Appendix B Detailed Stage 1 Contribution Assessments: Verwood - Part 1

Verwood



- Local Authority boundary
 - Inset area
 - Green Belt
- Verwood parcel
- Neighbouring parcel

Absolute constraints

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



Potential constraints

- Local Nature Reserve
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- 400m Heathland Area

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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.









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 29.61ha

The parcel is located on the south eastern edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Land is open, comprising agricultural fields separated from the urban edge by ancient woodland (Potterne Wood) and the River Crane. The parcel includes some woodland to the south of Potterne Park.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Potterne Wood and the River Crane create a strong boundary separating the parcel from the urban area, so views are dominated by the countryside. Land is not contained by urban development and the parcel extends a significant distance from Verwood. As such, there is overall 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. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors/ St Leonard to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including wooded areas and multiple field boundaries. 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. 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

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Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 12.67ha

The parcel is located on the south eastern edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Sports pitches, including a building, hardstandings and some artificial surfaces in the south of the parcel, separated from the inset settlement by a belt of woodland (part of which is designated ancient woodland) and the River Crane. There is insufficient development to significantly diminish openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover and the River Crane create a strong boundary along the urban edge, and there is insufficient development to the west of the parcel to have any significant urban containing influence, although there is sufficient development here and within the parcel to mean that both the countryside and urbanising development affect 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. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors/St Leonard to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

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

Land is open but has formal recreational uses which are associated with the urban area and diminish the extent to which it is perceived as countryside. 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 relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

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









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 8.94ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Some agricultural-use buildings and allotments, which are considered to be 'appropriate uses' in the Green Belt, and also some residential properties which, although they have some urbanising influence, are not dense enough to significantly impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover together with the River Crane constitute a strong boundary feature, forming a consistent urban edge to the south of Verwood. Although the parcel is not contained by urban development there is sufficient development within the parcel to have some urbanising influence on views. Overall there is still 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. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors/St Leonard to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

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

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

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

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



Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.14ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Land is open, comprising of tree cover and agricultural fields. There is one community use building within the eastern half of the parcel, but it is not of a large enough scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The whole of the parcel is in close proximity to Verwood, and there is some containment from the urban edge extending around the eastern and western ends of the parcel. However, there is sufficient tree cover and scrub to create some boundary distinction, such that neither the countryside nor the urban area 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 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. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors/St Leonard to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 12.45ha

The parcel is located on the southern boundary of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields, some tree cover and bodies of water in the south of the parcel. There are a few residential properties in the west and east of the parcel, but this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Tree cover forms a moderate boundary creating separation from Verwood. Land is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

Land is 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. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features. Although the settlement gap is robust, there is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as narrowing the gap. Overall the area makes a moderate contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

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

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

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









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 14.03ha

Land is located on the southern edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Land is woodland, with no urbanising development.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The wooded nature of the parcel provides a strong boundary feature, separating the parcel from Verwood and also making the land cover very prominent compared to the inset settlement. The parcel is not contained by urban development so the urban area has little visual influence. 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
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 Purpose 2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Moderate

Land is open. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including wooded areas and multiple field boundaries. 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. 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

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









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 10.69ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields and grassland. There are two dwellings close to the inset settlement edge (adjacent to the school), but these are not urban in scale or form and therefore do not significantly diminish openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The inset settlement area to the north and east create some urban containment, and whilst there is tree cover providing a moderate boundary in the north of the parcel, there is no existing boundary feature further south, where the Green Belt boundary passes through the middle of the school's playing fields. However, tree cover screens much of the existing urban area so neither the countryside or urban area dominate views. Overall, there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the inset settlement, but it is noted that future development of open land within the inset area to the east could potentially have sufficient visual impact to weaken this distinction.

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. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively weak contribution to preventing the merging of neighbouring towns.

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

Land is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

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









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.56ha

The parcel is located on the south western edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Land is open, comprising of two fields separated by a mature tree line.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree line provides a moderate boundary, creating separation from the inset settlement, and although most of the parcel is in close proximity to the urban area the small field sizes mean that the mature trees ringing and bisecting the area are dominant, adding to distinction. The relatively open residential area to the west does not have any significant urbanising impact on this parcel, where views are dominated by the 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. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including wooded areas and multiple field boundaries. 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. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

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









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.27ha

The parcel is located on the south western edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

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

Distinction between parcel and inset area

As the tree line boundary on the inset settlement edge has been breached by development there is only weak boundary separation from the urban area. However, the parcel has no containment by other urban areas, and the sizeable open spaces mean that 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 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 to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including wooded areas and multiple field boundaries. 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: Moderate

This is washed over development in the countryside. Land is relatively open but has 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

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







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 17.4ha

The parcel is located on the south western edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields and one agricultural use building in the west of the parcel which is considered to be an 'appropriate use' in the Green Belt.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

There are enough field boundaries to create a strong boundary from Verwood to the north. However, with the exception of the hedged fields in the north eastern corner of the parcel, there is only weak separation from the inset settlement edge to the east (where the Green Belt boundary passes through the school playing field). However, the parcel extends a significant distance from the inset settlement, it is not contained by urban development and the absence of development in the inset area to the east means that views are at present dominated by countryside. Overall, 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. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including wooded areas and multiple field boundaries. 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. There is strong distinction between the parcel and the inset area, which increases the extent to which development would be perceived as encroachment on the countryside. Overall the area makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

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









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 12.4ha

The parcel is located on the south western edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Land is open. There are several dispersed dwellings, associated paddocks, woodland belts and an area of heathland, Dewlands Common, which is registered common land forming part of the Dorset Heaths SAC (an absolute constraint to development).

Distinction between parcel and inset area

There are enough areas of tree cover between the parcel and the urban area to provide a strong boundary, and there is sufficient tree cover within the parcel area to add further distinction from the urban area. The parcel extends a significant distance from Verwood and is not contained by urban development. Views are 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. There is a wide gap between Verwood and West Moors to the south. Urbanising development reduces gaps but there are some significant separating features, including wooded areas and multiple field boundaries. 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. 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 Groop Bolt land is considered to make an equal contribution to this

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


Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.74ha

The parcel is located on the south western edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town. Verwood Heaths SSSI and Dorset Heaths SAC are located to the north east of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising of grassland separated by tree cover. There are three residential properties within the parcel, but these are set in large plots and do not constitute sufficient development to significantly diminish openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The whole of the parcel is in close proximity to Verwood, and the settlement edges to the north and east create some urban containment, but extensive tree cover provides a moderate boundary feature between the parcel and the inset area and adds to distinction across the parcel as a whole. 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 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









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 73.76ha

The parcel is located on the western edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields in the north and the Crane Valley golf course in the south, which is an appropriate use in the Green Belt. There are also some agricultural buildings in the north of the parcel which are also considered to be an appropriate use in the Green Belt.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The tree belt and River Crane adjacent to the inset edge create a strong boundary and the parcel extends a significant distance from Verwood. The parcel is not contained by urban development and views are 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: 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 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: 3.97ha

The parcel is located on the north western edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town. Land on the eastern edge and adjoining the east of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

Land is open, comprising of an agricultural field. There is a single dwelling in the east of the parcel, but this development is not large enough in scale to diminish the openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by urban development but is in close proximity to Verwood. The B3081's role as a boundary feature is diminished by the presence of inset development to the north of the road so there is only weak boundary separation from Verwood. Neither the countryside nor the urban area dominates views as although there is little urban edge development visible the parcel is relatively small and enclosed by tree cover. 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 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







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Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 4.44ha

The parcel is located on the north western edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town. The western edge of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

Land is open, comprising mostly of woodland together with a narrow strip of agricultural land and a single dwelling (which in isolation has no significant impact on openness).

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is largely contained by the inset area (including as yet undeveloped land to the northeast of the parcel) and is also in close proximity to Verwood. However, the parcel's wooded nature makes it a prominent area forming a strong physical and visual boundary to the edge of Verwood. 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: 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 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: 29.39ha

The parcel is located on the northwest edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town. Land on the south eastern edge and adjoining the southeast of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

Land is open, comprising largely of agricultural fields and a woodland block (Ironmongers Copse). There are two agricultural use buildings located in the central region of the parcel, but these are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and do not 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 belt following the former railway line creates a moderate degree of separation from the urban area. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area. It is noted, however, that future development within the open but as yet undeveloped inset area to the south east could potentially have sufficient visual impact to weaken this distinction.

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 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: 24.78ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town. The east of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields. There is a residential property located in the southernmost part of the parcel and a further residential property located in the north east. However, this development is not large enough in scale in impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

There are only minor field boundaries creating a weak boundary from Verwood. However, land is not contained by urban development and it extends a significant distance from Verwood, and views are dominated by open countryside. Overall there is strong distinction between the parcel and the urban area. However it is noted that distinction could diminish if development of the committed site to the south of the parcel has a significant impact on the parcel's visual relationship with 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 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 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: 3.43ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Verwood. Verwood does not constitute a large built-up area or a historic town, but it is, in terms of the role of Green Belt, considered to be a town. Land adjoining the north of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

Land is open, comprising grassland, part of which is used as a playing field for Trinity First School.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is partially contained by the inset settlement, with weak boundaries adjacent to the school and houses on Coopers Lane and Burrows Lane and no boundary where land to the east of the school has been released from the Green Belt but not yet developed. All of the parcel is in close proximity to the urban area, which also dominates views as surrounding tree cover creates enclosure from the wider countryside. 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 does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Moderate

Land is open countryside. Part of the parcel is used as a playing field for the school in the adjacent urban area, but it retains a strong association with the adjacent open grassland. 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.