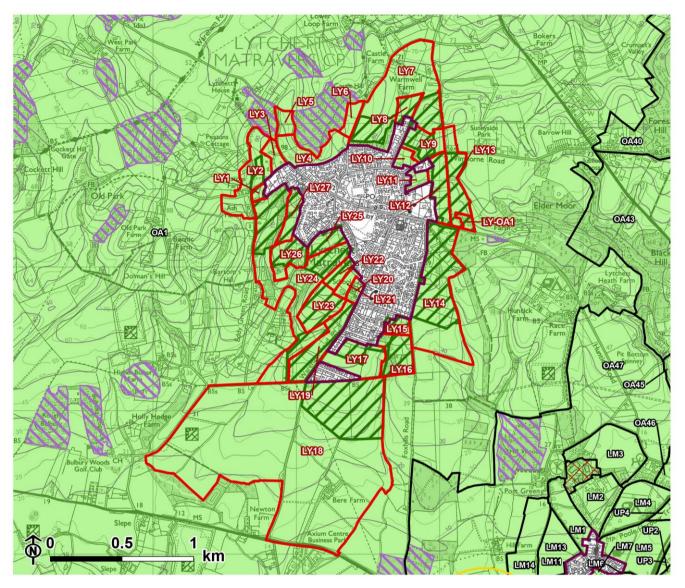
Appendix B Detailed Stage 2 Harm Assessments: Lytchett Matravers

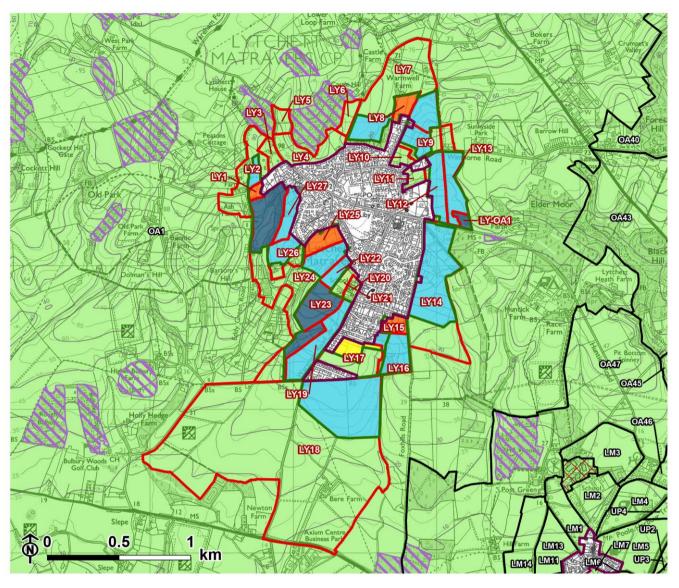
Lytchett Matravers



- Local Authority boundary
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- Neighbouring parcel
- No openness
- Absolute constraint(s)
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- 400m Heathland Area



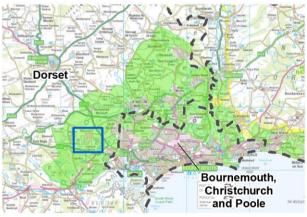
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Harm rating

- Very high
- High
- Moderate high
- Moderate
- Low moderate
- Low
 - Very low



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Components of harm assessment

The analysis of contribution to the Green Belt purposes is, with the exception of land in 'outer areas', taken from the Stage 1 Green Belt Study. It applies to each parcel as a whole, and 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.

Land more remote from inset settlements was not subject to detailed parcel analysis at Stage 1. Where areas of search / sites encompass land in these 'outer areas', an analysis of contribution, considering the same components as the Stage 1 parcel assessments, has been carried out as part of the Stage 2 study.

The Stage 2 analysis of the harm of releasing the site / area of search indicated on the maps above considers:

- the loss of that area's contribution to the Green Belt purposes;
- additional harm resulting from the weakening of adjacent Green Belt land.

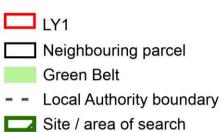
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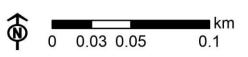
If the harm rating is stated as being for the release of land as an expansion of an existing inset area, it is assumed that any intervening land to the inset edge will also be released. No assumptions are made regarding what intervening land might be released between the parcel and inset edge. Where a release of land would encompass areas with different harm ratings, the overall harm rating will always equate to the highest component harm rating.

Harm ratings are not given for areas subject to absolute constraints on development, or areas which have been judged to have no openness, in Green Belt terms. These are indicated on the maps for each assessed parcel of land. Absolute constraints include:

- Special Areas of Conservation;
- Special Protection Areas;
- Ramsar sites;
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest;
- Ancient woodland;
- Scheduled Monuments;
- Registered Parks and Gardens; and
- Common land.







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 0.89ha

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

Land is open, comprising of field, hedgerow and treeline. The single dwelling on Eddy Green Road does not constitute a significant urbanising influence.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although land is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside, it is in close proximity to the inset area, and the hedgerow boundary on the settlement edge creates relatively little separation. However, the small size of the parcel means that perimeter tree cover is relatively dominant, and this an its location downslope of the existing inset settlement provides some additional distinction 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: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Relatively strong
 Land is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of land within LY1 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

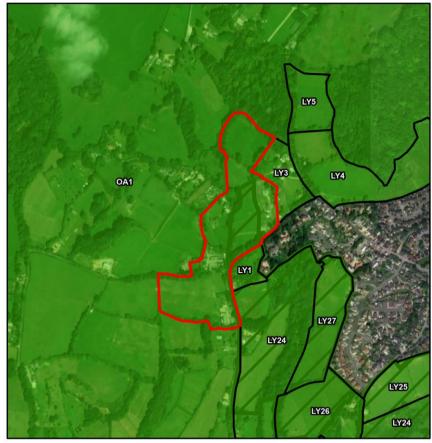
Rating: Minor

The parcel's well-treed boundaries would limit impact on adjacent Green Belt, but expansion of the inset settlement into this area would nonetheless represent some limited loss of boundary separation for land to the west and north in LY2 and to the south in LY24. Expansion of the inset settlement downslope would also reduce some of the distinction that landform gives to those adjacent parcels.

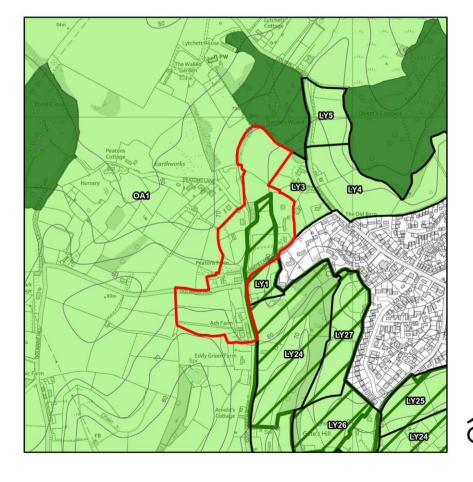
Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY1 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate.

Moderate









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 9.76ha

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

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

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The downhill westward slope of the landform creates distinction from the hilltop urban area. Land is not contained by urban development, views are dominated by open countryside, and Jennys Lane and Eddy Green Road with their welltree hedgerows, together with trees around the dwellings on the inset settlement edge, form a moderately strong boundary to create separation from Lytchett Matravers to the east. 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 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.

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

 Release of land in the central part of LY2 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

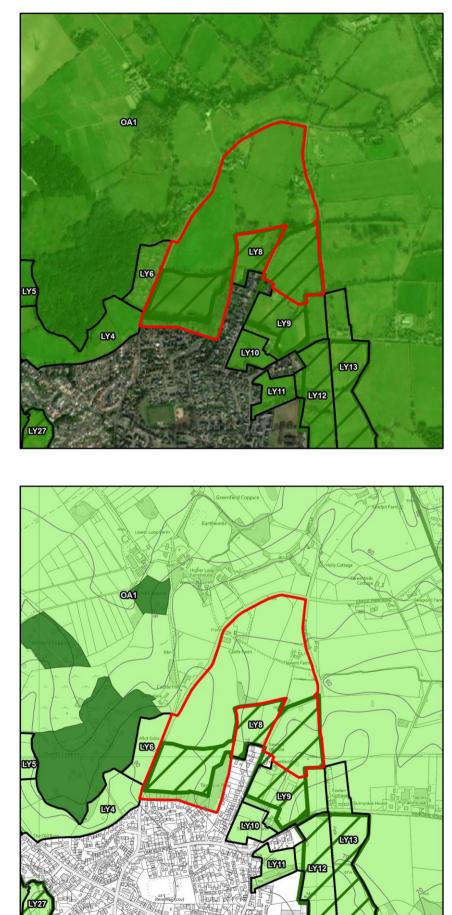
The downhill westward slope of the landform within LY2, as well as bounding tree cover and hedgerows, create separation from the hilltop urban edge. Release of the central part of LY2 would weaken this separation for the rest of the parcel, and for land in OA1 beyond.

The adjoining land within LY1 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY2 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the central part of the parcel would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 26.23ha

The parcel is located on the northern edge of Lytchett Matravers. Lytchett Matravers does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Land adjoining the east of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

Land is open and is dominated by agricultural fields divided by hedgerows. A retirement home and vineyard are located to the north of the parcel; however, the former is not large enough in scale to impact openness, and the latter is agricultural and therefore doesn't diminish Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

A thick treeline forms a strong boundary between the parcel and Lytchett Matravers, and the slope of the landform in this parcel down from the mostly hilltop-located village adds some further distinction from the urban area. Land is not contained by urban development resulting in 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: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong

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

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

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

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

Contribution: Equal

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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of south west of LY7 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

The woodland bands bounding the south and easter edges of the south western part of LY7 create separation between the urban edge and land within LY7 to the north. Release of the south western part of LY7 would weaken this boundary separation.

The adjoining land within LY4, LY6 and LY8 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

• Releast of south east of LY7 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

Flowers Drove and vegetation bounding the south eastern part of LY7 create separation between the urban edge and land within OA1 to the east and the remainder of LY7 to the north. Release of the south eastern part of LY7 would weaken this boundary separation.

The adjoining land within LY8 and LY9 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

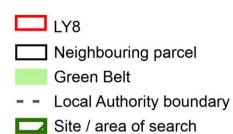
 Parcel LY7 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the south western part of the parcel would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

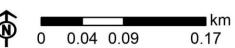
Moderate-High

 Parcel LY7 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of the release of the south eastern area of the parcel on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.27ha

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

Land is open and consists of agricultural land and associated hedgerows and treelines.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the parcel is not contained by urban development and is dominated by views of open countryside, it is in close proximity to Lytchett Matravers. The hedgerows to the south of the parcel form only a weak boundary feature from the adjacent dwellings. 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

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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of land within LY8 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

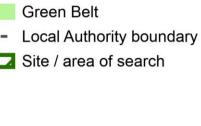
The field boundaries within and surrounding LY8 and the adjoining Flowers Drove road create separation between the urban edge and the land within LY7. Release of LY8 would weaken this separation for land within LY7 to the north and west, however the presence of Flowers Drove, with its associated hedgerow and mature trees, bounding the east of LY8 would limit the impact on the separation for land within LY7 to the east.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY8 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate.

Moderate







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.09ha

The parcel is located on the north eastern edge of Lytchett Matravers. Lytchett Matravers does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Land adjoining the northeast of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

Land is open agricultural fields and paddocks, with separating hedgerows. There are associated buildings which, being agricultural in function, do not diminish Green Belt openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although there is insufficient adjacent development to say that the parcel is contained by the urban area, or that the urban area dominates views, this land it is in close proximity to Lytchett Matravers, and the adjacent minor roads create only weak separation from the inset area. However, the landform slopes up eastwards from Flowers Drove, providing some distinction 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: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Relatively strong
 Land is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

 Release of central and western parts of LY9 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor-moderate

Although there is a small area of inset development to the south of Flowers Road, most the adjacent inset edge is to the north, so the release and development of LY9 would reprsent some weakening of this edge. Expansion southward in LY9 would also remove the distinction from the inset settlement that the sloping landform gives to land in LY7.

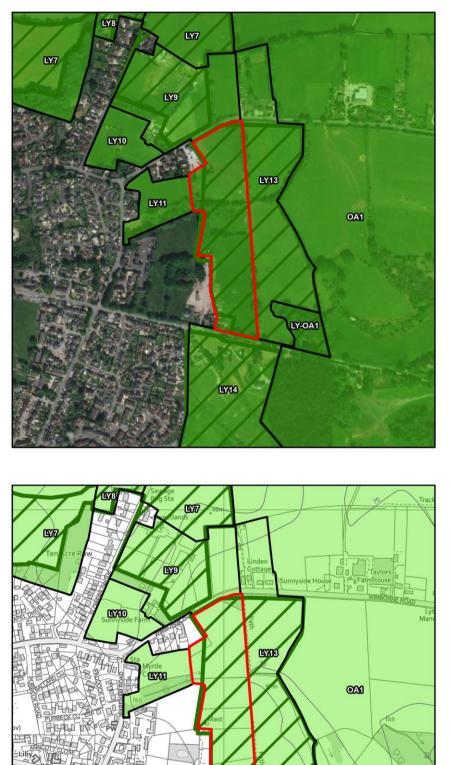
Retention in the Green Belt of the field on the eastern edge of LY7 would preserve a gap, preventing any significant impact on the contribution of land within LY13 to the south east.

The adjoining land within LY10, LY12 and the remainder of LY9 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY9 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of its central and western parts would be minormoderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

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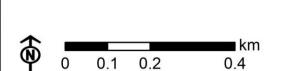
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Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.39ha

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

Land is open and consists predominantly of agricultural land, separated by hedgerows and treelines.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Views from this parcel are dominated by open countryside, and there is no containment by urbanising development. However, there are only weak boundary features creating little separation between the parcel and Lytchett Matravers and the parcel is in close proximity to 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: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Relatively strong
 Land is open countryside. The parcel has some relationship with the inset area, but also a degree of distinction from it. Overall the area makes a relatively strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
- Purpose 4 Preserve the setting and special character of historic towns: Contribution: Weak/No
 The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.
- Purpose 5 Assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land: Contribution: Equal

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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of land within LY12 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor-moderate

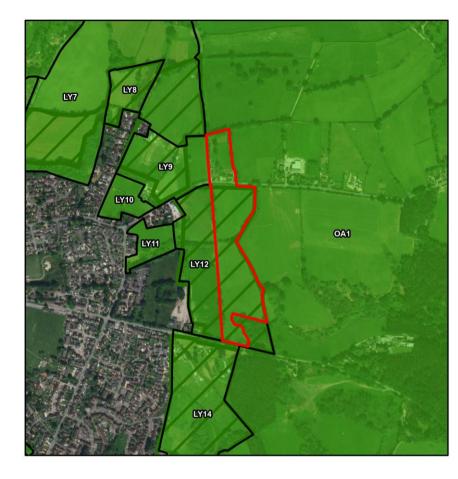
The tree lines within and bounding LY12 provide separation between the urban edge and land within LY13 to the east. The release and development of land within LY12 would weaken this boundary separation and would also increase the urbanising visual impact in this area. The release would also increase urban containment of land to the north in LY9. Due to the presence of the tree-lined Huntick Road that bounds the south of LY12, and the short shared frontage between this parcel and LY14, release of land within the parcel would not impact the contribution of land within LY14 to the south.

The adjoining land within LY11 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

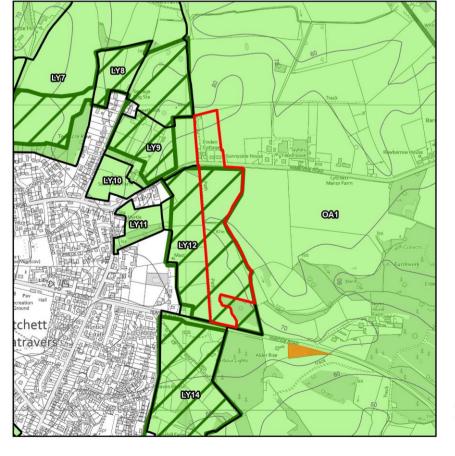
Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY12 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.15ha

The parcel is located east of Lytchett Matravers. Lytchett Matravers does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town. Land adjoining the north of the parcel is identified as a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

Land is open and is dominated by agricultural fields. There are several dwellings located in the north of the parcel, with associated gardens. However, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by urban development and views are dominated by open countryside. In addition, treelines within the parcel form a moderate boundary feature, creating separation from the inset area. 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 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.

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

 Release of land within LY13, to the south of Wimborne Road, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

The tree lines and field boundaries bounding and to the west of LY13 create separation between the urban edge and land within OA1 to the east. The release and development of LY13 would weaken this boundary separation.

The adjoining land within LY12 and LY14 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

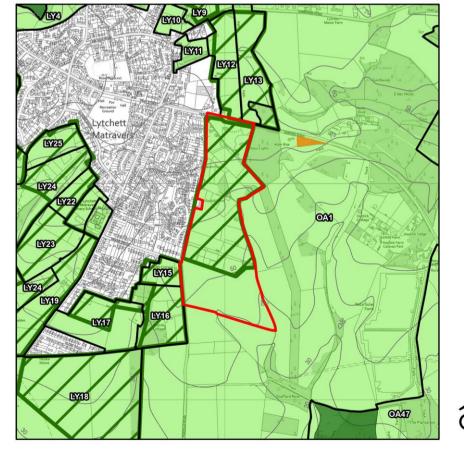
Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY13 makes a strong contibution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 25.11ha

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

Land is open and dominated by agricultural fields. There are several buildings located in the north of the parcel, however, they are dispersed and is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is not contained by urban development, views are dominated by open countryside, and Foxhills Lane and its associated hedgerow and sparse treeline creates a moderate boundary between the parcel and Lytchett Matravers. In addition, the landform of the parcel is sloping towards a valley to the east and provides some distinction from the inset area. 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 historic towns.

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

Contribution: Equal

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

 Release of the central and northern parts of LY14 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

The eastwards slope of the land within LY14, as well as the tree lines within and adjoining this, create separation between the urban edge and land within OA1 to the east. The release and development of the central and northern parts of LY14 would weaken this separation. It would also leave the narrow field to the east within OA1, contained from the wider countryside by a strong tree belt to the east, forming a slightly weaker area of Green Belt.

Due to the presence of the tree lined Huntick Road that bounds the north of LY14, and the short shared frontage between this parcel and LY13, release of land within the parcel would not impact the contribution of land within LY13 to the north.

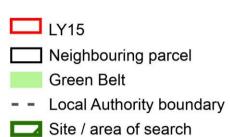
The adjoining land within LY12 and the remainder of LY14 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY14 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of its central and northern parts would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High









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Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 1.98ha

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

Land is open and dominated by agricultural land, with a number of sparse trees and other vegetation. Dwelling buildings are located in the north east corner of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land has some degree of containment by urban development and is in close proximity to the inset area, with views dominated by neither the countryside nor the urban area. In addition, the hedgerows between the parcel and adjacent gardens form only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from Lytchett Matravers. 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 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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of land within LY15 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor-moderate

Deans Drove, bounding the north of LY15, in combination with the hedgerows within and bounding LY15, provide separation between the urban edge and land within LY16 to the south. A north-south valley also creates distinction from the inset settlement for LY16. The release and development of LY15 would weaken this boundary separation and increase the urbanising visual impact on this land. It would also weaken the distinction provided by the valley landform.

Due to the presence of the tree lined Foxhills Road bounding the east of LY15, its release would not impact the boundary separation between the urban edge and land within LY14 to the east.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY15 makes a moderate contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate.

Moderate



km

0.2

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 6.07ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields to the east side of the parcel and tree cover to the west. A single dwelling is located in the centre of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is not contained by urban development, with views predominantly of open countryside. A linear woodland block forms a strong boundary to the west, and a minor road and hedgerows combine to create moderate separation from the urban edge to the north. There is no distinction between landform and land cover in the parcel and the urban edge to the north, but the wooded valley to the west creates some distinction from the inset area in this direction. 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 historic towns.

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

Contribution: Equal

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of land within LY16 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

The woodland cover and field boundaries within and bounding LY16 contribute to the separation between the urban edge and land within OA1 to the south. Release of land within LY16 would weaken this boundary separation.

Due to the presence of the tree lined Foxhills Road bounding the east of LY16, and the woodland to the southwest, its release would not impact the boundary separation between the urban edge and land within LY14 to the east and LY18 to the southwest.

The adjoining land in LY17 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY16 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High



km

0.3

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.93ha

The parcel is located on the southern edge of the main built-up area Lytchett Matravers, with an outcrop of residential development lying to the southwest of the parcel. Lytchett Matravers does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open and comprises of several agricultural fields with separating hedgerows and sparse treelines.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is in close proximity to the inset area of Lytchett Matravers and is contained by urban development on the north, south and most of the west side of the parcel. Hedgerows form only a weak boundary feature between the parcel and the inset area, and although neither the urban area nor the countryside dominates views, there is overall only 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 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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

 Release of the northern part of LY17 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Negligible

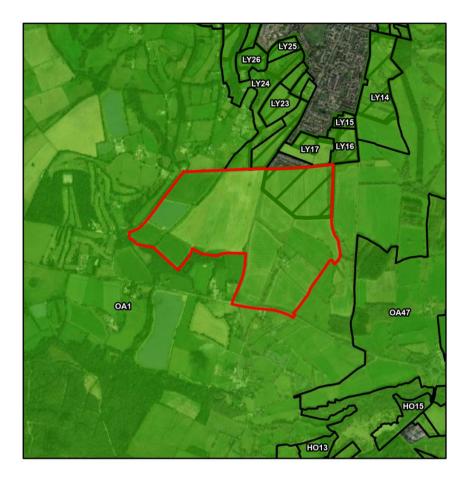
LY17 is contained by clearly defined boundaries: Wareham Road to the west, housing to the south and woodland to the east. The release of any part of it would not have an impact on the contribution of adjacent Green Belt land within LY16, LY18 or LY19.

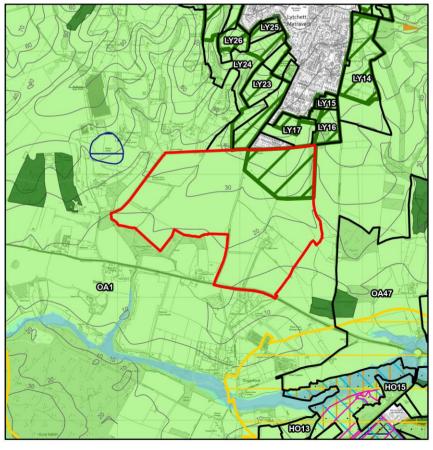
The remaining land within LY17 would become more dominated by urbanising visual influence, but as it does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes the impact would not increase overall harm.

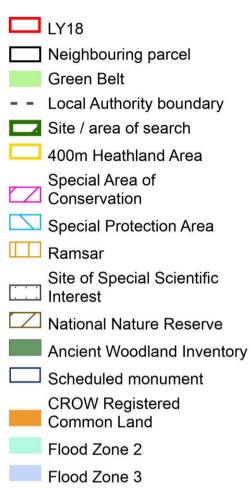
Overall harm of Green Belt release

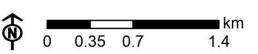
 Parcel LY17 makes a moderate contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be negligible. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be Low.

Low









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 130.21ha

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

Land is open and comprises of a number of agricultural fields and separating hedgerows, bordered by the A35 to the south east. Agricultural buildings, located in the centre of the parcel, are 'appropriate development' in the Green Belt and therefore do not impact openness. A solar farm located towards the western edge of the parcel has some limited impact on openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although Halls Road has a fairly strong hedgerow, the boundary between the parcel and the gardens of the inset area on Castle View Drive and Glebe Road is weak. However, the parcel is not contained by urban development (the solar farm has too little impact on openness to be considered to cause any significant containment), extends a significant distance from the inset area, 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: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong

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

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

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

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

Contribution: Equal

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

Release of north east of LY18 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

The release and development of the north east of LY18 would increase the urbanising visual impact on land within the remainder of LY18 to the south and south west.

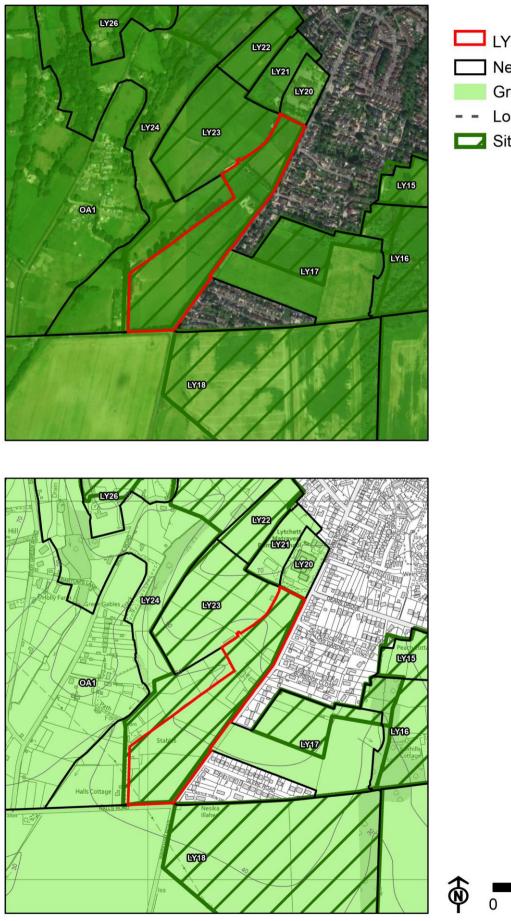
The release of this land would not impact the contribution of land with LY16, with which it shares a very short frontage, or of OA1 to the east, from which it is separated by a double hedgerow and sloping landform.

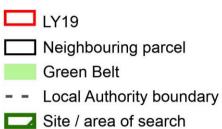
The adjoining land in LY17 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY18 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of the release of the north eastern area of the parcel on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 7.99ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural fields and associated hedgerows. A single dwelling is located in the centre of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is in close proximity to the inset edge of Lytchett Matravers. However, the parcel is not contained by urban development, and views are dominated by open countryside. The treeline and hedgerow associated with Wareham Road, which borders the inset edge to the east of the parcel form a moderate boundary feature that creates reasonable separation from Lytchett Matravers. 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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of LY19 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor-moderate

Wareham Road and the field boundaries and trees bounding LY19 create separation between the urban edge and land within LY23 and LY24 to the west. The release and development of LY19 would weaken this separation and would also increase the urbanising containment of land within LY23.

Halls Road and associated vegetation form a strong boundary to the south, beyond which the release would have negligible impact on land in LY18.

The adjoining land in LY17, LY20 and LY21 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY19 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High



Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 2.17ha

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

Land is open, comprising of agricultural land and a small area of shrubland in the north of the parcel.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land has some degree of containment by urban development to the north and by relatively developed land to the east. There is a moderate boundary feature formed by treelines to the north of the parcel, which create separation from the inset area, and views are dominated by open countryside. 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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of land within LY22 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The field boundaries within and adjoining LY22 contribute to the separation of land within LY23 and LY24 from the urban edge. The release and development of LY22 would weaken this separation and would increase urbanising containment of land within LY23 and LY24.

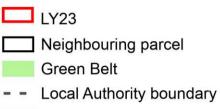
The adjoining land within LY21 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY22 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High





Site / area of search



Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 6.3ha

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

Land is open and consists of agricultural land and linear woodland associated with well-defined stream valleys.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Wareham Road and its associated treeline, and hedgerows and tree cover on other boundaries between the parcel and the urban edge, create moderate boundary separation from the inset settlement of Lytchett Matravers. The parcel is characterised by sloping land which has sufficient field boundary vegetation to create visual separation from the urban area, and there is no containment 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: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong

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

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

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

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

Contribution: Equal

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of LY23 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor-moderate

Wareham Road to the east, the field boundaries and trees bounding LY29, and the sloping land within the parcel contribute to the separation between the urban edge and land within LY24. The release and development of LY23 would weaken this separation and would increase the visual impact on this land.

The adjoining land in LY19, LY20, LY21 and LY22 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore, increase overall harm.

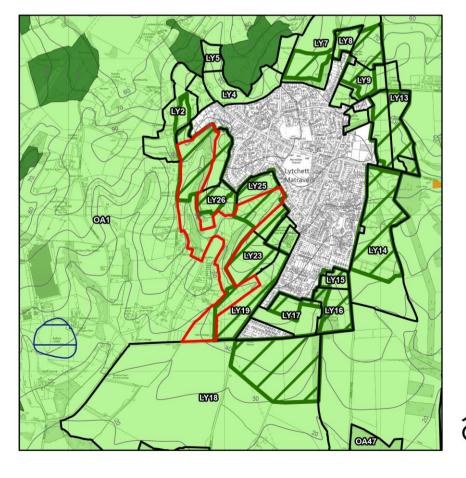
Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY23 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be high.

High









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 28.98ha

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

Land is open and is comprised of agricultural land and separating hedgerows, as well as sparse tree cover and thin woodland blocks, particularly in the north and central east. Several dwellings are located in the north and centre of the parcel, however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Consistent treelines form a strong boundary feature creating separation between the parcel and the inset area. Landform and land cover provide additional distinction from the inset area as the parcel is associated with the wooded stream valley to the west rather than with the higher ground of Lytchett Matravers. In addition, 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 open. 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 open. Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong

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

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

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

Contribution: Equal

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

 Release of northern part of LY24 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers: Rating: Minor

The woodland within this northern part of LY24 creates separation between the urban edge and land within OA1 to the west. The release of the northern part of LY24 would weaken this separation.

The adjoining land within LY1, LY2, LY26, LY27 and the remainder of LY24 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

 Release of eastern part of LY24 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers: Rating: Negligible

There would be negligible impact on remaining land in LY24, which is separated from the area of search by an area with extensive tree cover.

The adjoining land within LY22, LY25 and LY26 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

 Release of southern part of LY24 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers: Rating: Minor

The slope of this land creates separation between the urban edge and adjoining land within LY24 and within OA1 to the west. The release and development of the southern part of LY24 would therefore weaken this separation, due to developing down into the valley bottom.

The adjoining land in LY19 and LY23 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

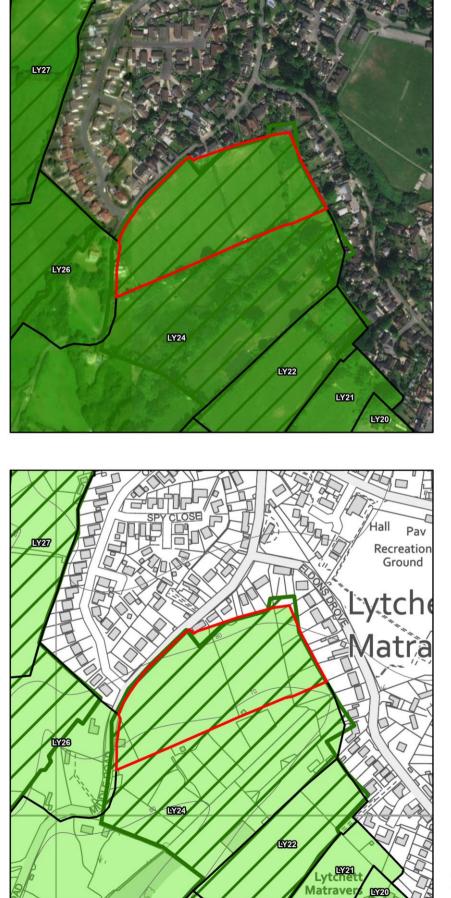
 Parcel LY24 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the northern part of the parcel would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be high.

 The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the eastern part of the parcel would be negligible. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

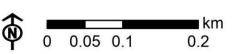
Moderate-High

 The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the southern part of the parcel would also be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be high.

High







Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.14ha

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

Land is open and consists of agricultural land and paddocks, with separating hedgerows and treelines. A single dwelling is located in the west of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

The parcel is in close proximity to the inset area, and land has some degree of containment by urban development. In addition, the garden boundaries defining much of the edge of the parcel with Lytchett Matravers to the north and east are weak boundary features creating little separation from the urban area. However, the slope of the parcel associates it with the stream valley to the west and, as such, landform provides some distinction from the inset area and prevents urban development from dominating 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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of LY25 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

The sloping land within LY25 contributes to the separation of land within LY24 from the urban edge. Release of LY25 would weaken this separation.

Due to the presence of the tree lined Middle Road bounding the west of LY25, its release would not impact the contribution of land within the adjoining LY26.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY25 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate.

Moderate

Harm of release of land in LY26



Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 5.13ha

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

Land is open and consists of agricultural land and separating hedgerows. Several buildings are located in south and east of the parcel; however, this development is not large enough in scale to impact openness.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the garden boundaries defining the northern edge of the parcel are only a weak boundary feature, creating little separation from Lytchett Matravers, the parcel is not contained by urban development and is dominated by views of open countryside. The sloping landform provides additional distinction from the inset area. 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 historic towns.

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

Contribution: Equal

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

 Release of northern part of LY26 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers: Rating: Minor

The sloping land within LY26 contributes to the separation of land within LY24 from the urban edge. The release of the northern part of LY26 would weaken this separation.

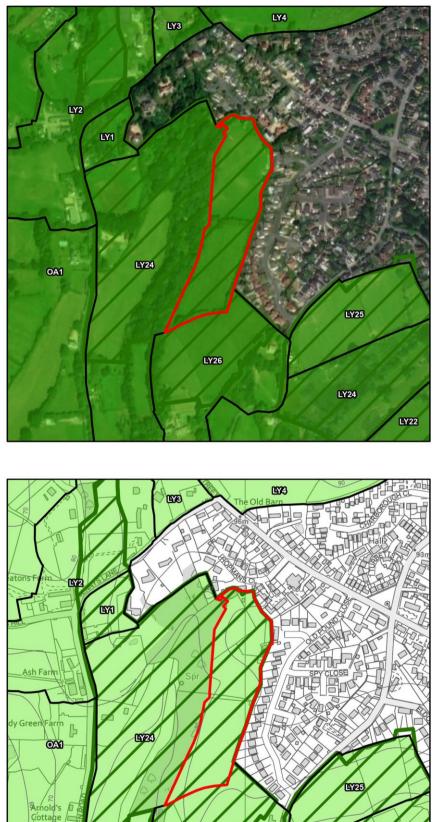
The adjoining land within LY27 and the remainder of LY26 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

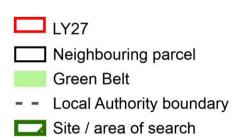
Overall harm of Green Belt release

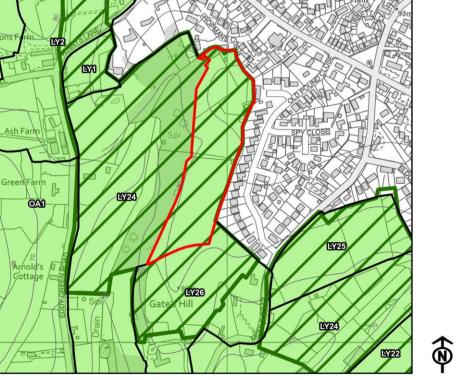
 Parcel LY26 makes a strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact on the adjacent Green Belt of the release of the northern part of the parcel would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

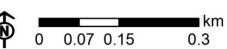
Moderate-High

Harm of release of land in LY27









Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 3.43ha

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

Land is open and is comprised of agricultural fields and separating hedgerows.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Land is close to the inset edge of Lytchett Matravers and has some degree of containment by urban development, and the garden boundaries on the northern and eastern edge of the parcel form weak boundary features creating little separation from the inset area. However, the sloping landform of the parcel provides some distinction from the inset area and prevents the urban area from dominating 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

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of land within LY27 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor-moderate

The sloping land within LY27 and LY26 contribute to the separation of land within LY24 from the urban edge. The release of LY27 would weaken this separation, as well as increase the urbanising visual impact on land within LY26.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY27 makes a relatively strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside, and the additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor-moderate. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be moderate-high.

Moderate-High

Harm of release of land in LY-OA1



km

0.11

LY-OA1

Parcel location and openness

Parcel size: 0.95ha

The parcel is located east of Lytchett Matravers. Lytchett Matravers does not constitute a large built-up area, a town or a historic town.

Land is open, comprising of a woodland block.

Distinction between parcel and inset area

Although the parcel is reasonably close to the inset area, tree cover is very prominent, making it significantly different from Lytchett Matravers, and forms a strong boundary feature creating separation from the settlement. In addition, land 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.

LY-OA1

Contribution to the Green Belt purposes

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

it. Therefore development would not be perceived as sprawl of the large built-up area.

- Purpose 2 Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another: Contribution: Weak/No Land does not lie between neighbouring towns.
- Purpose 3 Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment: Contribution: Strong

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

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

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

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

Contribution: Equal

LY-OA1

Impact on contribution of adjacent Green Belt

• Release of LY-OA1 as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers:

Rating: Minor

The woodland within LY-OA1 contributes to the separation of land within OA1 to the east from the urban edge. The release and development of LY-OA1 would weaken this boundary separation.

The adjoining land within LY13 does not make a stronger contribution to any of the Green Belt purposes. The impact on this land would not therefore increase overall harm.

Overall harm of Green Belt release

 Parcel LY-OA1 has very strong distinction from the inset settlement, and therefore makes a particularly strong contribution to preventing encroachment on the countryside. The additional impact of its release on the adjacent Green Belt would be minor. Therefore the harm resulting from its release, as an expansion of Lytchett Matravers, would be high.

