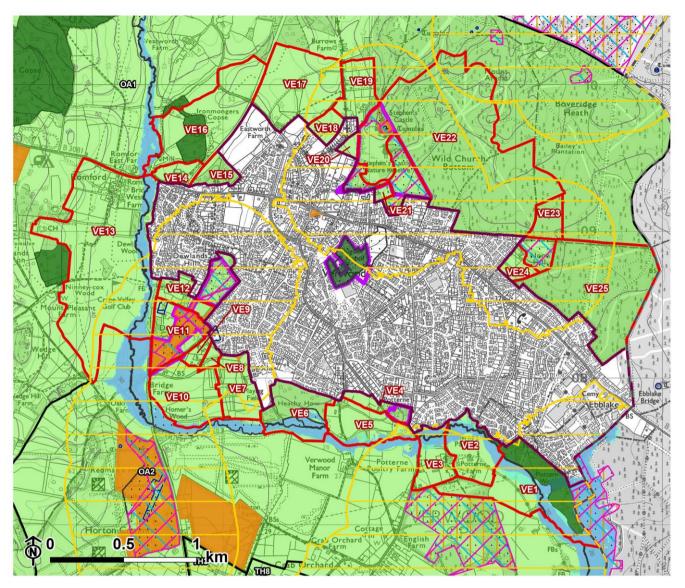
Appendix B Detailed Stage 1 Contribution Assessments: Verwood - Part 2

# 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

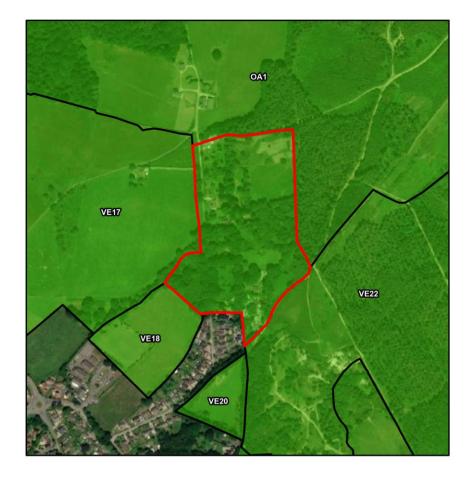
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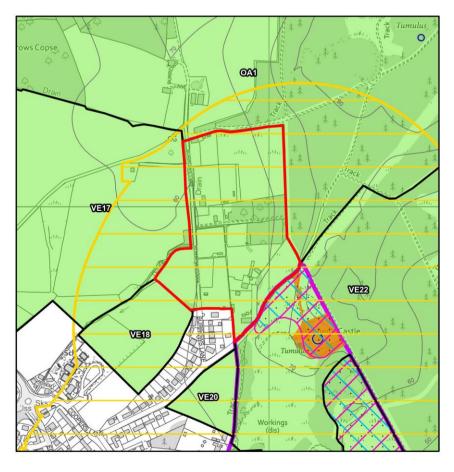
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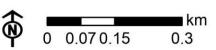
The analysis of contribution to the Green Belt purposes considers:

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









## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 9.46ha

The parcel is located to the north 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 southwest of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

Land is open, comprising of wooded areas and grass land in the northeast. There are residential properties in the south and west of the parcel, but these areas of development are not large enough in scale to impact openness. There is also an agricultural use building in the north western corner of the parcel, but this is 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by urban development and its tree cover creates distinction from the urban area, which means that views are dominated by the countryside rather than the urban area. Although the wooded area incorporates some residential development adjacent to the inset settlement edge, there is sufficient tree cover to create a moderate strength boundary. 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 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

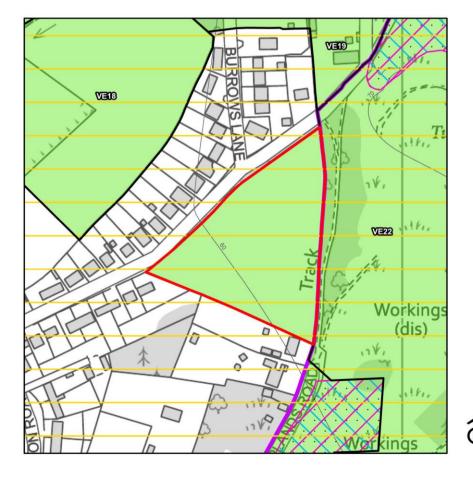
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.

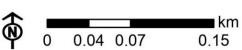
 Purpose 5 - Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:

Contribution: Equal









## **Parcel location and openness**

Parcel size: 1.59ha

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 is open, comprising of grassland bordered by hedgerows and enclosed by woodland.

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

Land is in close proximity to Verwood and is partially contained by urban development. However, the tree line creates moderate physical separation from the urban area and means that views within the parcel are not dominated by the urban area. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

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

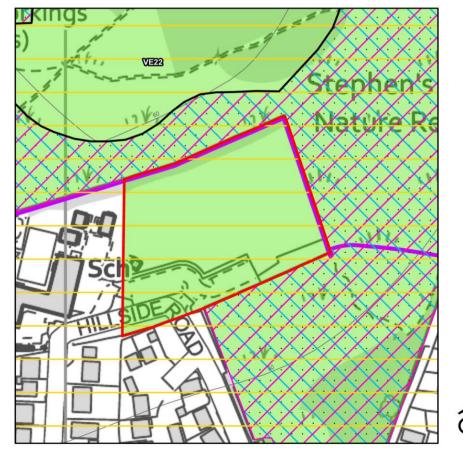
- Purpose 1 Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No
  Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into 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. 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
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land:

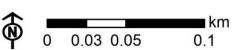
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historic towns.









## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 1.17ha

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. Verwood Heaths SSSI and Dorset Heaths SAC surround the parcel to the east.

Land is open and comprised of school playing fields.

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

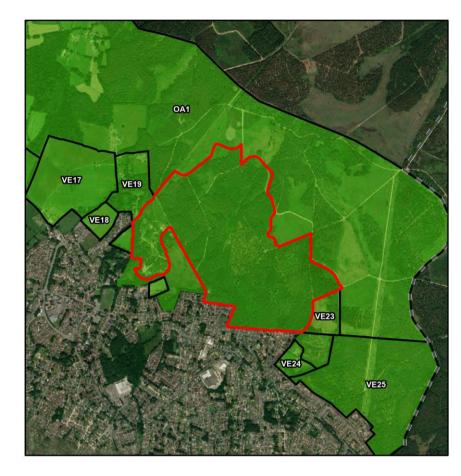
The parcel is not contained by urban development. However, there is no boundary feature to create separation from the adjacent school, and the whole of the parcel is in close proximity to Verwood. Surrounding tree cover means views in this small parcel are dominated by the school buildings on the urban edge. Overall there is weak distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

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

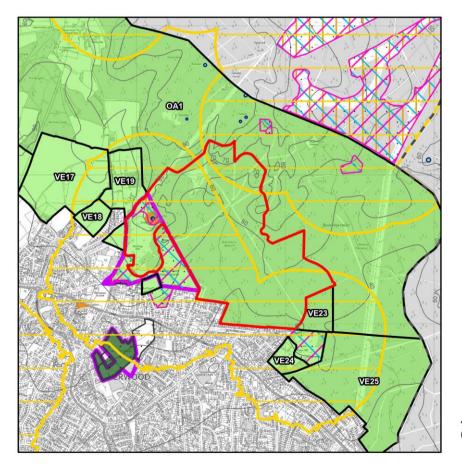
- Purpose 1 Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No
  Land is not close enough to the large built-up area to be associated with it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.
- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Relatively weak

Land is open but is a school playing field, a use which associated it with the school in the adjacent urban area and diminishes 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 relatively weak contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

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









## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 94.16ha

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. Verwood Heaths SSSI and Dorset Heaths SAC are located to the south west of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising of a large area of woodland and shrubland with a number of footpaths intersecting the area. Verwood Heaths SSSI is located adjacent to the southwest of the parcel.

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

The wooded land cover in this parcel, which extends a significant distance from Verwood, is very prominent, forming a strong settlement boundary and separating most of the area from any visual urban influence. Land is not contained by urban development. 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.

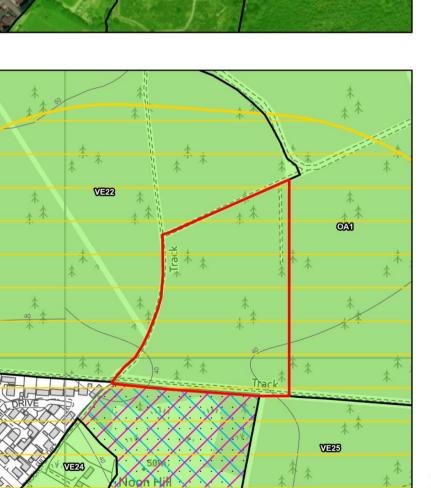
 Purpose 4 - Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any

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: 5.2ha

The parcel is located on the north 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. Verwood Heaths SSSI and Dorset Heaths SAC are located to the south of the parcel.

Land is open, comprising of grassland and trees/scrub.

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

Trees form a moderately strong boundary separating the parcel from the urban area, and its rising landform adds some further distinction from the urban area. 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: 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

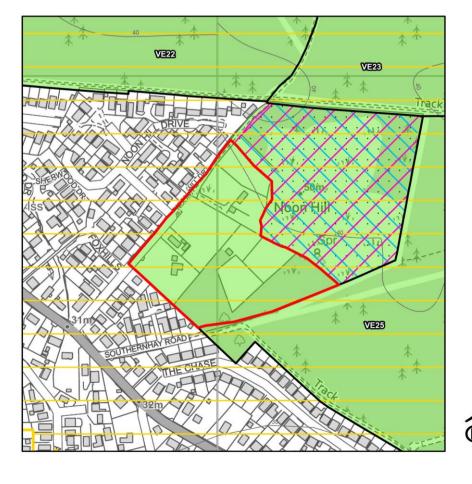
historic towns.

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

Contribution: Equal









## **Parcel location and openness**

#### Parcel size: 3.47ha

The parcel is located on the north 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. Verwood Heaths SSSI and Dorset Heaths SAC are located to the north east of the parcel. Land adjoining the southeast of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

The parcel has two residential dwellings and surrounding gardens, grassland and trees. This development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

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

The parcel is in close proximity to the urban area, and contained by it to the west and south. However, most of the boundary is well-treed, which means that the urban area does not dominate views despite the presence of dwellings within the area. Overall there is moderate distinction between the parcel and the urban area.

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

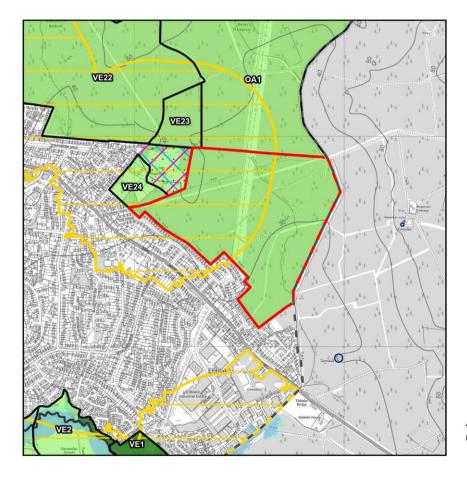
 Purpose 1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Contribution: Weak/No

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: 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: 43.93ha

The parcel is located on the north 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. Verwood Heaths SSSI and Dorset Heaths SAC are located to the north west of the parcel. The parcel is wholly identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

The parcel is free from development and mostly wooded.

## Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is largely woodland and therefore this creates a strong boundary from the urban area as well as significantly different land cover. In relation to the size of the parcel, which extends a significant distance from Verwood, urban development is not considered to create significant containment 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