open, comprising of vacant brownfield land.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The garden boundaries to the east of the parcel are a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from the settlement. Land extends a significant distance from Three Legged Cross, but is partially contained by washed-over but urbanising development to the north of the inset settlement. As such, neither the countryside nor the urban area 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 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
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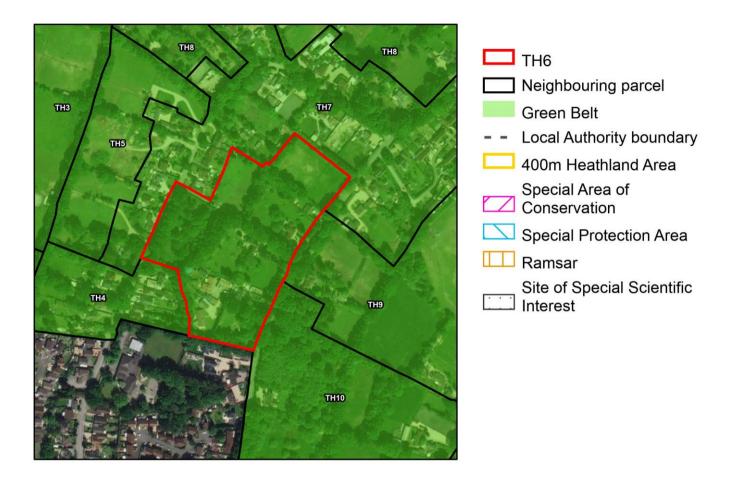
Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
 Contribution: Relatively weak
 Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors.
 Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths, Horton Common, and the Moors River System. 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.

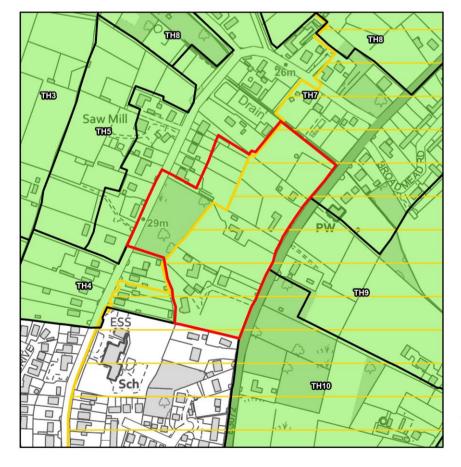
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Relatively strong
 Land is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the
 inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes
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 encroachment.

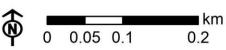
 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

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

Contribution: Equal







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Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.03ha

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

Land is relatively open but has some limited urbanising development within it, consisting of several residential dwellings.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is largely contained by urban development. However, the tree line to the south of the parcel is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the inset area, and land cover is relatively prominent, which provides some distinction from the 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 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
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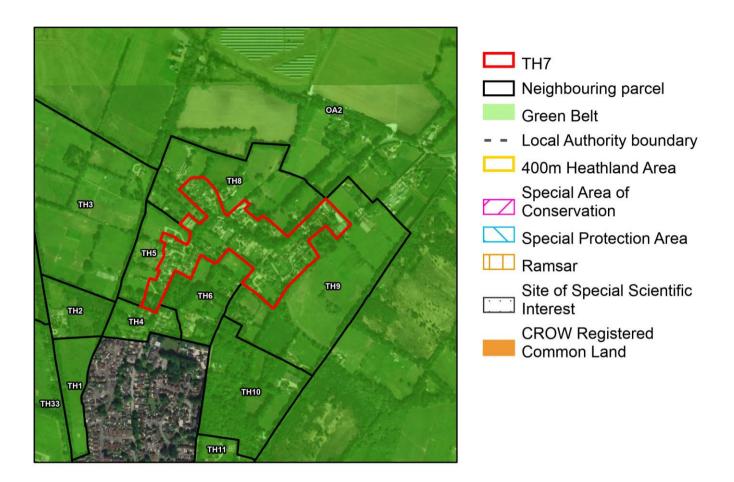
Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
 Contribution: Weak/No
 Land is relatively open but has some limited urbanising development
 within it. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors.
 Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there
 are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths, Horton
 Common, and the Moors River System. The parcel has some relationship
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 area makes a weak/no contribution to preventing the merging of
 neighbouring towns.

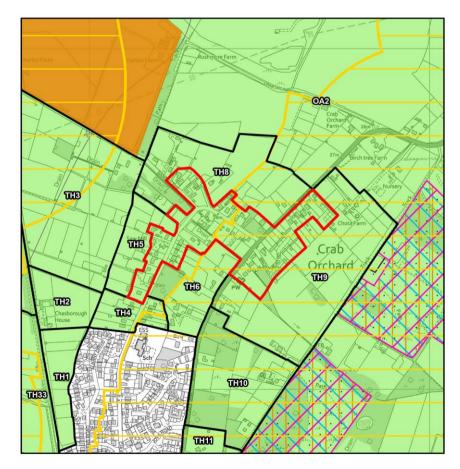
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Moderate
 Land is countryside and is relatively open, but several residential
 dwellings have some limited urbanising development within it. The parcel
 has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9.08ha

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

Land is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising development within it, consisting of several residential dwellings.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

There are enough weaker boundary features to create moderate separation from Three Legged Cross. The parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement and is not contained by urban development. As such, views are dominated by the urban area. 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 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
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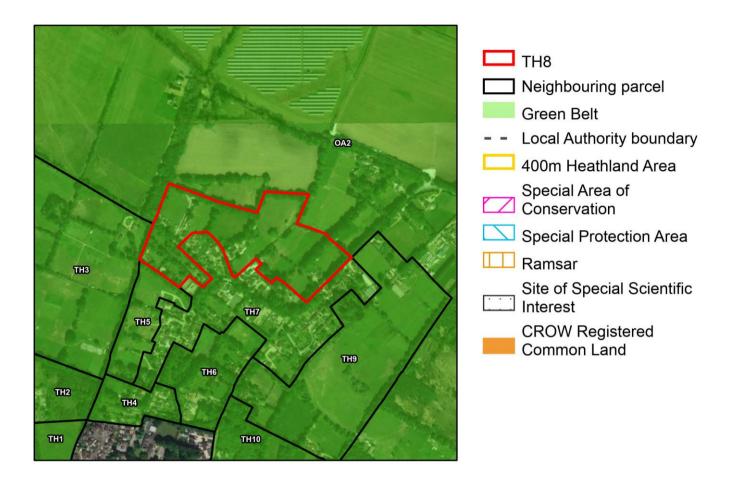
Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Weak/No
Land is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising development within it. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths, Horton Common, and the Moors River System. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a weak/no contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

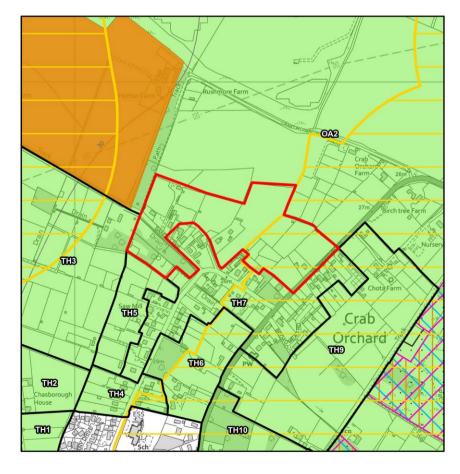
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Relatively weak
 Land is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising
 development within it. It is therefore washed over development in the
 countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 8.04ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural land and separating hedgerows. There are several agricultural buildings, however, these are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel extends a significant distance from Three Legged Cross and is not contained by urban development. In addition, the tree lines to the south of the parcel are a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the inset area. As such, neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. 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 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
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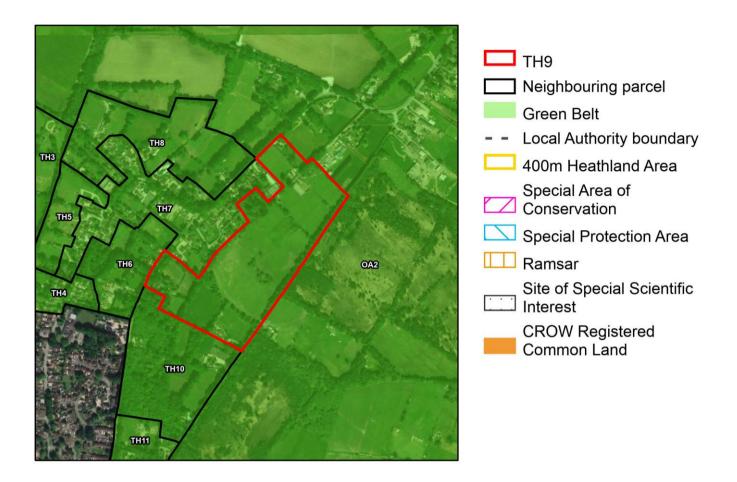
• Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. 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.

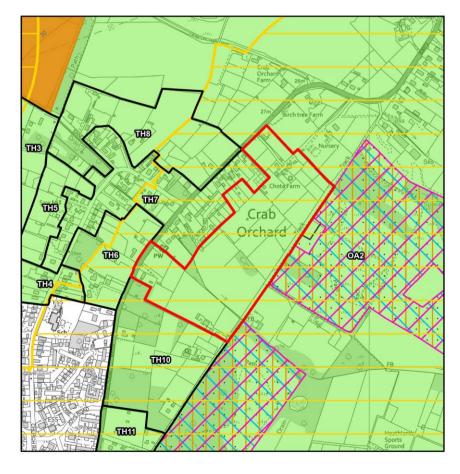
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Strong
 Land is open countryside and there is strong distinction between the
 parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which
 development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside.
 Overall 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 12.68ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields and separating hedgerows. Several residential properties are located in the north of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact to openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel extends a significant distance from the settlement, is not contained by urban development, and Verwood Road and tree lines form a strong boundary feature creating separation from Three Legged Cross. As such, neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. 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 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: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. 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.

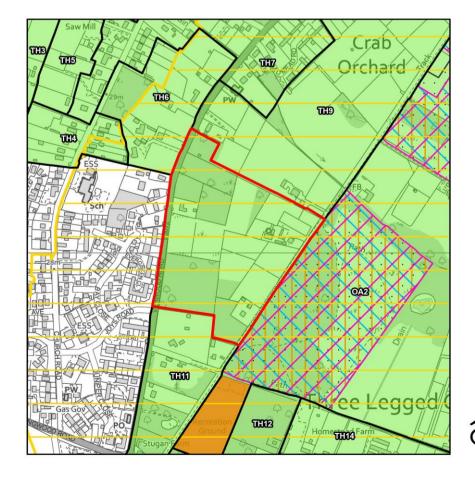
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Strong
 Land is open countryside and there is strong distinction between the
 parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which
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 Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the
 countryside from encroachment.

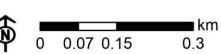
 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

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

Contribution: Equal







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.72ha

The parcel is located on the north western edge of Three Legged Cross. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Holt and West Moors Heaths SSSI and Dorset Heaths SAC are located to the east of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising of sparse tree cover and several dwellings located on the east, west, and south edges of the parcel. However, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Verwood Road and the associated tree line is a strong boundary feature creating separation from Three Legged Cross, and tree cover is relatively prominent, which provides some distinction from the settlement. The parcel is not contained by urban development, with views dominated by open countryside. 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 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: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is very 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 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.83ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Three Legged Cross. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground is an absolute constraint located to the east of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising of sparse tree cover and several residential buildings dispersed throughout the parcel. However, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness. Furzelands Road passes through the centre of the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is in close proximity to Three Legged Cross, but land cover is relatively prominent, which provides some distinction from the settlement. Although land has some degree of containment by urban development and neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, the tree line along Verwood Road and Ringwood Road is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the inset area. 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 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.

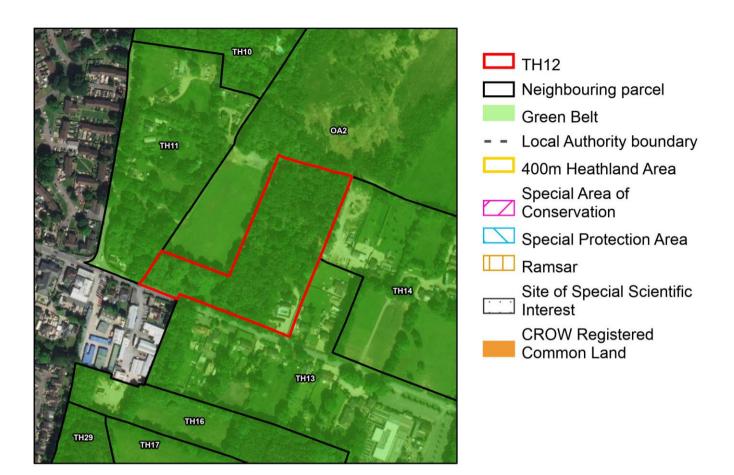
Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
 Contribution: Relatively weak
 Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors.
 Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. 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. 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.75ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Three Legged Cross. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Three Legged Cross Recreation Ground is an absolute constraint located to the west of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising of woodland and a single dwelling in the south east corner of the parcel. However, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the parcel has some degree of containment by urban development and neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, the tree cover within the parcel forms a strong boundary feature creating separation from the settlement. In addition, land cover within the parcel is very prominent, making it significantly different from the inset area. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

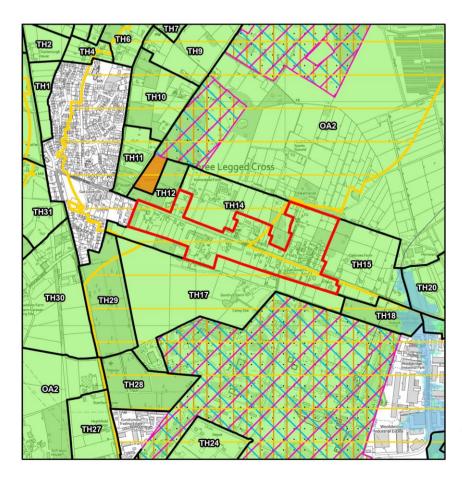
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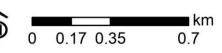
Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
 Contribution: Weak/No
 Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with
 it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large
 built-up area.

- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 18.11ha

The parcel is located between the northern and eastern areas of Three Legged Cross. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising development within it, including several industrial and commercial sites and a place of worship. Ringwood Road passes through the centre of the parcel from east to west.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

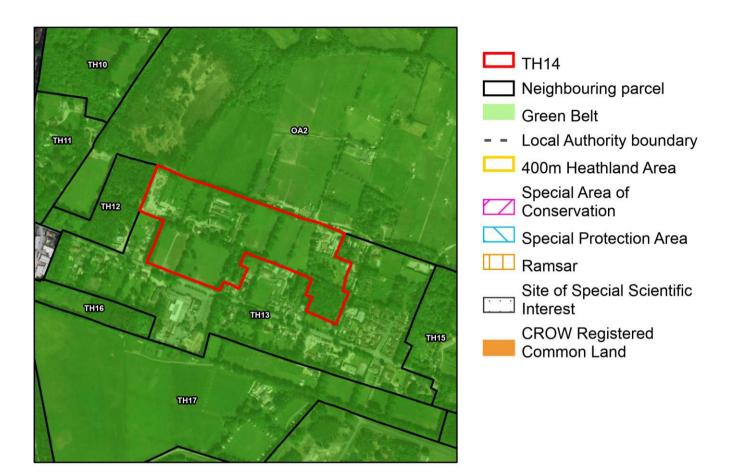
The parcel has some degree of containment by urban development, with views dominated by the urban area. However, the tree line on the western edge of the parcel is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the settlement. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
 Contribution: Weak/No
 Land is 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 is relatively developed and has a significant amount of urbanising development within it. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a weak/no contribution to preventing the merging of 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, but 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9.19ha

The parcel is located between the northern and eastern areas of Three Legged Cross. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, consisting of agricultural fields and separating hedgerows. There are several agricultural buildings, however, these are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is located a significant distance from Three Legged Cross and tree cover to the west acts as a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the settlement. Views are not dominated by either the countryside or the urban area, but the parcel is not contained by urban development. 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 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.

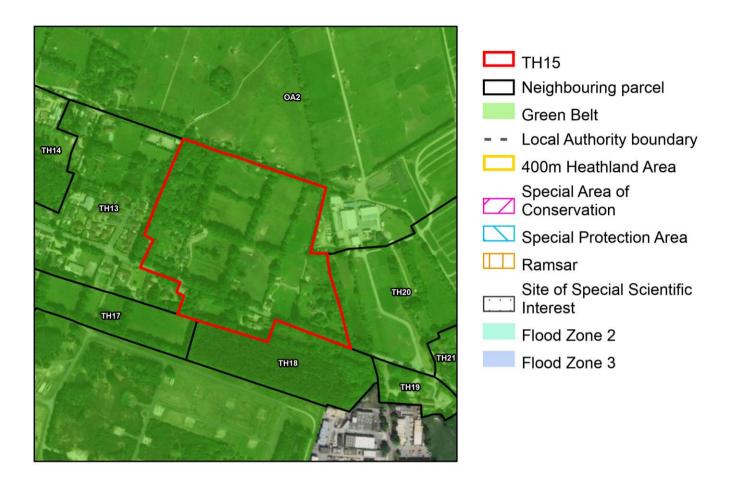
• Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. 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.

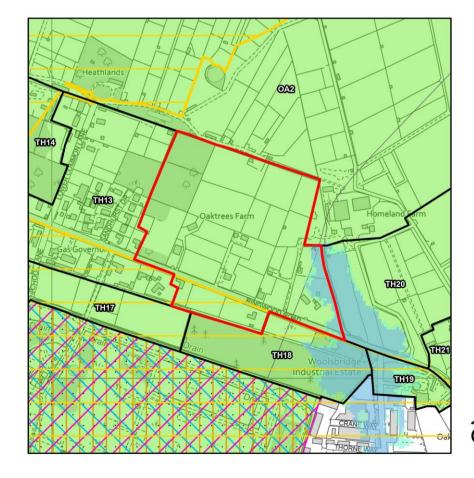
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Strong
 Land is open countryside and there is strong distinction between the
 parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which
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 Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the
 countryside from encroachment.

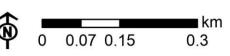
 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

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

Contribution: Equal







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 10.34ha

The parcel is located between the northern and eastern areas of Three Legged Cross. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural land and separating hedgerows. Residential buildings are located in the south east of the parcel, while commercial units are located in the south west. 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 extends a significant distance from Three Legged Cross. In addition, Ringwood Road and the associated tree line to the south of the parcel is a strong boundary feature creating separation from the settlement. As such, neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views. 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 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: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. 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.

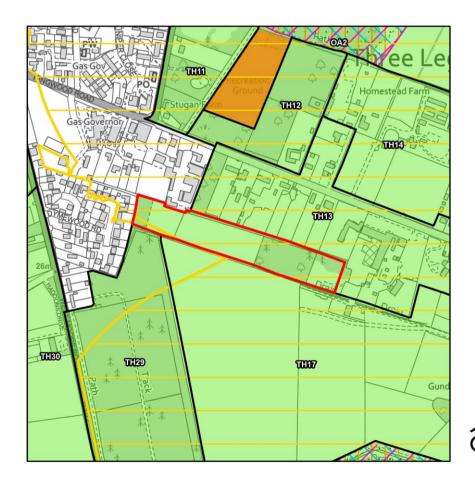
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Strong
 Land is open countryside and there is strong distinction between the
 parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which
 development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside.
 Overall 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.12ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of the northern area of Three Legged Cross. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of sparse tree cover, vacant grassland, and an area of parking in the eastern corner of the parcel. However, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

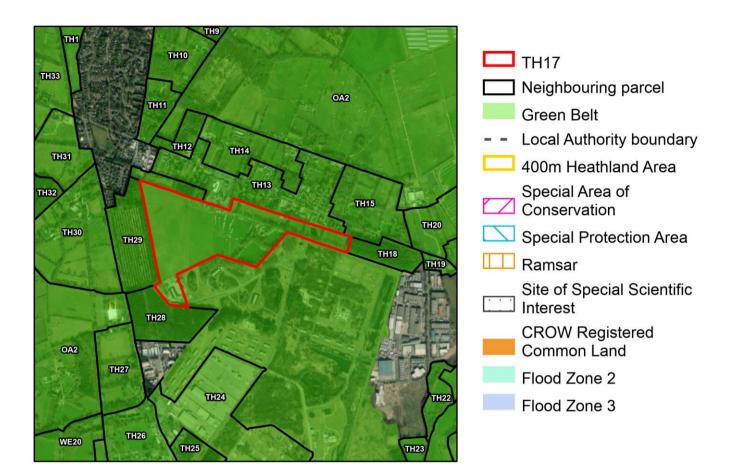
Although neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views, the parcel has some degree of containment by urban development. However, the tree line to the west is a moderate boundary feature creating separation from the inset area. Tree cover within the parcel is relatively prominent, which provides some distinction from the settlement. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

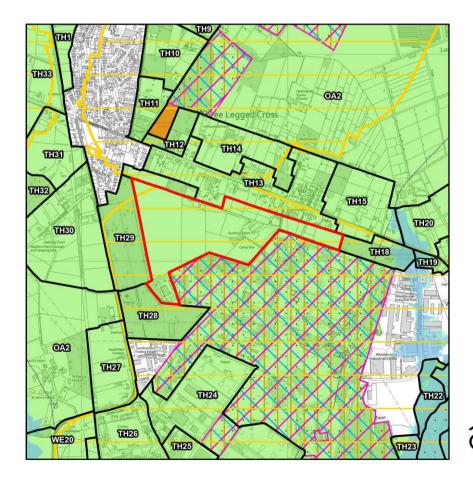
Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:
 Contribution: Weak/No
 Land is 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: Relatively weak
 Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors.
 Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 23.66ha

The parcel is located between the northern and southern areas of Three Legged Cross. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Holt and West Moors Heaths SSSI and Dorset Heaths SAC are located south of the parcel.

Land is mostly open. It includes a touring caravan park, but there is little hard surfacing or built development associated with it and there it does not significantly impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree line to the north of the parcel is a strong boundary feature creating separation from Three Legged Cross. In addition, land extends a significant distance from the inset area and is not contained by urban development, with views dominated by open countryside. 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 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: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is very 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 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.71ha

The parcel is located on the north western edge of Moorsbridge Industrial Estate. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Holt and West Moors Heaths SSSI and Dorset Heaths SAC are located to the south west of the parcel.

Land is open and is dominated by woodland.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is wooded, making it significantly different from the inset area, and is a strong boundary feature creating separation from the settlement. It is entirely contained, but by development which retains some openness, with views that are dominated by open countryside (i.e. The woodland). 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 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: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is very 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.

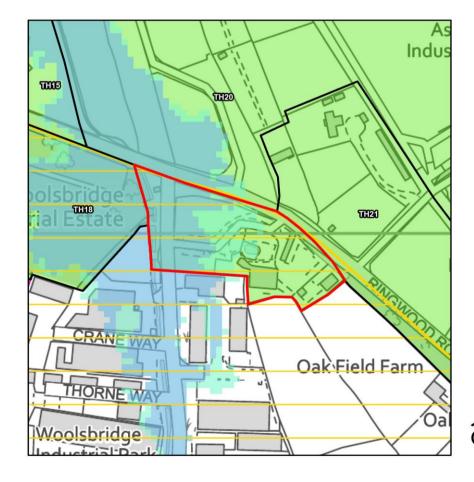
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Strong
 Land is open countryside and there is very strong distinction between the
 parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which
 development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside.
 Overall 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.1ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Moorsbridge Industrial Estate. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is relatively open but has some limited urbanising development within it.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the parcel is not contained by urban development, it is in close proximity to Woolsbridge Industrial Estate with no boundary feature to create separation from the inset area. As such, views are dominated by the urban area. 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 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.

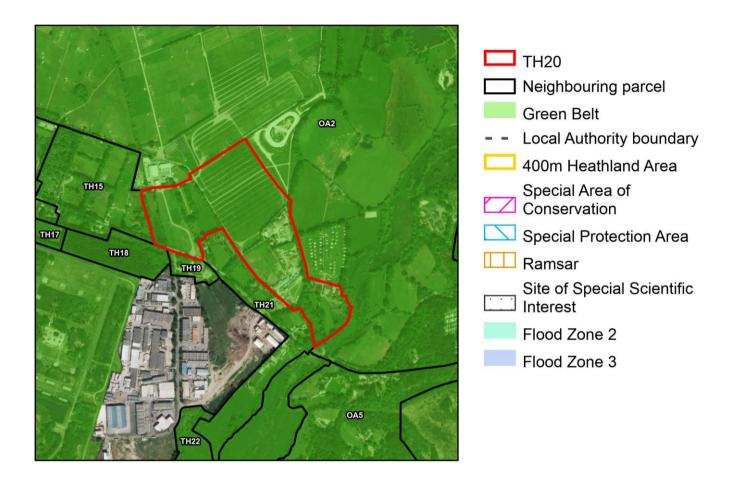
Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another:
Contribution: Weak/No
Land is relatively open but has some limited urbanising development
within it. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors.
Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there
are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the
Moors River System. There is weak distinction between the parcel and
the inset area, which reduces the extent to which development would be
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contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

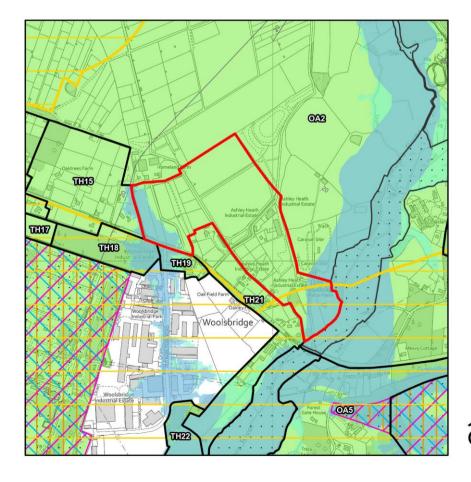
Purpose 3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:
 Contribution: Relatively weak
 Land is relatively open but has some limited urbanising development
 within it. This is washed over development in the countryside and there is
 weak distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which reduces
 the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on
 the countryside. Overall the area makes a 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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 18.32ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Moorsbridge Industrial Estate. Three Legged Cross does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of vacant grassland and separating hedgerows, as well as several commercial buildings in the south east corner of the parcel. However, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree line bordering the southern edge of the parcel and Ringwood Road is a strong boundary feature creating separation from the settlement. The parcel is not contained by urban development and is dominated by views of 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 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: Moderate Land is open and there is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors. Urbanising development at Three Legged Cross reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including Dorset Heaths and the Moors River System. 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