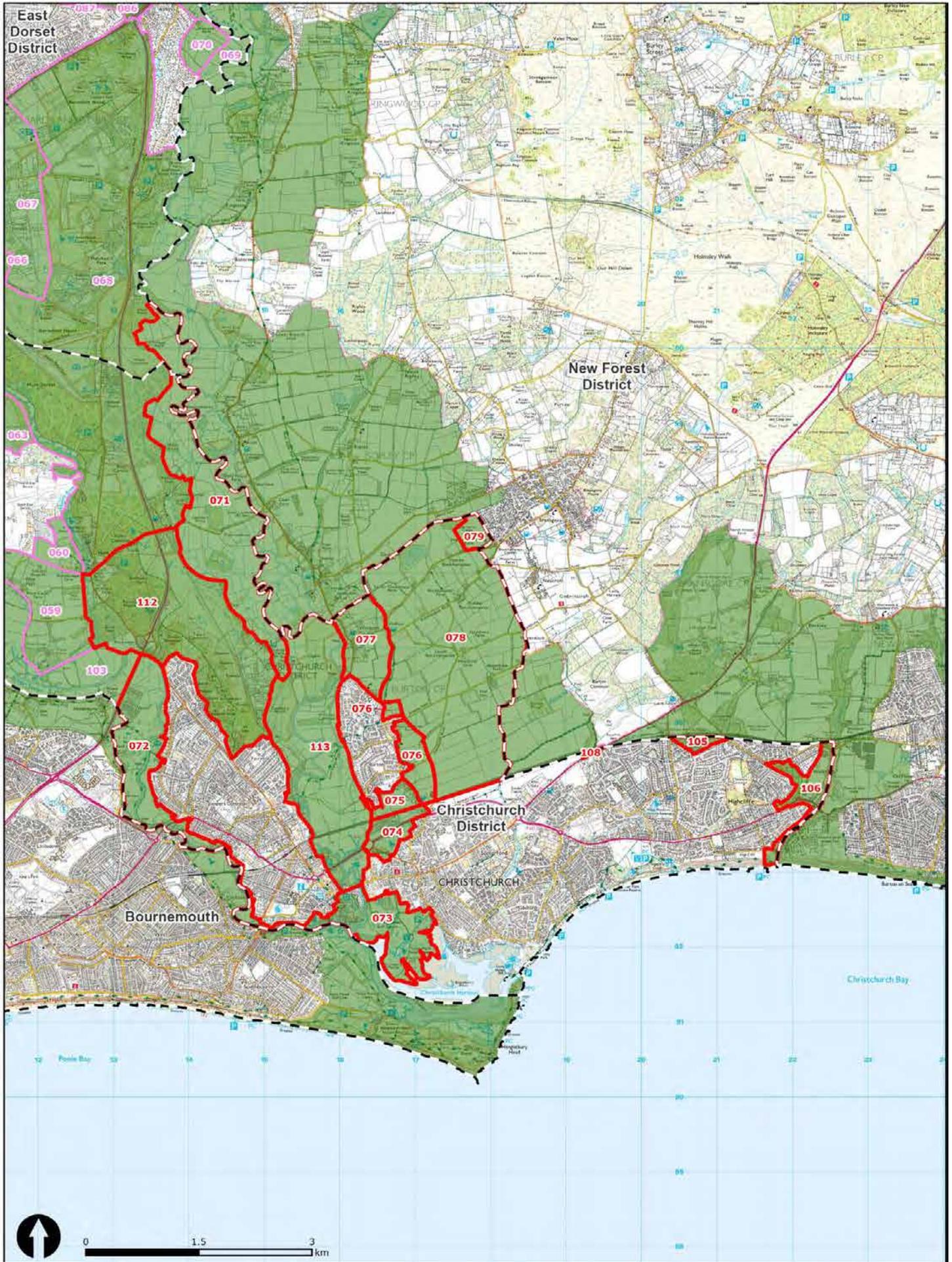


Christchurch and Burton

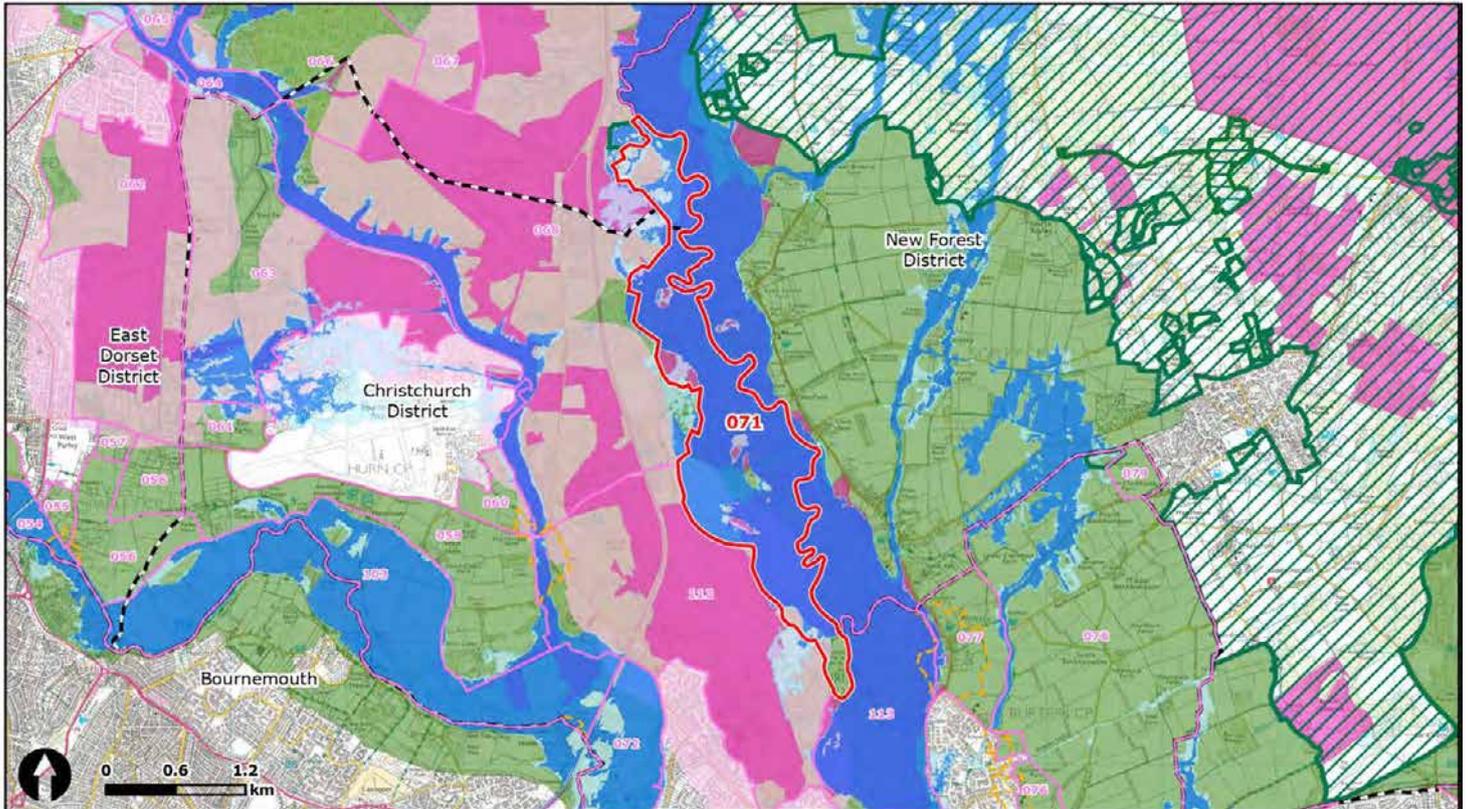


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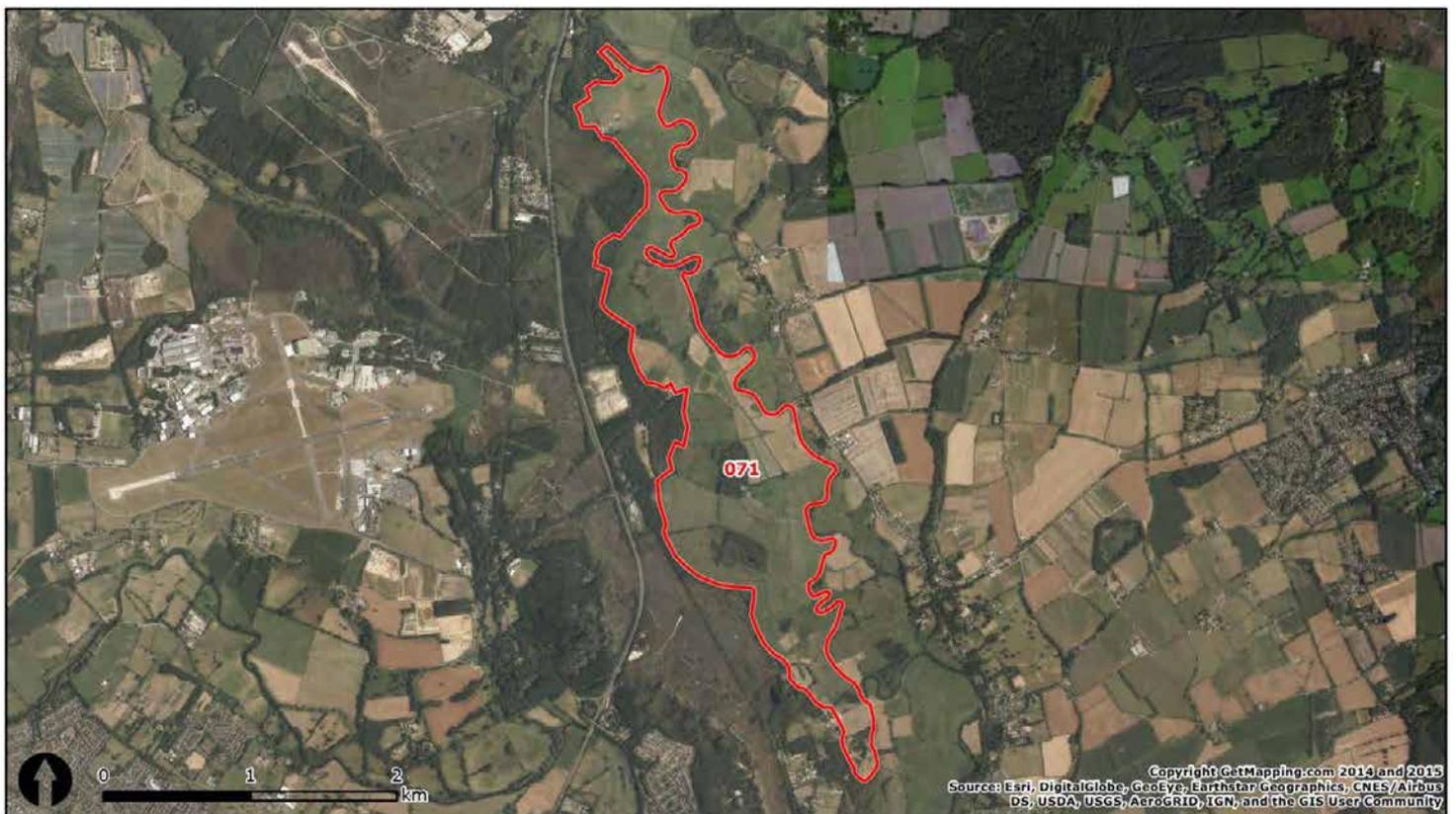
Pink outline: Other Settlement area
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



Settlement Area	Christchurch and Burton
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Parcel	071	Avon Valley	Area (ha)	275.3
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Development/land use

A large parcel comprising the flood plain pastures and water meadows along the valley of the River Avon, interspersed with areas of heath/wet grassland and broadleaved woodland. The majority of the parcel is included within Flood Zone 3. A small golf course is located at Dudmoor, at the southern tip of the parcel, but built development is limited to occasional farm buildings.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The River Avon forms a distinctive linear feature in the east of the District, abutting heathlands and forest to the west. The parcel does not have a close relationship with any settlement.

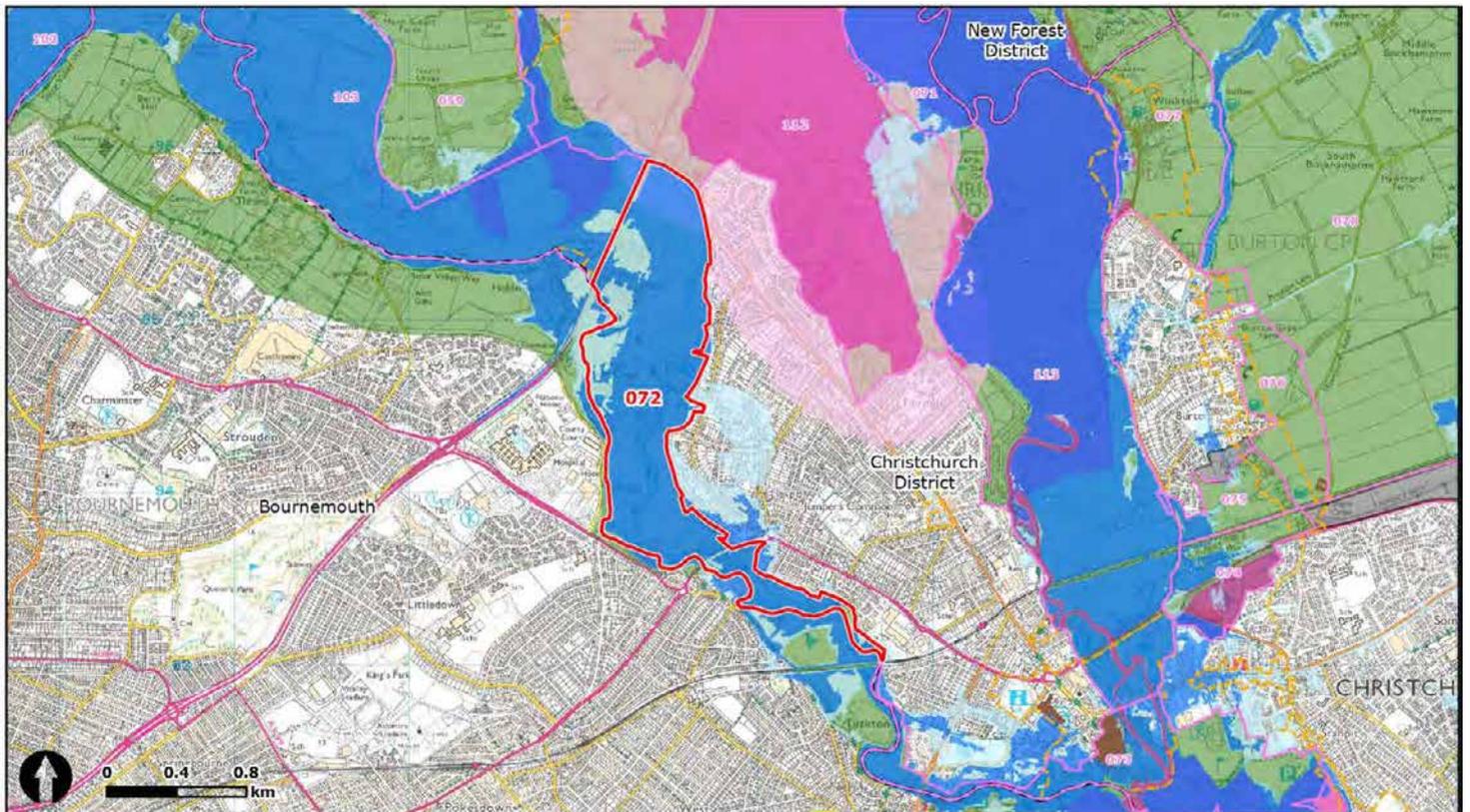
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel is separated from the Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch conurbation by the southern end of the Avon Valley, and wooded high ground to the south-west, so development would not be associated with the large, built-up area.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel as a whole occupies a moderate proportion of the gap between two settlements classified as towns in this assessment, Christchurch and St Ives/St Leonards, but the distance between the towns is too great for land within the parcel to be considered to make any significant contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	There is a strong sense of openness and an association with the surrounding open countryside, including the valley of the River Avon up and downstream. There are no urbanising influences within the parcel and development would be out of keeping with the existing settlement form.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The Avon Valley is a significant element in the settings of the historic towns of Christchurch to the south and Ringwood to the north, but this parcel is too remote from either to make any significant contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



Looking north-east from St Catherine's Hill towards the Avon Valley

Parcel	072	Lower Stour Valley	Area (ha)	132.6
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| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
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Settlement Area		Christchurch and Burton		
Parcel	072	Lower Stour Valley	Area (ha)	132.6
Development/land use				
This parcel consists of floodplain pastures along the Stour, mixed with other land uses including Iford Golf Course, a caravan site and a water treatment works in the north of the parcel. Much of the parcel is contained within Flood Zone 3.				
Relationship between settlement and countryside				
The parcel is closely associated with the adjacent settlements at Bournemouth and Christchurch (Jumpers Common). The linear form of the River Stour also forms an important link to the undeveloped countryside upstream.				

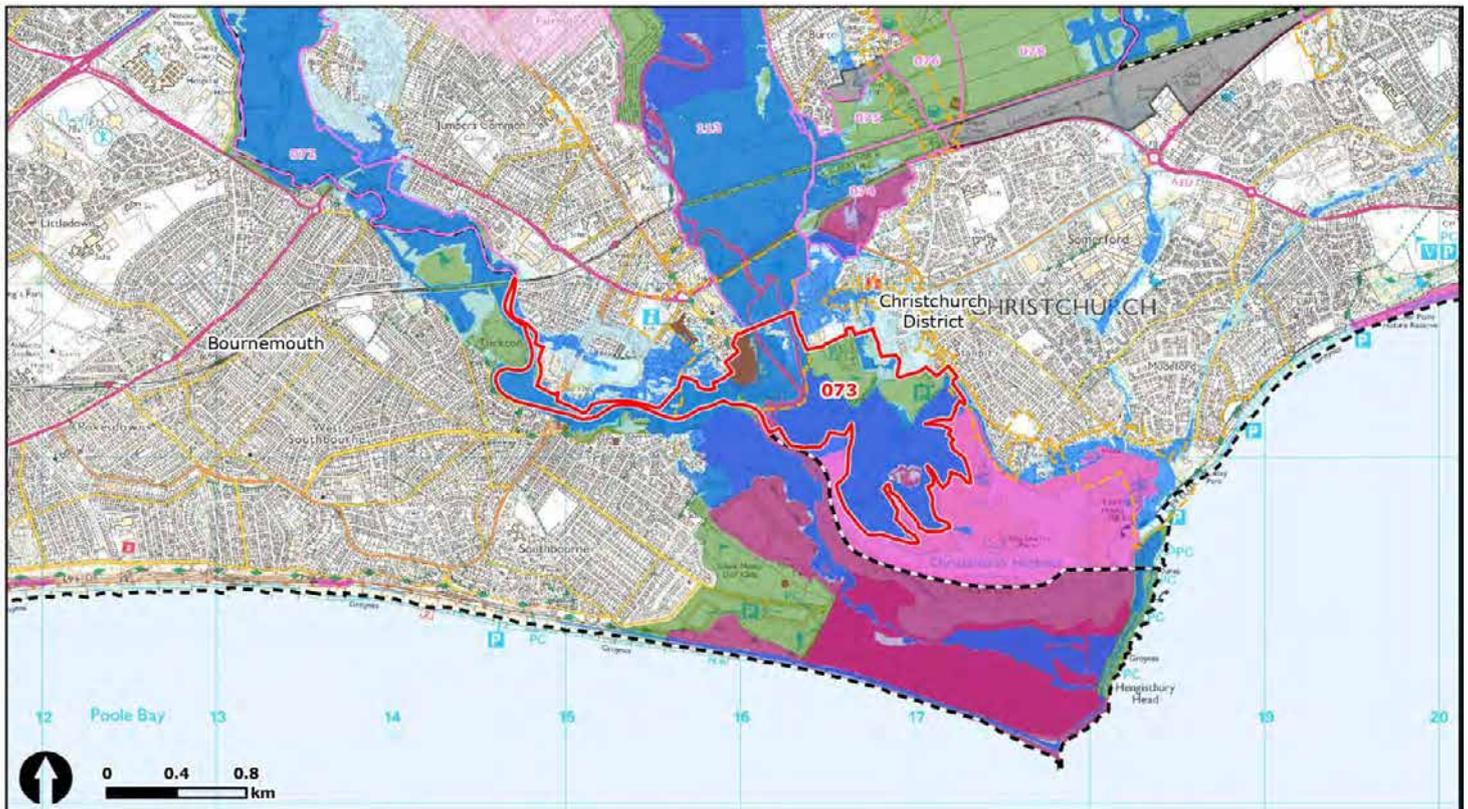
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	This parcel is located adjacent to the conurbation of Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch, which is a large built-up area. Development would result in a loss of the existing openness within the parcel. The linear form of the River Stour relates to the undeveloped countryside adjacent to river upstream. The parcel makes a relatively strong contribution to this purpose.	Relatively strong
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel forms the entire gap between the Jumpers Common area of Christchurch and Bournemouth, both of which are identified as Purpose 2 towns for this assessment. Development of this parcel would compromise the role of the river in separating the settlements and lead to their coalescence, meaning this parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.	Strong
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	There are some existing urbanising influences arising from adjacent urban development, although the parcel retains a strong sense of openness and a key link from the urban area to the wider undeveloped countryside upstream.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	Although the parcel is some distance from the historic core of Christchurch, the River Stour is a key element in the town's historic setting.	Relatively weak
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

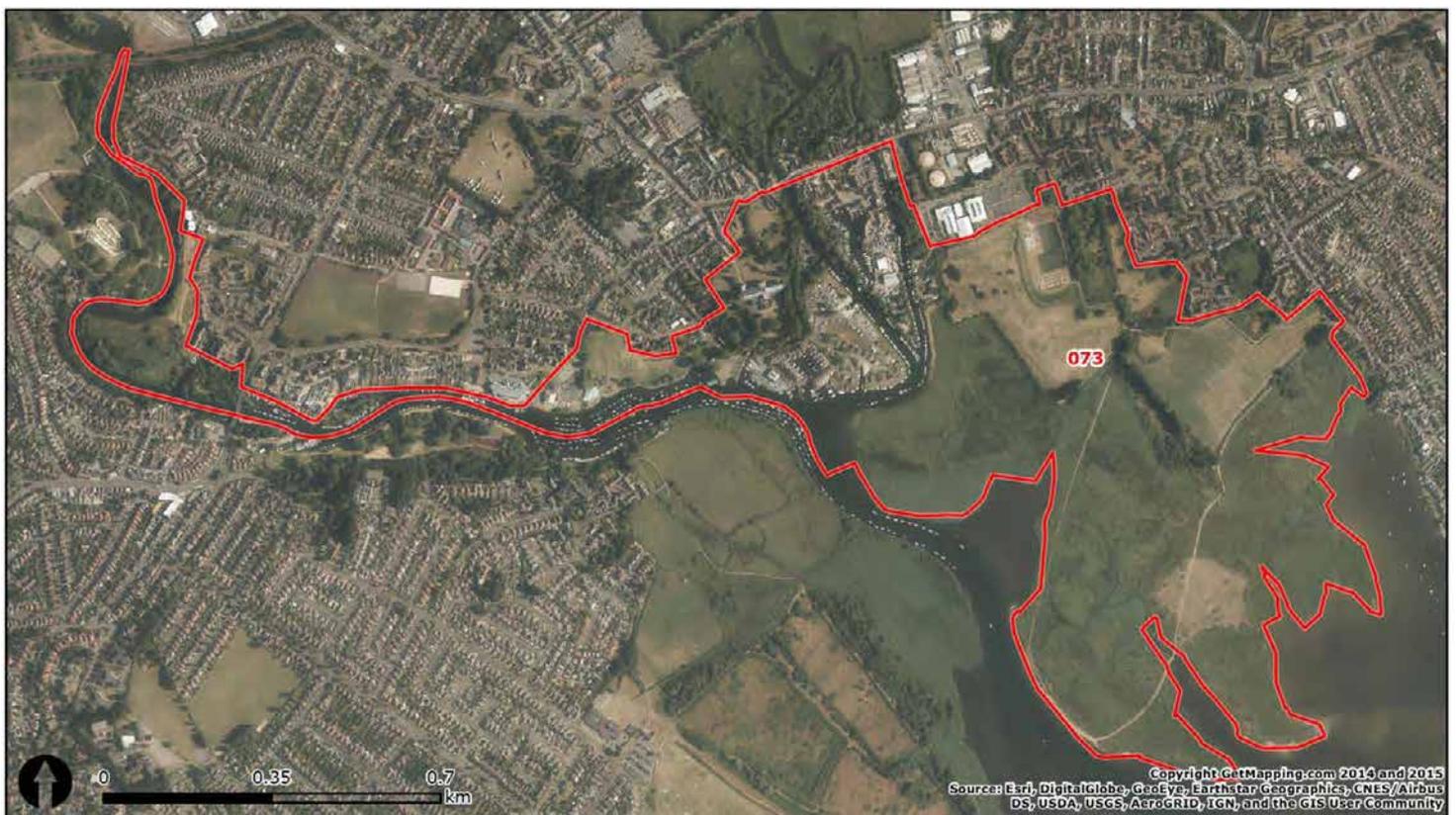


Looking west from Hurn Road across the northern end of Christchurch Golf Club

Parcel	073	Christchurch Harbour	Area (ha)	111.7
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



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Settlement Area	Christchurch and Burton		
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Parcel	073	Christchurch Harbour	Area (ha)	111.7
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Development/land use

This parcel contains the confluence of the River Stour and the River Avon. Features within the parcel include Christchurch Harbour, Two Riversmeet Golf course, marshland and Christchurch Priory. Much of the parcel is contained with Flood Zones 2 and 3, and the southern half forms part of the Christchurch Harbour SSSI.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The harbour provides a key part of the setting to Christchurch, including the historic core. The parcel is also associated with the open countryside upstream of the River Stour and the River Avon.

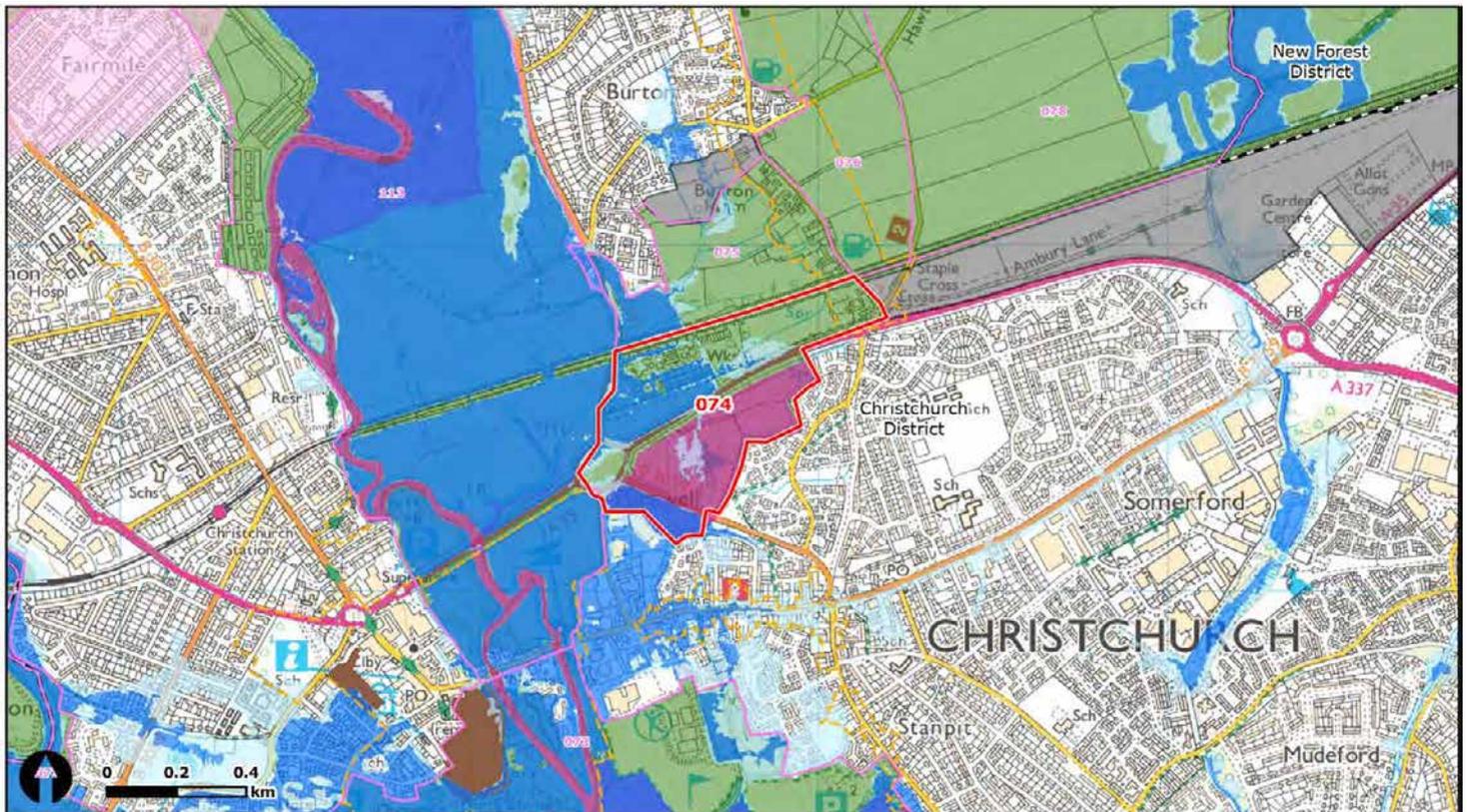
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	This parcel is adjacent to the conurbation of Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch and is currently open with little development. Development is likely to be perceived as sprawl although this will not be unrestricted due to the location of the parcel between existing development and the sea. This parcel makes a moderate contribution to this purpose.	Moderate
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The River Stour provides all of the gap between Christchurch and Bournemouth, both of which are identified as Purpose 2 towns for this assessment. Development in this parcel would lead to the increased coalescence of these settlements, and would undermine the role of the River Stour as a separating feature.	Strong
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel has a lack of urbanising influences within its boundaries and is open despite the close proximity of urban development at Christchurch and Bournemouth, although the location of the parcel adjacent to the sea limits the potential for encroachment into the countryside.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel is adjacent to the historic town of Christchurch and forms a key part of the setting to the historic core. The Conservation Area Appraisal details the contribution that views of the open harbour make to the setting of the townscape. The contribution this parcel makes to this purpose is strong.	Strong
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



View north west towards Christchurch Priory from Stanpit Recreation Ground

Parcel	074	Christchurch - Stony Lane Roundabout	Area (ha)	31.5
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
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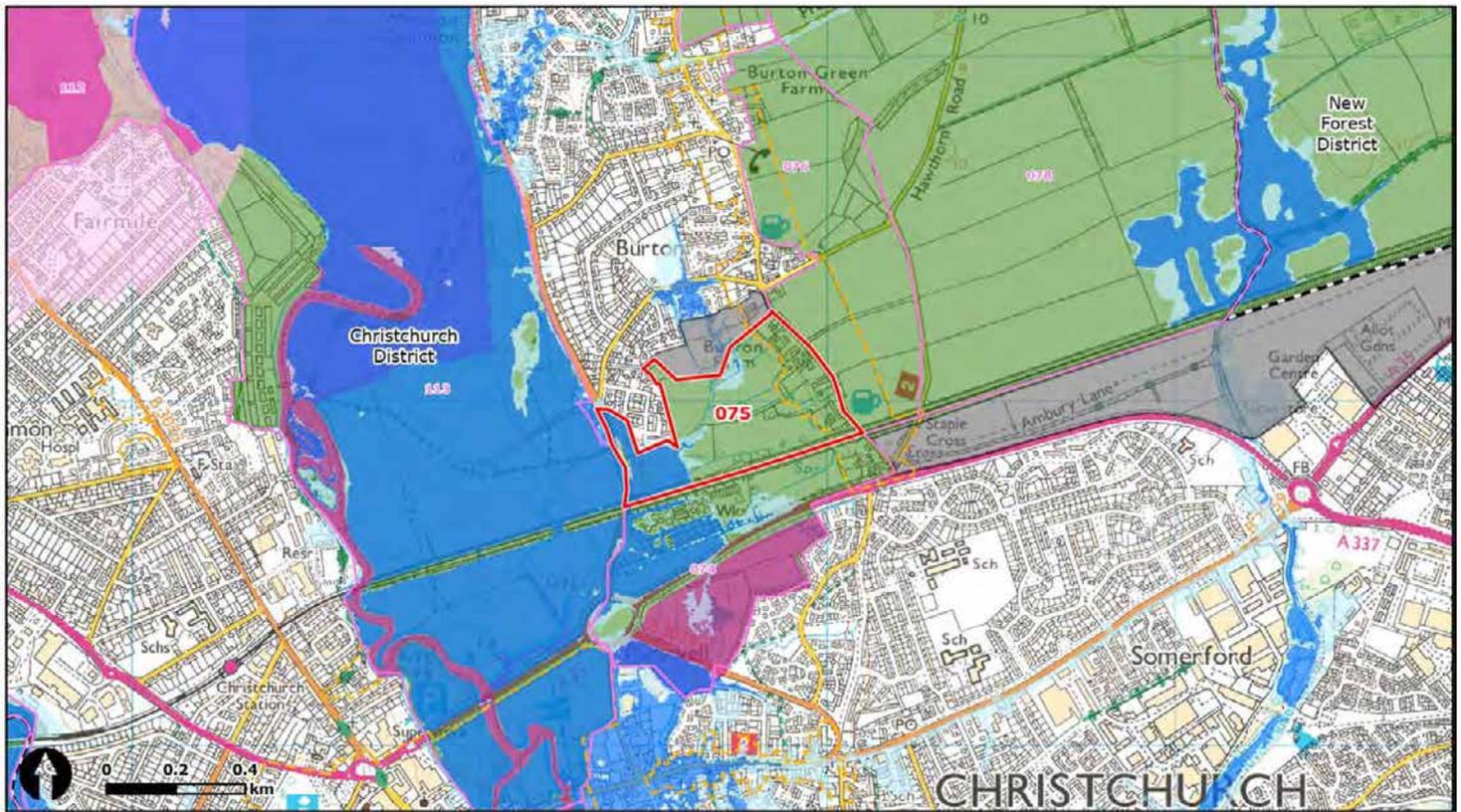
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Settlement Area		Christchurch and Burton		
Parcel	074	Christchurch - Stony Lane Roundabout	Area (ha)	31.5
Development/land use				
<p>This parcel is located directly to the north of the urban edge of Christchurch and contains wet grassland/heathland to the south and a water treatment works in the north of the parcel. The A35 dual carriageway crosses through the centre of the parcel and the mainline railway forms the northern boundary of the parcel. The western area of the parcel contains land within Flood Zone 3. Land contained with the Christchurch Urban Extension (Policy CN1 in the Adopted Core Strategy) is adjacent to the east of the parcel.</p>				
Relationship between settlement and countryside				
<p>The parcel has a relationship with the undeveloped, flat valley floor of the River Avon to the west, although it is also influenced by the adjacent urban development of Christchurch to the south and the presence of major infrastructure.</p>				
Contribution to Green Belt purposes				
Purpose	Comments		Rating	
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel is located adjacent to the Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch conurbation and it is closely associated with the existing settlement. The parcel is also adjacent to and associated with the valley of the River Avon although the A35 and B3347 create a sense of separation. The railway which forms the northern boundary of the parcel would act to contain development, resulting in this parcel making a moderate contribution to this purpose.		Moderate	
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel forms part of the gap between Christchurch and Burton, although Burton is not identified as a Purpose 2 town for this assessment. The parcel is a considerable distance from any other town, therefore this parcel makes a relatively weak contribution to this purpose.		Relatively weak	
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The sense of openness in this parcel is limited by the presence of the dual carriageway and the waterworks, as well as the close proximity of existing development. The transport routes also provide a sense of containment to the parcel, preventing encroachment into the wider countryside.		Moderate	
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel is adjacent to the historic town of Christchurch, although the visual relationship with the historic core is limited by the A35 roundabout in the east of the parcel. This parcel would make a relatively weak contribution to this purpose.		Relatively weak	
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.		Not assessed	



View west from footbridge over the A35, with the parcel on either side

Parcel	075	Burton - south	Area (ha)	19.8
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
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Settlement Area	Christchurch and Burton		
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Parcel	075	Burton - south	Area (ha)	19.8
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Development/land use

This parcel is located to the south of Burton and comprises a number of small fields separated by hedgerows and woodland. The mainline railway forms the southern boundary of the parcel, whilst the western and eastern edges are contained by roads. A number of farm buildings and houses are located along Salisbury Road in the east of the parcel. Land contained within Policy CN2 of the Adopted Core Strategy is adjacent to the north of the parcel and land within Policy CN1 is adjacent to the south east. The western part of the parcel falls within Flood Zone 3 associated with the River Avon.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel has a strong relationship with Burton which is adjacent to the north and contains linear development along Salisbury Road in the east of the parcel. It also has a relationship with the open countryside associated with the River Avon to the west.

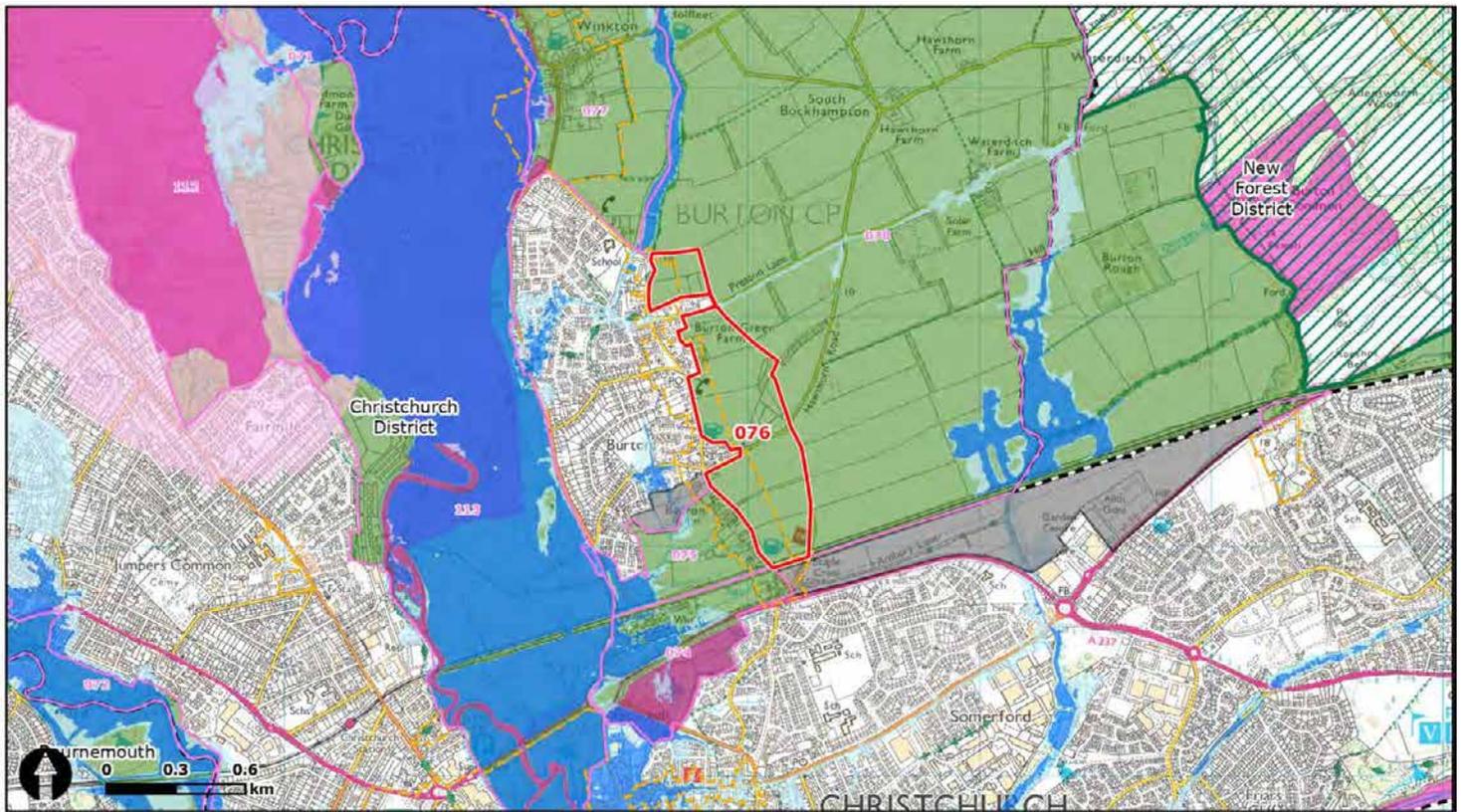
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel is located close to the Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch conurbation, but it is closely associated with the existing settlement at Burton. Its containment by the surrounding roads and railway line mean that development here would be unlikely to be perceived as 'unrestricted'; however openness in this area constitutes most of the gap between Burton and Christchurch. Loss of this separation would in effect result in Burton becoming part of the large, built-up area, diminishing the role of the railway line as a boundary feature, therefore the parcel plays a significant role in relation to this purpose.	Relatively strong
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel forms part of the gap between Christchurch and Burton, although Burton is not identified as a Purpose 2 town for this assessment. The parcel is a considerable distance from any other town, therefore this parcel makes a relatively weak contribution to this purpose.	Relatively weak
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The sense of openness in this parcel is limited by the presence of linear development along Salisbury Road, as well as the close proximity of existing development. The surrounding roads and railway also provide a sense of containment to the parcel, preventing encroachment into the wider countryside.	Moderate
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel is close to the historic town of Christchurch, although the visual relationship with the historic core is limited by the A35 roundabout in the east of the parcel. This parcel would make a relatively weak contribution to this purpose.	Relatively weak
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



View west across the parcel from Salisbury Road

Parcel	076	Burton - east	Area (ha)	40.3
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| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
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Settlement Area		Christchurch and Burton			
Parcel	076	Burton - east		Area (ha)	40.3
Development/land use					
<p>This parcel comprises a number of agricultural fields to the east of Burton, divided by hedgerows and fences. The only buildings within the parcel are associated with farms. The mainline railway forms the southern boundary of the parcel. Land contained with the Christchurch Urban Extension (Policy CN1 in the Adopted Core Strategy) is adjacent to the south of the parcel, across the railway line, and land within Policy CN2 is adjacent to the west.</p>					
Relationship between settlement and countryside					
<p>The parcel has a strong visual relationship with the edge of Burton which is adjacent to the west. It also has a good relationship with the open countryside to the west and north as there are no physical boundaries separating the parcel from the wider countryside.</p>					
Contribution to Green Belt purposes					
Purpose	Comments			Rating	
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Burton has sufficient separation from Christchurch to be defined as outside of the large, built-up area. However the two settlements are close enough for development that would reduce the gap between them to be perceived as sprawl associated with the large built-up area. The southern end of the parcel therefore makes a significant contribution to the purpose, whilst land to the north of Summers Lane makes a weaker contribution.			Relatively strong	
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel is adjacent to Burton, which is not identified as a Purpose 2 settlement for this study. It is also a considerable distance from any other town, so loss of openness in this parcel would have a negligible impact on the separation of towns.			Weak or no contribution	
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The land within the parcel has an association with both the existing settlement of Burton to the west and the open countryside to the east. The parcel does not contain urbanising features, has the characteristics of open countryside and there are no landscape features which form a physical barrier to prevent encroachment into the countryside.			Relatively strong	
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.			Weak or no contribution	
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.			Not assessed	



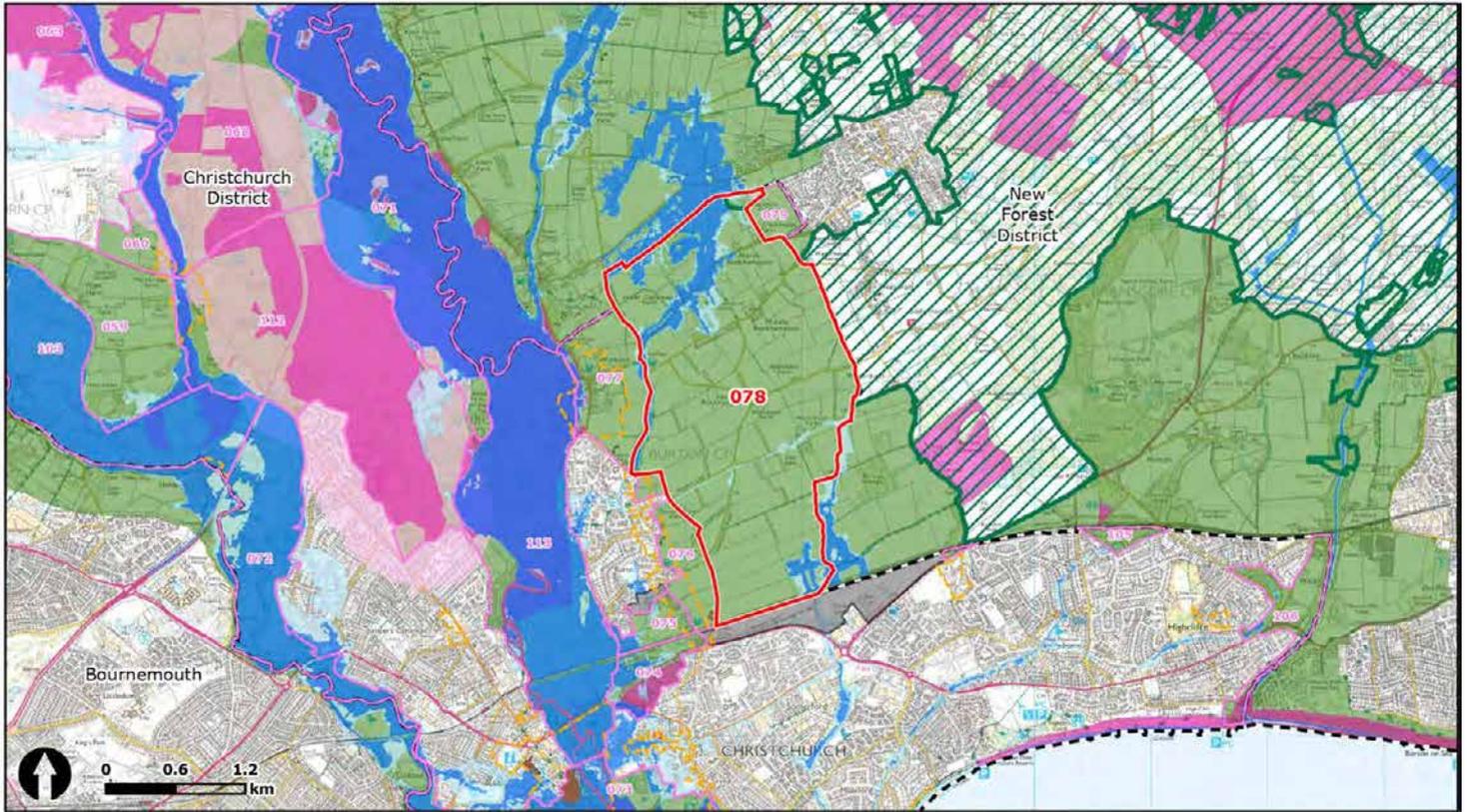
Looking north west from Summers Lane towards the eastern edge of Burton

Settlement Area		Christchurch and Burton			
Parcel	077	Burton - Winkton		Area (ha)	68.8
Development/land use					
This parcel comprises a number of arable and pasture fields, surrounding the settlement of Winkton which is located next to River Avon (found to the west of the parcel). The urban edge of Burton forms the southern boundary of the parcel. A stream runs down the eastern boundary and includes some areas of Flood Zone 3.					
Relationship between settlement and countryside					
The parcel contains the washed-over settlement of Winkton, which has some limited urbanising influences along Salisbury Road. To the south it abuts the inset villaae of Burton, but much of the parcel has a strong relationship with the wider countryside to the east and north, as well as the adjacent Avon Valley.					
Contribution to Green Belt purposes					
Purpose	Comments			Rating	
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Burton has sufficient separation from Christchurch to be defined as outside of the large, built-up area. The two settlements are close enough for development that would reduce the gap between them to be perceived as sprawl associated with the large built-up area, but land to the north of the village is associated with Burton rather than Christchurch, and so is not considered to contribute to preventing potential sprawl of the large, built-up area. However if the gap between Burton and Christchurch (within parcels 075 and 076) were to be lost, the village would in effect become part of the large, built-up area, and 077 would then contribute to preventing its further sprawl.			Weak or no contribution	
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel separates Burton and Winkton, but neither of these settlements are identified as Purpose 2 towns for this assessment. Therefore, this parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.			Weak or no contribution	
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Development at Winkton is urbanised in limited locations (with kerbing, street lighting and modern development), although the surrounding fields have the characteristics of open countryside and are associated with the wider countryside to the north and east. There are no physical features to contain the encroachment of development into the countryside.			Relatively strong	
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.			Weak or no contribution	
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.			Not assessed	



View west from Harpway Lane

Parcel	078	Burton - New Forest	Area (ha)	501.0
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| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
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Settlement Area	Christchurch and Burton		
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Parcel	078	Burton - New Forest	Area (ha)	501.0
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Development/land use

This parcel comprises open countryside between (although not adjacent to) Bransgore in New Forest District and Burton. Mostly arable fields, with some pasture and a solar farm in the centre of the parcel. Land within the proposed Christchurch Urban Extension (Policy CN1) in the Adopted Core Strategy is located adjacent to the southern boundary of the parcel, across the railway line. A number of small streams are located in the parcel, along with areas of land within Flood Zones 2 and 3.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel is not directly adjacent to any settlement although forms part of the wider setting to Bransgore, Burton and Christchurch. Railway line forms a barrier between the parcel and Christchurch to the south. There is a lack of existing development and urbanising influences within the parcel.

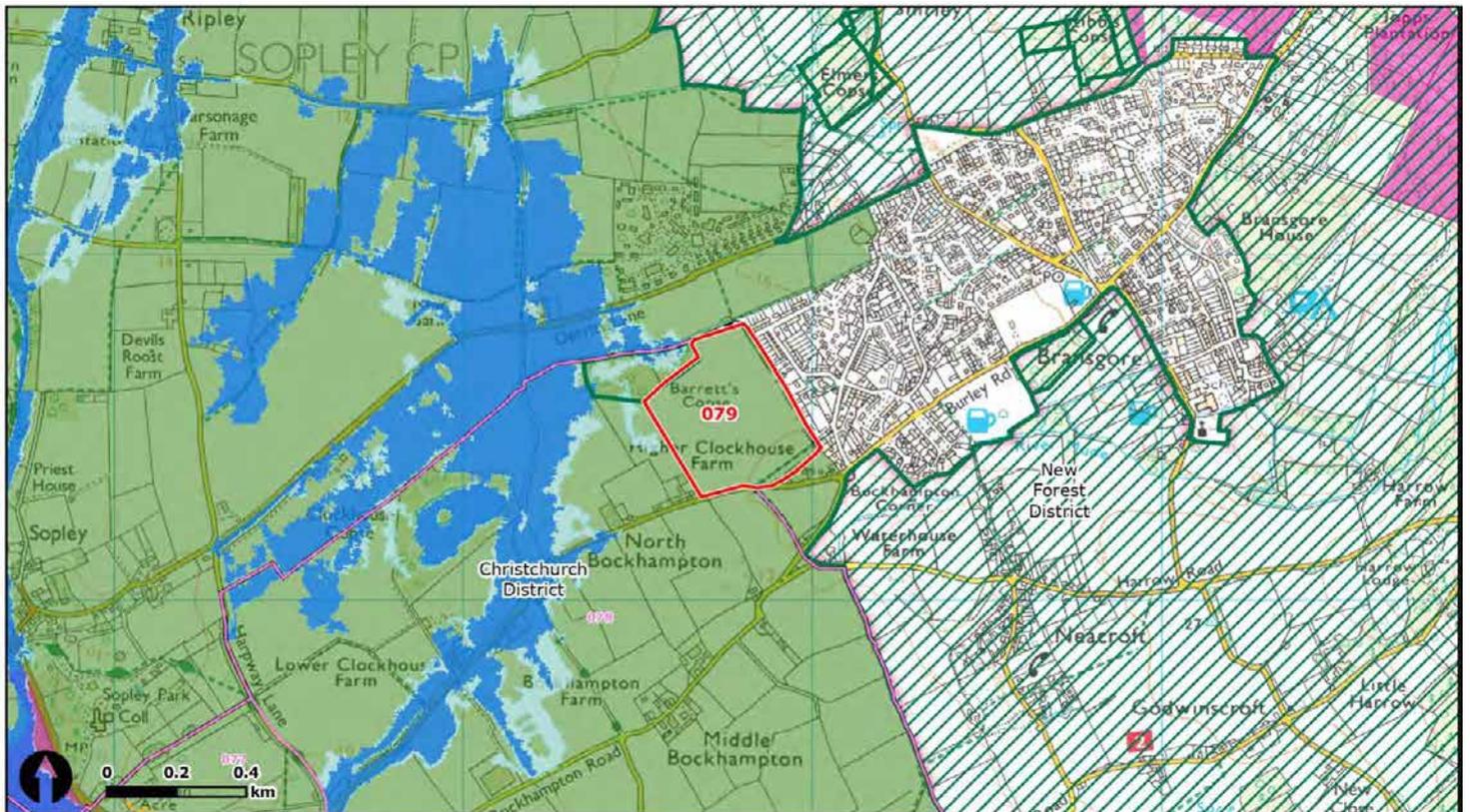
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	This parcel is located to the north of Christchurch, which forms part of the Christchurch/Poole Bournemouth conurbation and is considered to be a large built-up area. The extension of development north from Christchurch into this area would constitute a significant expansion into the countryside, and would be perceived as unrestricted sprawl due to the lack of physical features to contain development. Land further north in the parcel can be considered to make a weaker contribution in this respect.	Strong
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel forms the majority of the gap between Christchurch, Burton and Bransgore. Although Burton and Bransgore are not identified as Purpose 2 towns for this study, resulting in this parcel making a weak contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel does not currently contain urbanising features and has the characteristics of open countryside. It has a sense of separation from existing development (particularly Christchurch due to the presence of the railway line) and is more closely associated with adjacent countryside in New Forest District. There are no physical features to contain development and development in the parcel would be perceived as encroachment.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



View north west from Hawthorn Road

Parcel	079	Bransgore	Area (ha)	15.1
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| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
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Settlement Area	Christchurch and Burton
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Parcel	079	Bransgore	Area (ha)	15.1
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Development/land use

This parcel consists of two arable fields located to the west of the urban edge of Bransgore (within New Forest District). A cluster of agricultural buildings are located in the south western corner of the parcel. A small stream is located to the north of the parcel, while Burley Road contains the southern boundary.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel does not contain existing urbanising development, although there is a clear visual relationship with existing development at Bransgore to the east of the parcel. The parcel also has a relationship with the open countryside to the west and south due to a lack of major barriers along with similar landform and land uses.

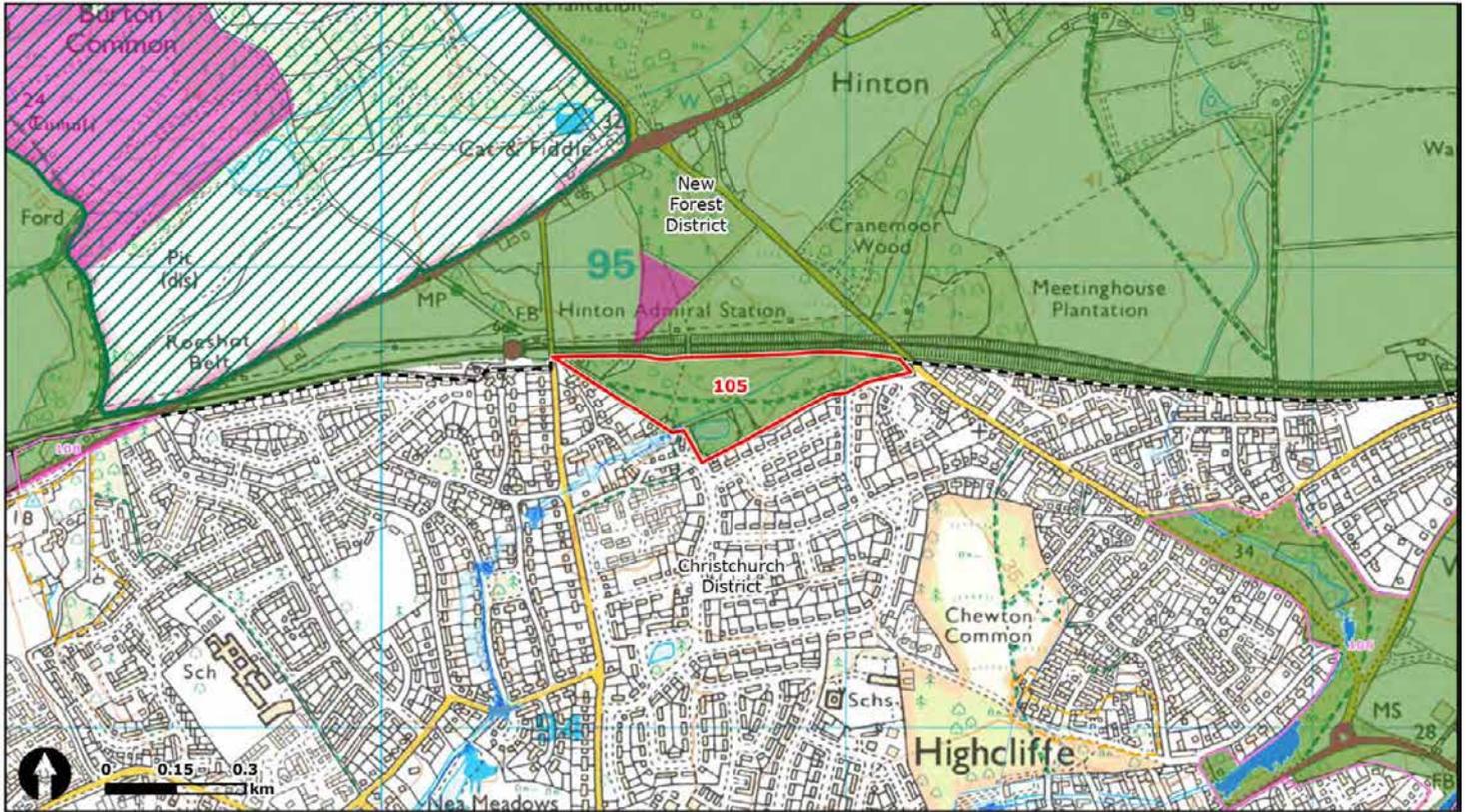
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Bransgore which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel forms part of the gap between Bransgore (in New Forest District) and Winkton, although neither of these are considered to be Purpose 2 towns for this assessment and the reduction in the gap would not be significant, meaning this parcel makes a weak contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Although it has a visual relationship with the existing urban edge of Bransgore to the east, the parcel contains no urbanising development and relates well to the wider countryside to the west and south which comprises similar land form and land uses.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

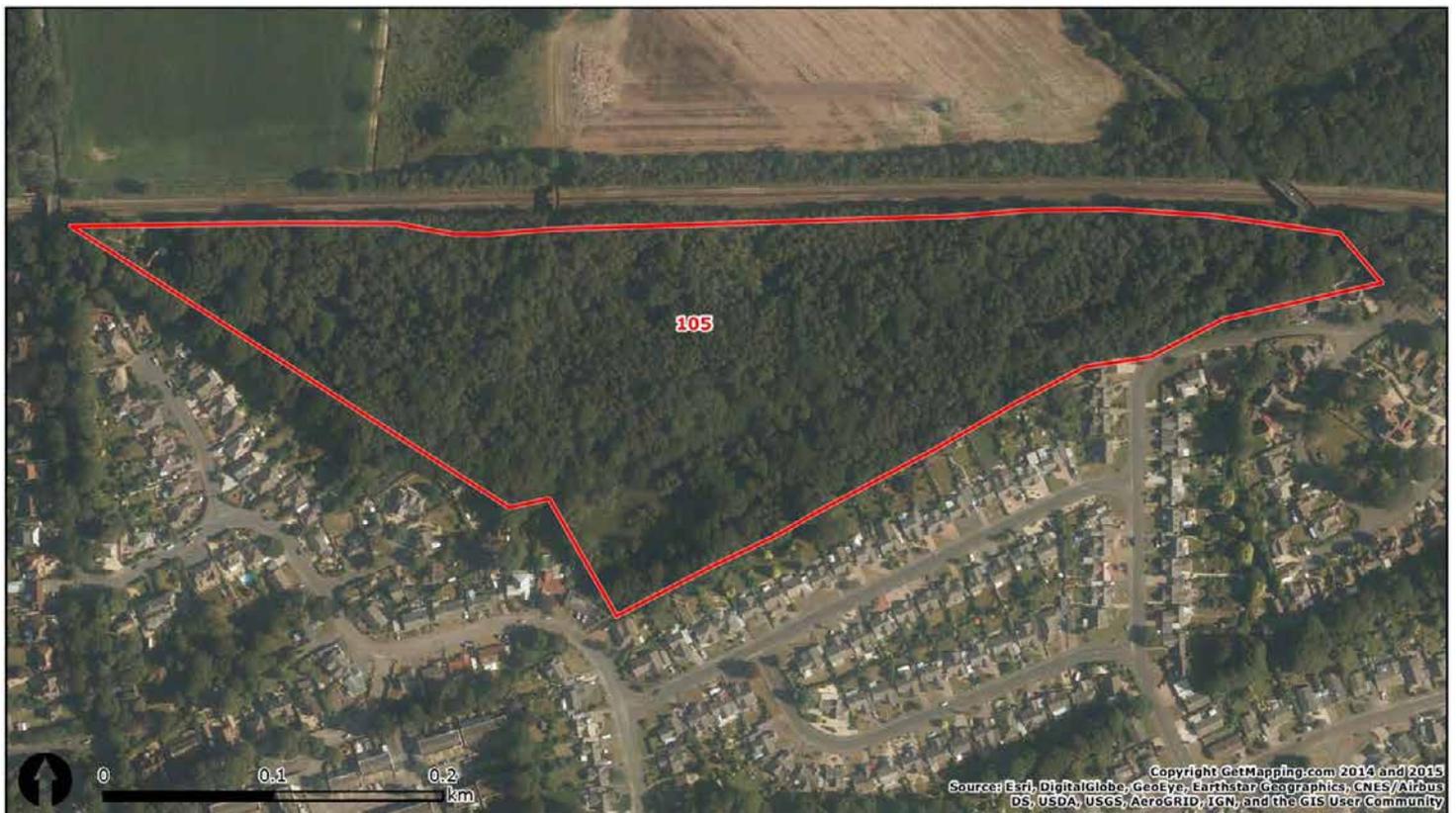


Looking north east to the western edge of Bransgore

Parcel	105	Cranemoor Common	Area (ha)	8.8
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Settlement Area	Christchurch and Burton
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Parcel	105	Cranemoor Common	Area (ha)	8.8
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Development/land use

The parcel comprises broadleaved woodland with a pond located in the south. There are no buildings within the parcel. The urban edge of Highcliffe is located to the south while the railway line encloses the parcel to the north.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel is immediately adjacent to and is associated with the settlement of Highcliffe, although there is some sense of separation due to the woodland. The railway line along the northern boundary of the parcel separates the parcel from the wider countryside to the north.

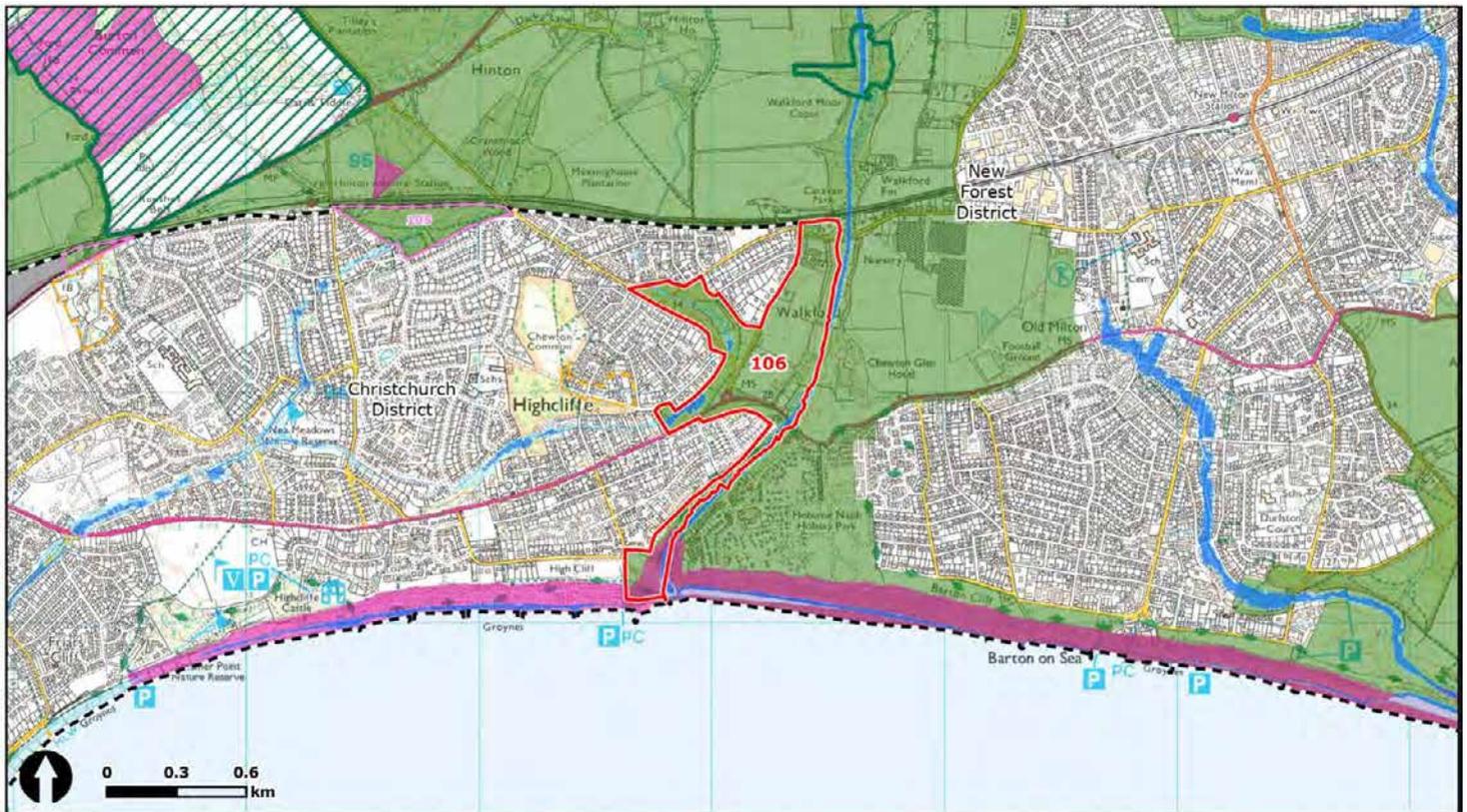
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	This parcel is located adjacent to Highcliffe, which forms part of the Christchurch/Bournemouth/Poole conurbation and is considered to be a large built-up area. However, the railway line forms a barrier between the parcel and the wider countryside, preventing 'unrestricted sprawl'. Therefore, this parcel makes a relatively weak contribution to this purpose.	Relatively weak
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel is adjacent to Highcliffe, which is defined as a Purpose 2 town for this assessment. However, the parcel is a considerable distance from any other town, so loss of openness in this parcel would have a negligible impact on the separation of towns.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel does not contain any existing urbanising features or development, although it is associated with the existing settlement of Highcliffe which is immediately adjacent to the south. The railway line along the northern boundary of the parcel provides separation between this area and the wider countryside and would act to contain the parcel, limiting the potential for encroachment into the countryside.	Moderate
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



Looking north through woods at Cranemoor Common

Parcel	106	Walkford	Area (ha)	42.3
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



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Settlement Area	Christchurch and Burton		
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Parcel	106	Walkford	Area (ha)	42.3
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Development/land use

This parcel is mainly formed of dense woodland located along Walkford Brook/Chewton Bunny and tributary streams. The parcel is adjacent to urban edge of Highcliffe (located to the west and north), and the A337 crosses through the centre of the parcel. This parcel also contains a number of pasture fields with hedgerows located between Chewton Farm Road and Walkford Brook. Broadleaved woodland is located along the side of the brook. A number of buildings are contained within the parcel, including farm buildings and a music school. A railway line crossing the northern boundary of the parcel separates the area from the wider countryside to the north.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The relationship of the parcel with the wider countryside is strongest on the north eastern edge, adjacent to the valley floor of Walkford Brook and the wider countryside to the north. The parcel is closely associated with the adjacent urban edge of Highcliffe which encloses the parcel to the north and west, and the parcel's location between Barton on Sea and Highcliffe creates a strong visual relationship with the settlements, although this is limited in places by the topography and woodland cover.

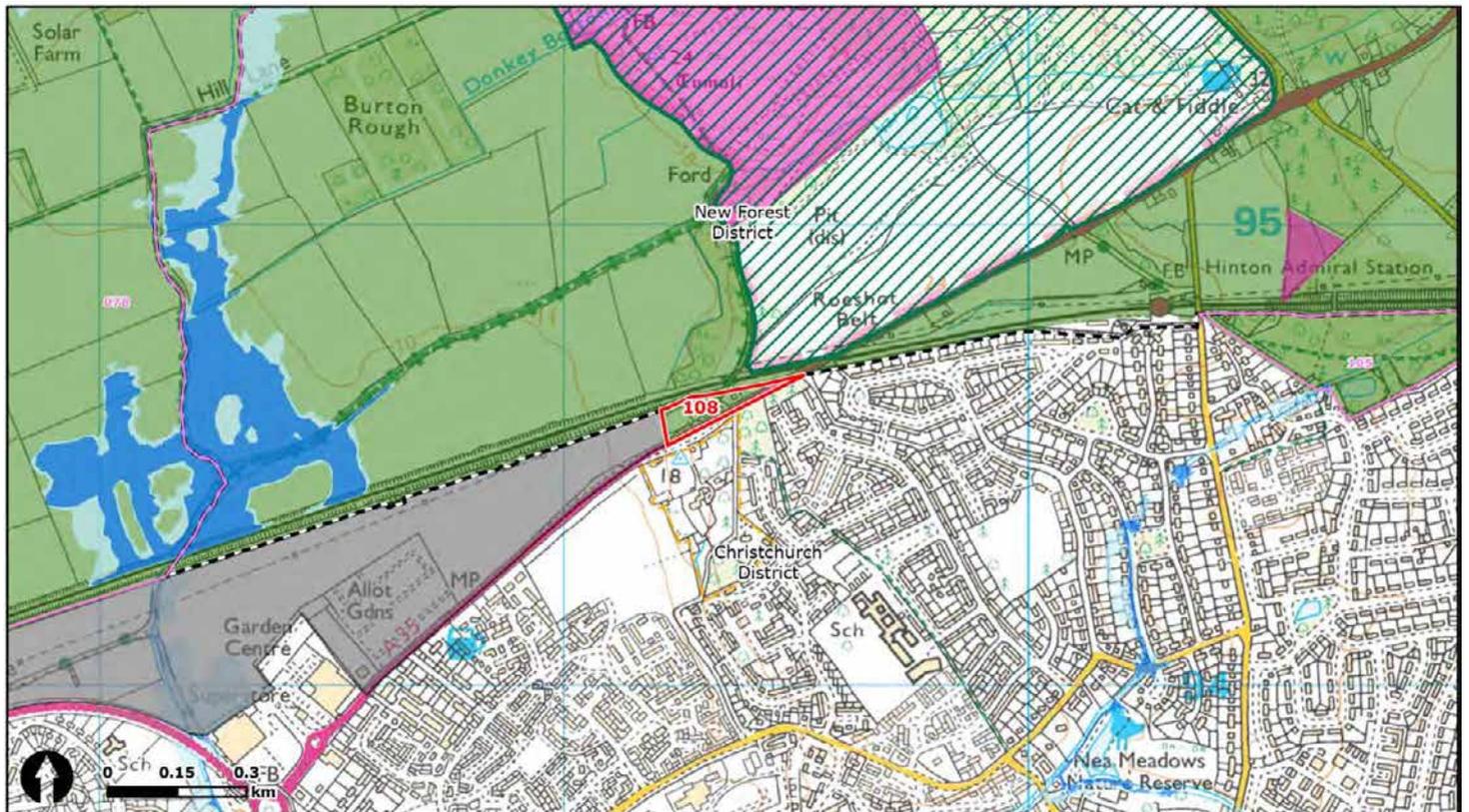
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel is located adjacent to Highcliffe which forms part of the Christchurch/Bournemouth/Poole conurbation and is considered a large built-up area. However, development in this parcel is unlikely to be perceived as 'unrestricted sprawl' due to the current extent of the settlement edge, and the presence of landscape features which form physical barriers such as the Walkford Brook and the railway line to the north.	Moderate
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel is located between Highcliffe and Barton on Sea (within the New Forest District), both of which are identified as Purpose 2 towns for this assessment. The parcel occupies the entire gap between the settlements, preventing coalescence and therefore making a strong contribution to this purpose.	Strong
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel does not contain existing urbanising development and has the characteristics of open countryside and an association with the wider countryside around Walkford Brook to the north of the parcel. However, Walkford Brook and the railway line to the north are physical barriers which separate the parcel from the wider countryside and may also act to prevent encroachment.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

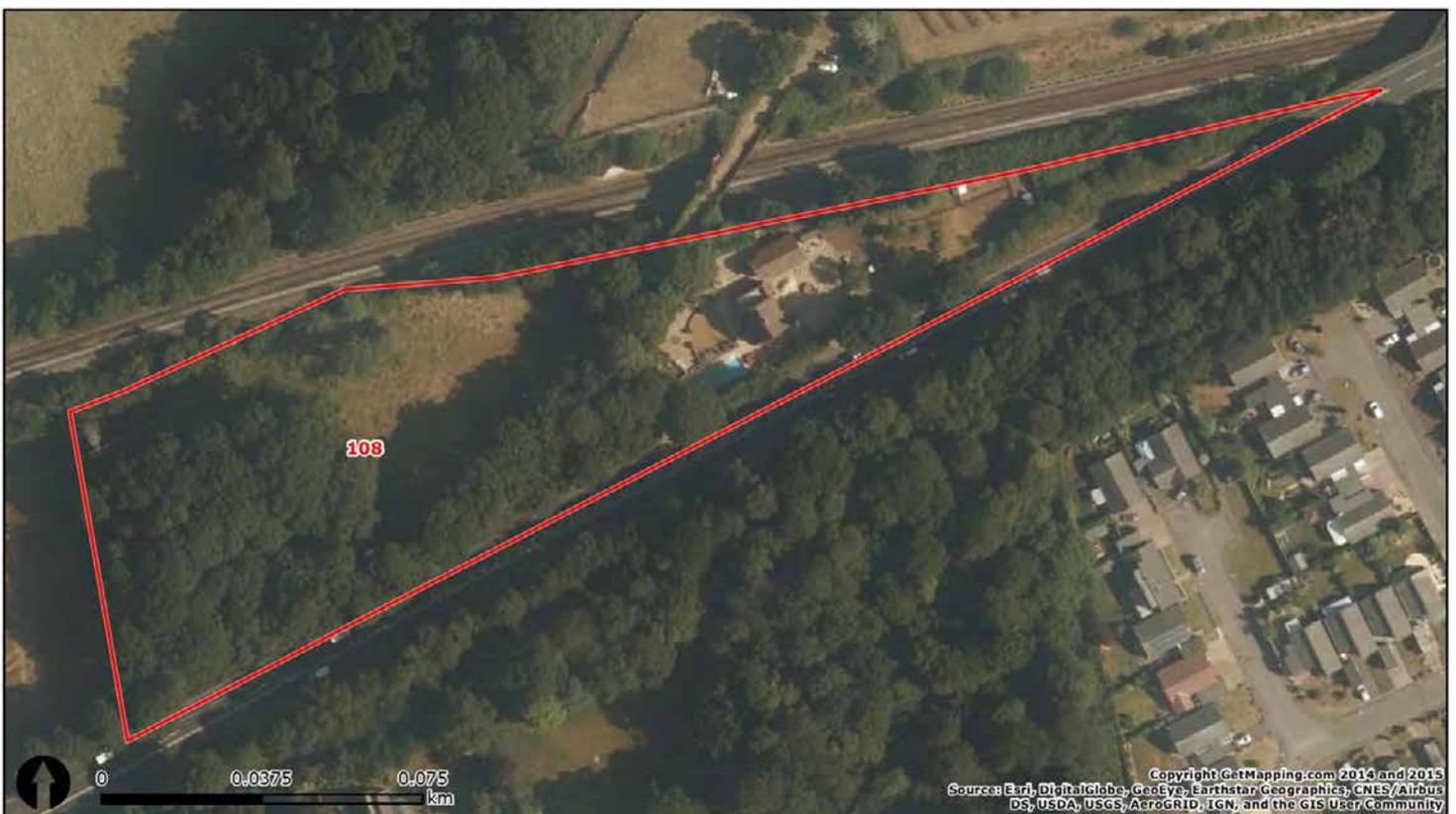


Looking east from Chewton Farm Road towards Walkford Brook/Chewton Bunny

Parcel	108	Roeshot Farm	Area (ha)	1.4
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



Settlement Area		Christchurch and Burton		
Parcel	108	Roeshot Farm	Area (ha)	1.4
Development/land use				
This small parcel contains woodland and small pasture fields. Several farm buildings are located in the east of the parcel. The parcel is contained by the railway line to the north and the A35 dual carriageway to the south. Land contained with the Christchurch Urban Extension (Policy CN1 in the Adopted Core Strategy) is adjacent to the west of the parcel.				
Relationship between settlement and countryside				
The parcel is separated from the existing settlement at Highcliffe by the A35 dual carriageway, but is also physically separated from the wider countryside by the railway line to the north.				

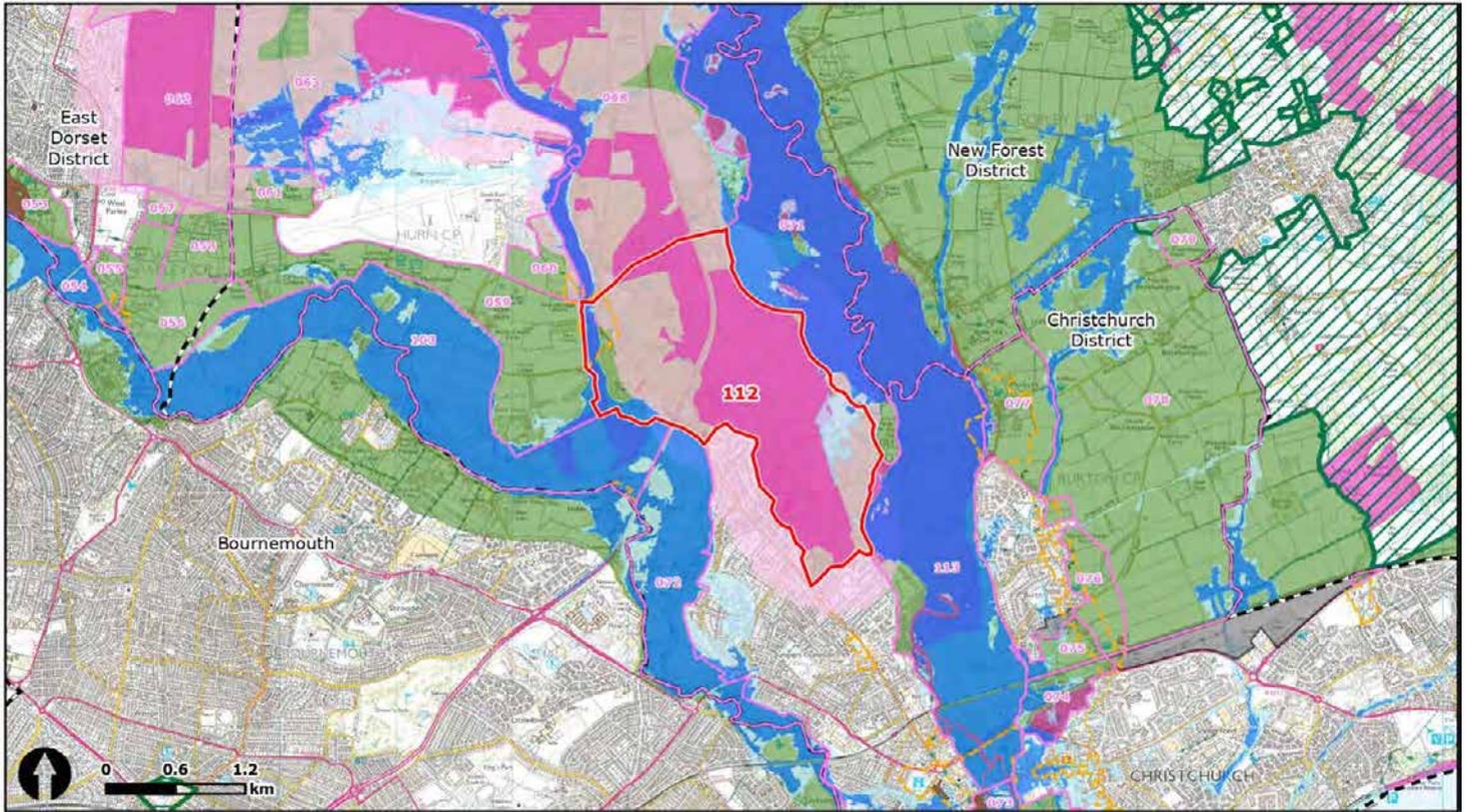
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	This parcel is adjacent to Highcliffe, which forms part of the Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch conurbation and is considered to be a large, built-up area in this assessment. However, since this is a small area and the railway line would act to contain the parcel, this would not be seen as 'unrestricted sprawl'. This parcel therefore makes a relatively weak contribution to this purpose.	Relatively weak
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel is adjacent to Highcliffe which is a Purpose 2 settlement for this study. However, the parcel is a considerable distance from any other town, so loss of openness in this parcel would have a negligible impact on the separation of towns.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel has a degree of separation from both the existing settlement at Highcliffe (due to the A35 dual carriageway) and the wider countryside (due to the mainline railway). Although this parcel does not contain urbanising features, development in this parcel is unlikely to be viewed as encroachment due to the railway line to the north providing a barrier between the parcel and the wider countryside.	Moderate
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



Looking west across field in the western half of the parcel

Parcel	112	Christchurch - Hurn Forest	Area (ha)	369.5
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
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Settlement Area	Christchurch and Burton		
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Parcel	112	Christchurch - Hurn Forest	Area (ha)	369.5
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Development/land use

This parcel incorporates areas of forestry plantation, woodland and open heath, extending north from the edge of Christchurch at Jumpers Common to the Avon Causeway between Hurn and the edge of the Avon's floodplain. The Stour and Moors Rivers form the western edge of the parcel, adjoining farmland to the south of Bournemouth Airport, and the edge of the Avon Valley forms the eastern edge. There is only isolated, low density development within the parcel.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The forest and heathland making up this parcel are homogeneous landscapes that have a strong sense of distinction, and in most places isolation, from urban areas, with the wooded ridge between St Catherine's Hill and Hurn forming a strong edge to Christchurch.

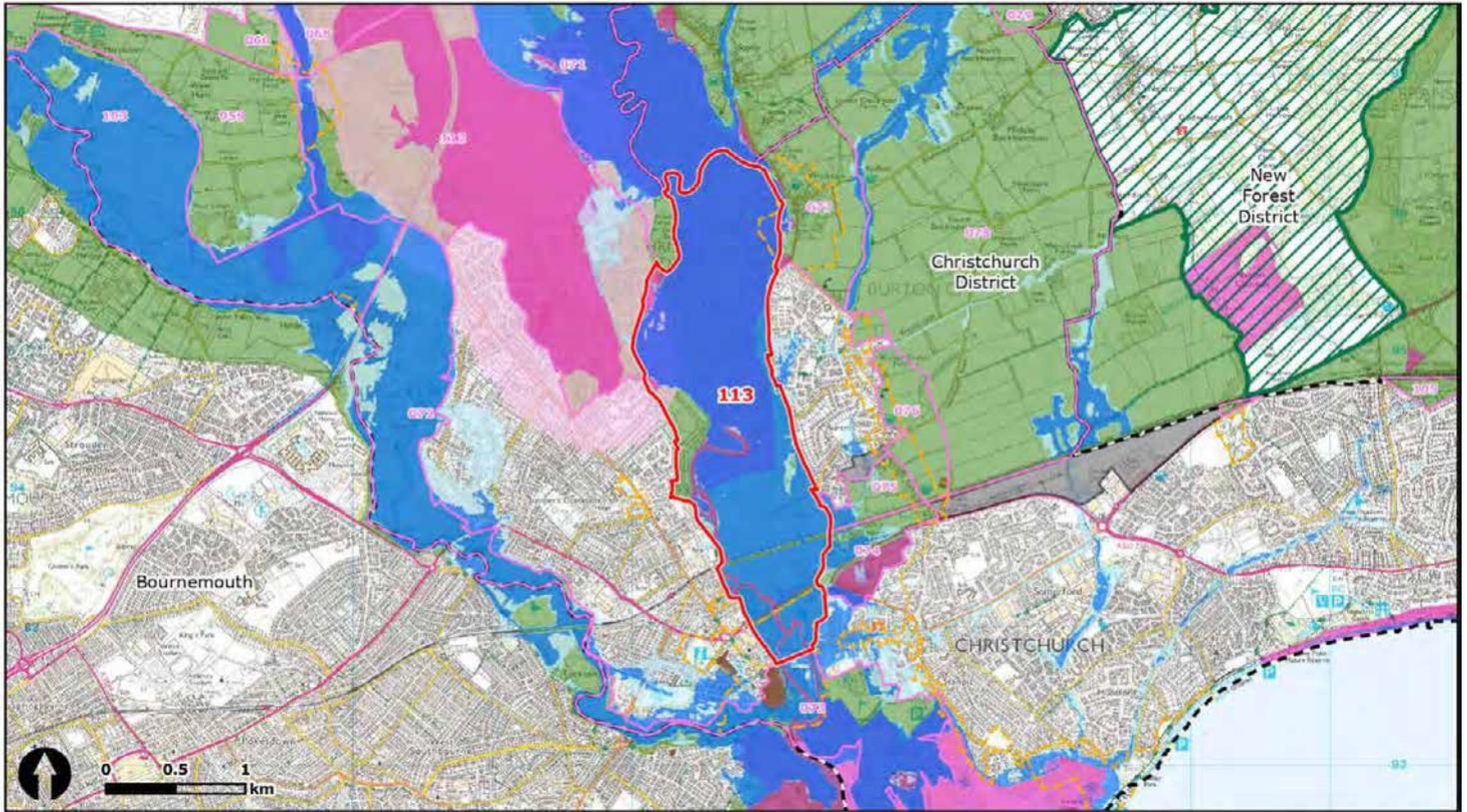
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The southern edge of the parcel abuts Christchurch, which combines with Bournemouth and Poole to form a large, built-up area. A wooded ridge forms a strong edge to the settlement, so any development intruding onto or beyond this would constitute significant sprawl.	Strong
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel forms only a small proportion of the gap between Christchurch and towns to the north (St Ives/St Leonards) and west (Ferndown).	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The heathland and forest are distinctive landscapes with little development, any urbanisation of which would constitute significant encroachment.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	St Catherine's Hill is a significant feature in the setting of Christchurch, a visually strong landscape element that defines the northern edge of the settlement area. Elsewhere the parcel does not play a significant role in the setting of any historic towns.	Strong
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



Looking east from Hillside Drive across Valley Close to the Green Belt edge at St Catherine's Hill

Parcel	113	Christchurch - Avon Valley	Area (ha)	286.1
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
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Settlement Area	Christchurch and Burton
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Parcel	113	Christchurch - Avon Valley	Area (ha)	286.1
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Development/land use

A large parcel comprising the flood plain pastures and water meadows along the valley of the River Avon between Sopley / Winkton to the north and Christchurch to the south. Almost all of the parcel is within Flood Zone 3. The A35 dual carriageway and mainline railway cross east-west through the southern part of the parcel, but housing development within the boundaries of the parcel is limited to a small number of dwellings along the north side of Bridge Street, Christchurch.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The river and associated valley is a distinctive landscape element, with this stretch lying between Jumpers Common (part of Christchurch) and the village of Burton, forming a physical barrier between the two settlements. The parcel has a direct visual relationship with the historic core of Christchurch.

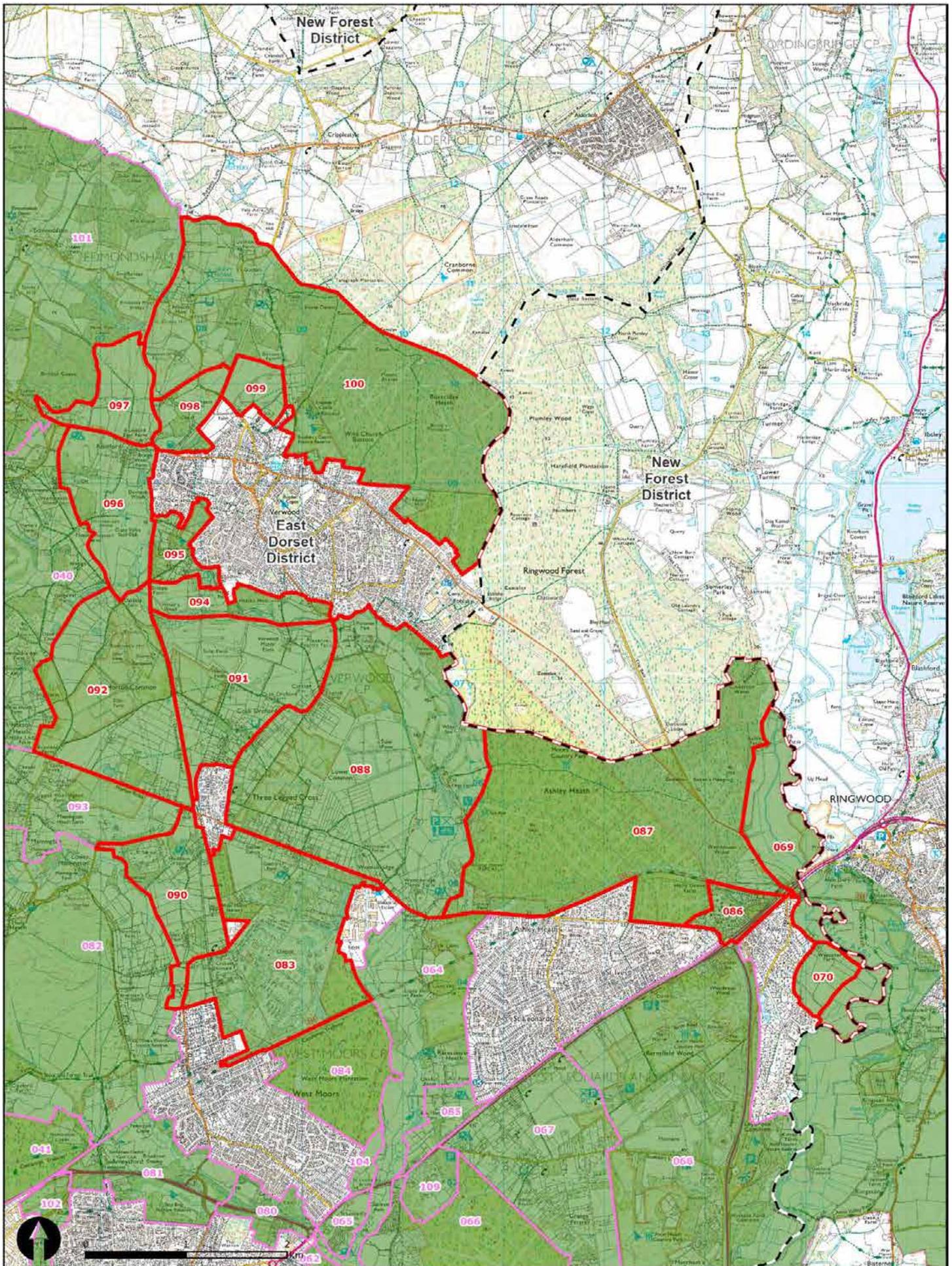
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel is adjacent to the east of the Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch conurbation, which is a large built-up area. There is a strong sense of openness in the parcel and it relates strongly to the undeveloped countryside of the River Avon valley upstream. Development in this parcel would be perceived as unrestricted sprawl, therefore this parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.	Strong
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel is not close to any town other than Christchurch, and so makes little contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel has a strong sense of openness and an association with the surrounding open countryside, including the valley of the River Avon upstream. There are no urbanising influences within the parcel and development would be out of keeping with the existing settlement form.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel is adjacent to Christchurch, which is identified as a historic town. There are channelled views from the historic core of the town along the valley to the undeveloped countryside and water meadows of the Avon, which are identified as a 'vital part of the setting for Christchurch and the Priory' in the Conservation Area Appraisal. The openness of this parcel therefore makes a strong contribution to this purpose.	Strong
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



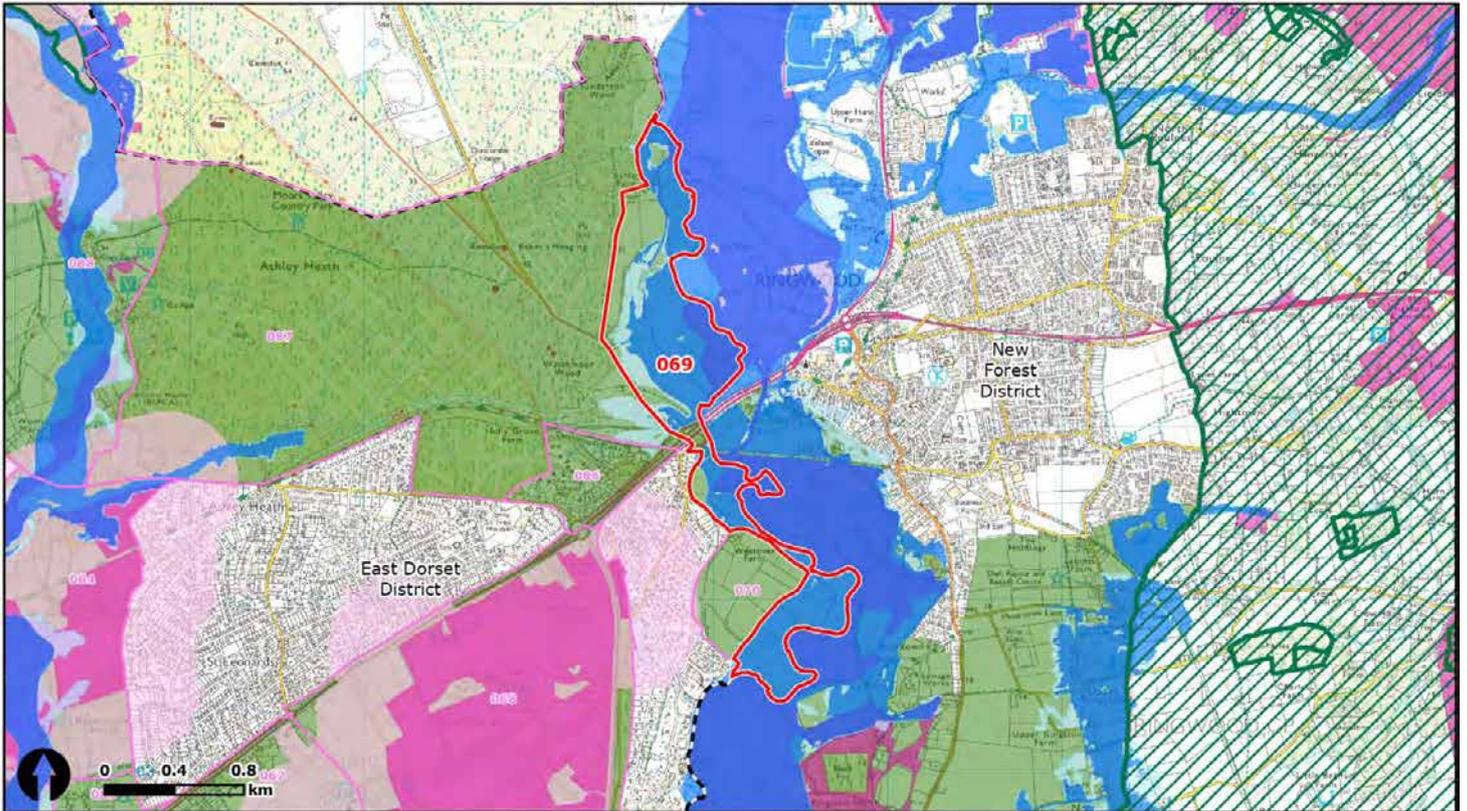
Looking south-east from St Catherine's Hill across the Avon Valley towards Burton (which is screened by tree cover)

Three Legged Cross and Verwood



- Settlement area
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Parcel	069	Avon Valley - Ashley	Area (ha)	115.0
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



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Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood
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Parcel	069	Avon Valley - Ashley	Area (ha)	115.0
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Development/land use

This parcel contains a number of arable and pasture fields along the valley floor of the River Avon and King Stream as well as areas of semi-natural wet grassland. The A31 dual carriageway crosses the parcel between Ringwood and Ashley. Occasional farm buildings and barns are located along the valley. Much of the parcel is contained with Flood Zones 2 and 3.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The River Avon forms a strong linear feature and physical barrier between Ringwood (in New Forest District) and Ashley and a key part of the setting to the settlements. The parcel has a strong physical and perceptual relationship to the wider Avon Valley which does not contain any urbanising development.

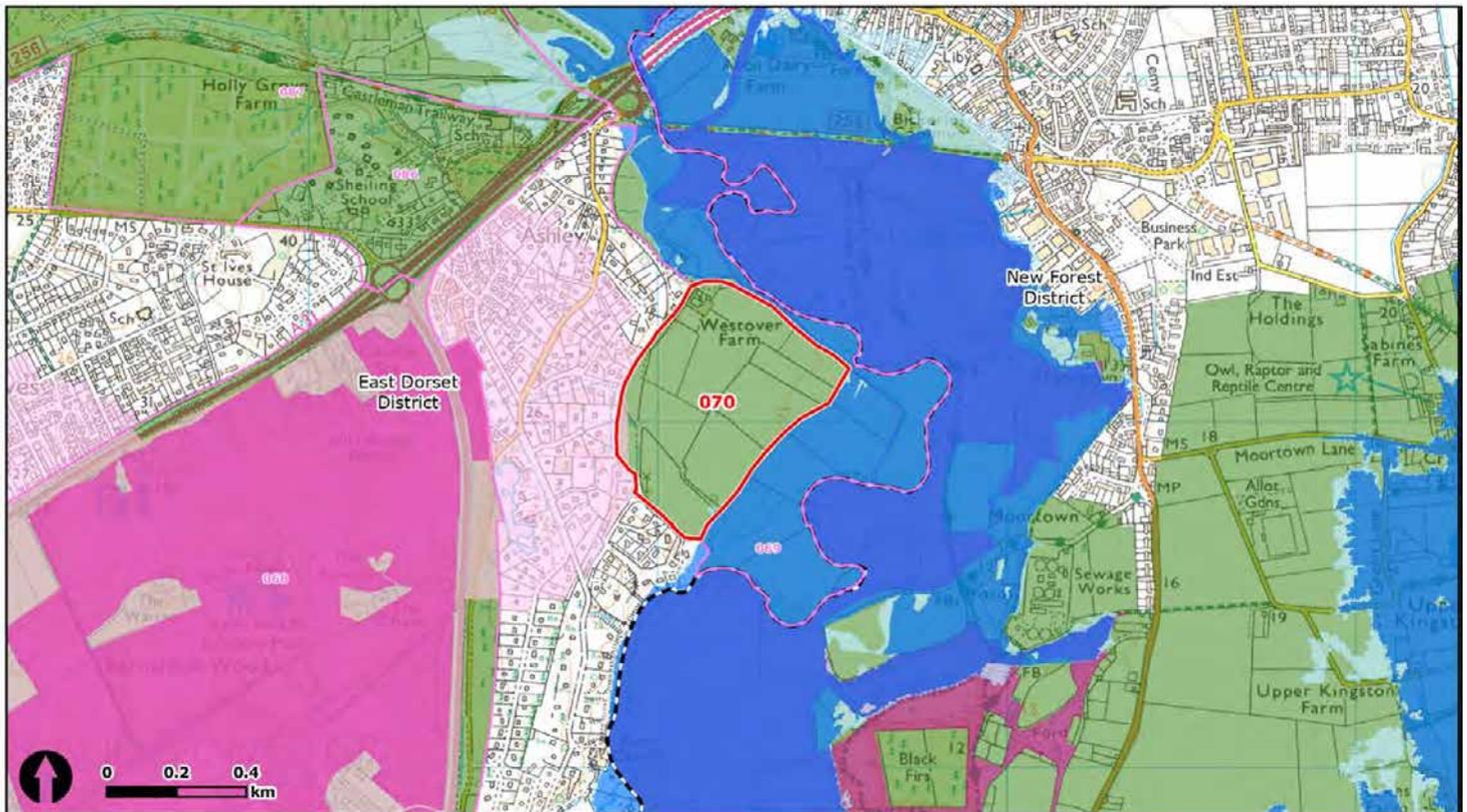
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Ashley which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel provides a significant part of the gap between St Leonards/Ashley and Ringwood, both of which are considered to be Purpose 2 settlements for this study. Development would result in a significant narrowing of the gap between the settlements. However, the River Avon is a physical feature which would act to maintain separation between Ashley and Ringwood.	Moderate
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Although the parcel is closely associated with both Ashley and Ringwood, there is a lack of urbanising development within the parcel. The valley floor has a strong physical and perceptual association with the wider Avon Valley. Development would represent encroachment into the countryside, therefore this parcel makes a strong contribution to this purpose.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	Although the parcel is not adjacent to the historic town of Ringwood (New Forest District), the valley of the River Avon is identified as a key part of the setting to the town in the Conservation Area Appraisal. However, the appraisal also notes that wider views are limited due to the flat land and the A31 dual carriageway, reducing the contribution this parcel makes to the setting of the historic town.	Relatively weak
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



View south along River Avon valley from Castleman Trailway

Parcel	070	Ashley - east	Area (ha)	28.6
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood
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Parcel	070	Ashley - east	Area (ha)	28.6
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Development/land use

The parcel primarily consists of arable farmland with hedgerows on the edge of Ashley. There is no development except farm buildings at Westover Farm in the northern part of the parcel. Existing development at Ashley is found along the western boundary of the parcel, but there is a significant slope down from the urban edge to the parcel. The River Avon is found to the north and east.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel abuts existing urban development at Ashley, but the sloping landform creates a distinction between the two areas. There are no urbanising influences within the parcel.

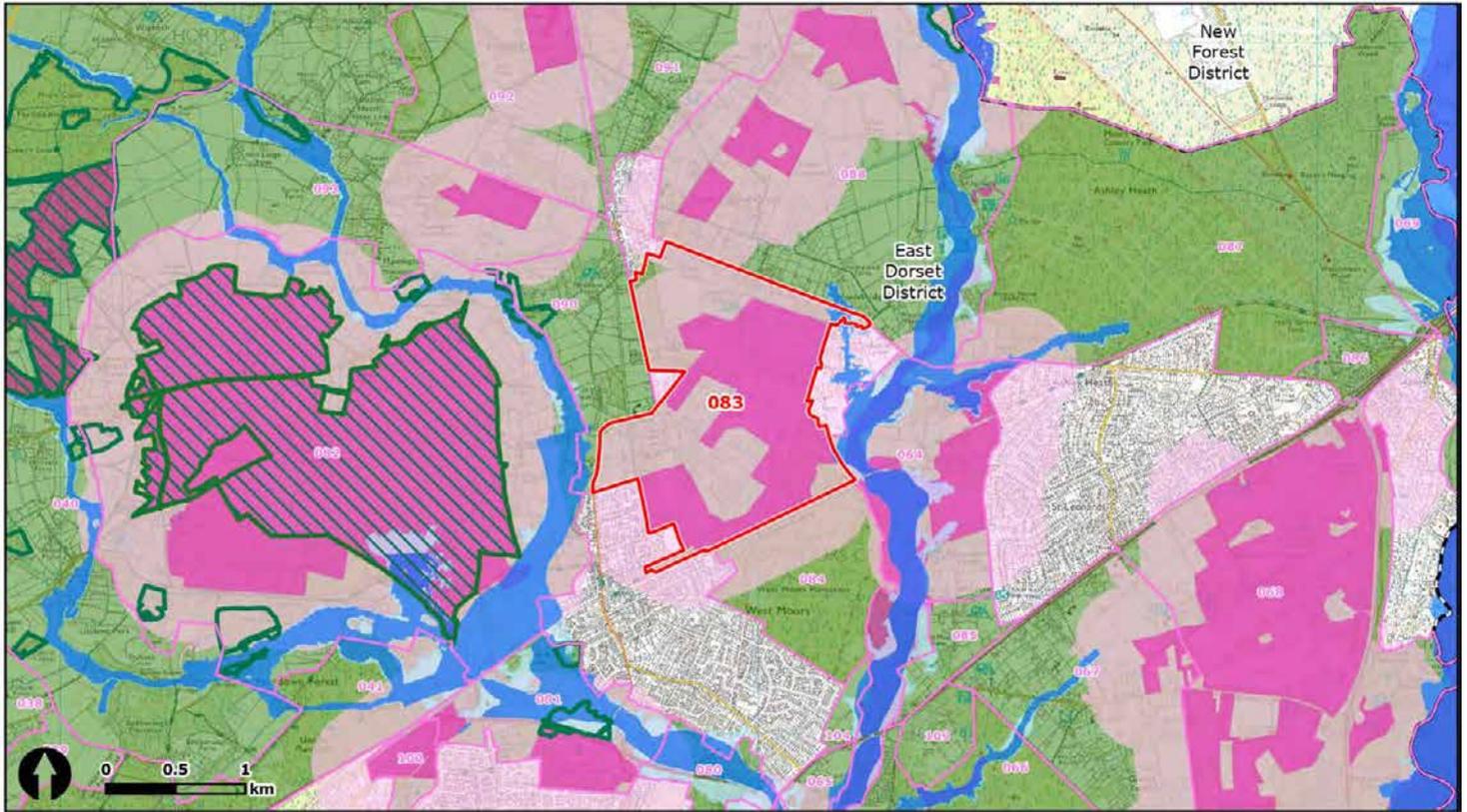
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Ashley, which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	Although Ashley is not defined as a Purpose 2 settlement for this study, development in this parcel may result in a reduction of the gap between Ringwood and St Leonards (identified as Purpose 2 settlements for this assessment). However, the River Avon provides a physical barrier to separate the settlements.	Moderate
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel does not currently contain any urbanising development, has the characteristics of open countryside and is strongly associated with the River Avon and the valley floor located to the east. The sloping landform creates a degree of separation from existing development in Ashley to the west.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



Looking west from the Avon Valley Path - the slivers of arable farmland are within the parcel, with the well-treed Avon Castle estate beyond

Parcel	083	West Moors - Depot	Area (ha)	260.5
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
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Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood
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Parcel	083	West Moors - Depot	Area (ha)	260.5
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Development/land use

This parcel contains a military fuel depot with associated roads and infrastructure. This is interspersed with areas of lowland heathland which form part of the Holt and West Moors Heaths SSSI and the associated Heathland 400m Zone. Areas of forestry are also located throughout, including around the boundaries of the parcel. Land contained within Policy VTSW6 of the Adopted Core Strategy, the expansion of the Woolsbridge industrial area, is adjacent to the east.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel is adjacent to both West Moors and Three Legged Cross, however there is a limited relationship with both settlements due to coniferous plantation, heathland fragments and open fields. Although the depot constitutes development it has a relatively low density of built structures.

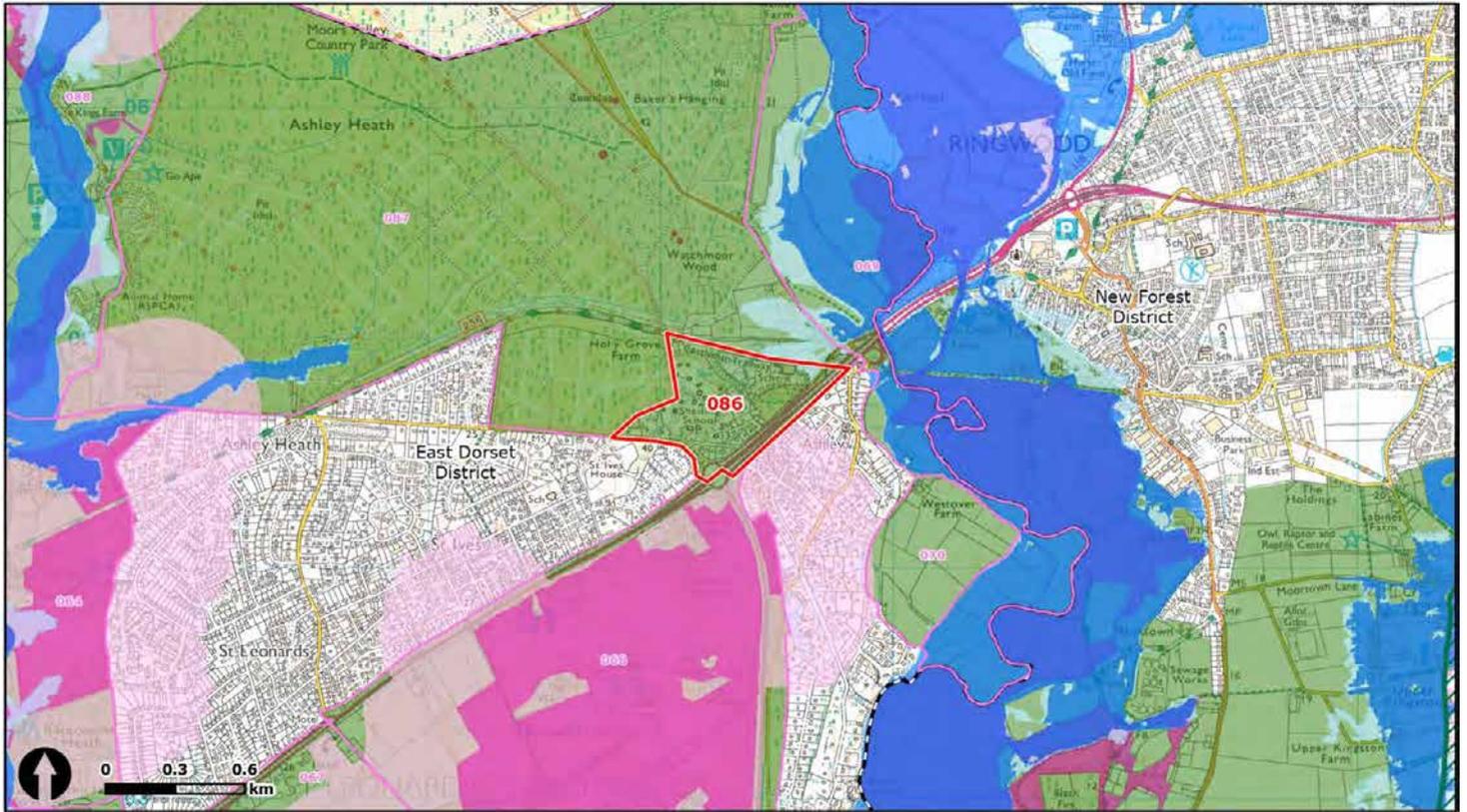
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to West Moors and Three Legged Cross. which are not considered to be large, built-up areas. Therefore, the parcel does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	Development in this parcel would result in the coalescence of West Moors and Three Legged Cross, and narrow the gap between West Moors and Verwood (both considered to be Purpose 2 towns). It also forms part of the gap between West Moors and St Leonards, although the Moors River Valley provides a physical feature that would continue to separate the towns.	Relatively strong
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The structures and hardstandings associated with the fuel depot, linear development along Ringwood Road and the proximity of inset commercial/industrial uses all have an impact on countryside character. However, the fuel depot includes, and is contained by, heathland and forest landscape elements which create separation from adjacent inset development, and it has a low density of built form which preserves openness and therefore a relationship with the wider countryside, including the forested area to the south.	Moderate
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



Looking east from West Moors Road

Parcel	086	Ashley - Sheiling	Area (ha)	30.2
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
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Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood		
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Parcel	086	Ashley - Sheiling	Area (ha)	30.2
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Development/land use

The parcel consists of the buildings of Sheiling School, set within well-treed surrounds, and a number of dwellings in linear form along Horton Road. The parcel is contained by the A31 dual carriageway/Horton Road to the south and a dismantled railway (now a public long distance track, the Castleman Trailway) to the north. Development at St Ives is adjacent to the south.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel contains some existing development with an urbanising influence, which weakens the separating role played by Horton Road, but the density of development is too low to significantly compromise openness. The Castleman Trailway does not represent a strong distinction in landscape character between the parcel and the fields and forest to the north.

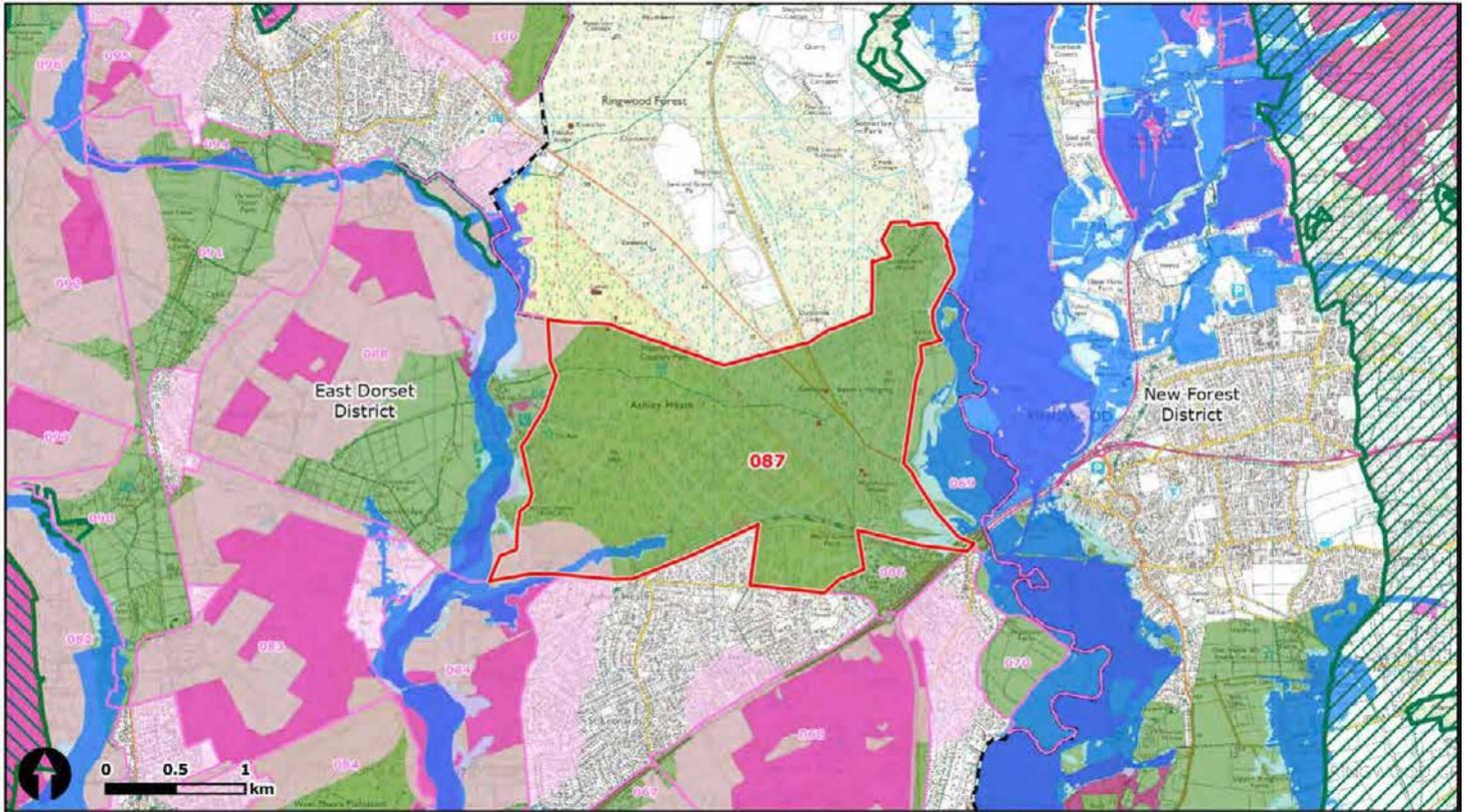
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to St Leonards/St Ives which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel forms part of the gap between St Leonards and Ringwood (within New Forest District), both of which are identified as Purpose 2 towns for this study. Development within the parcel would result in a significant narrowing of the physical gap between the two towns. However, the River Avon forms a physical barrier and sense of separation between the two towns.	Moderate
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	There are some existing urbanising features within the parcel, but the woodland in the parcel creates some distinction from the urban area, and an association with the larger forested area to the north.	Moderate
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

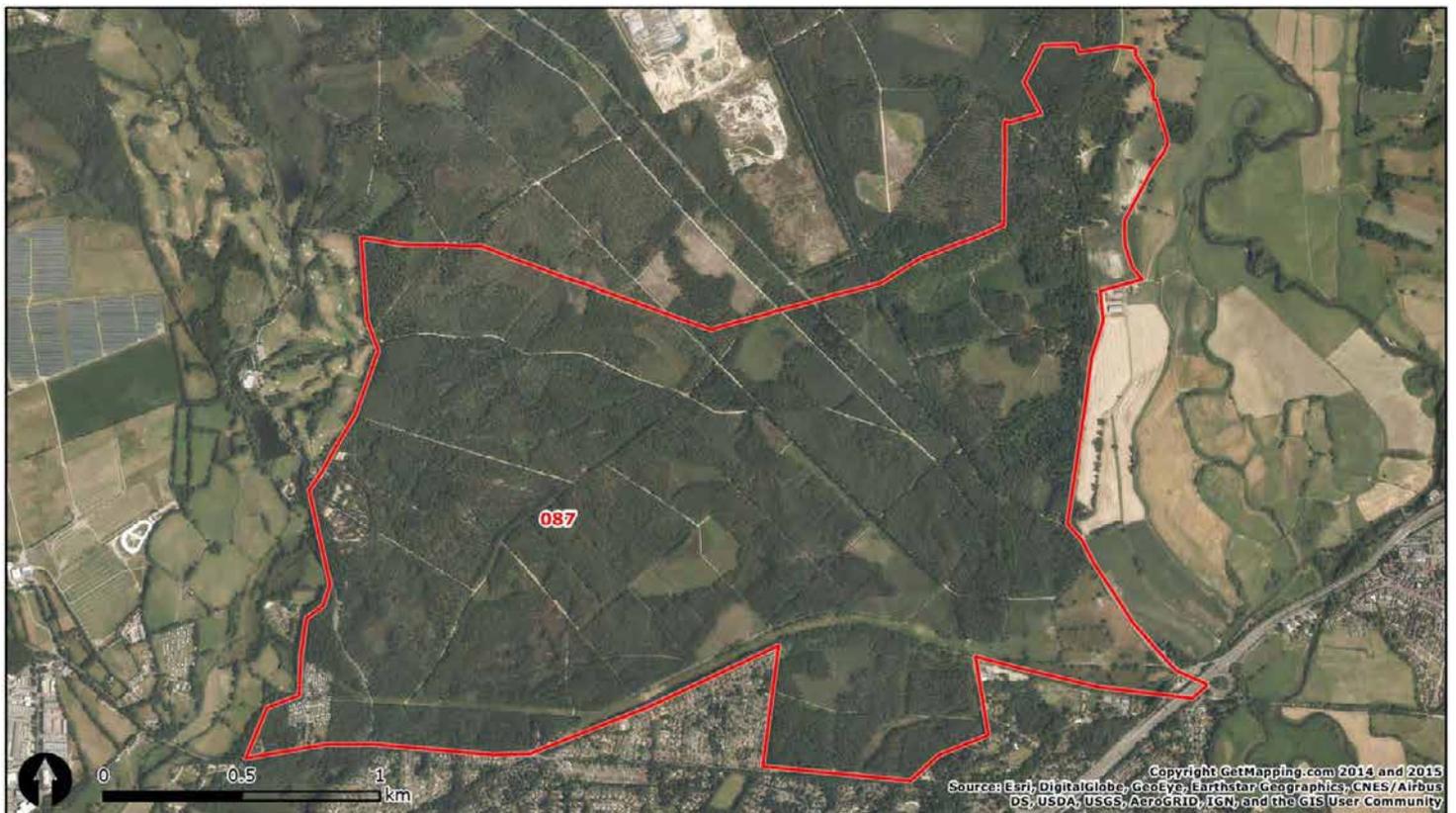


View south west from the Castleman Trailway near Hollygrove Farm

Parcel	087	Ashley Heath	Area (ha)	500.8
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
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Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood		
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Parcel	087	Ashley Heath	Area (ha)	500.8
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Development/land use

This parcel contains areas of extensive coniferous plantation at Ashley Heath with mixed woodland in the east and occasional patches of heathland. A caravan park and car parking for the Moors Valley Country Park are located in the south western corner. The urban edge of St Leonards/St Ives and the Castleman Trailway (along a dismantled railway line) are located along the southern boundary. The valley of the Moors River is located to the west of the parcel, while the valley of the River Avon is found to the east (including some land within Flood Zone 2). Areas of land within Flood Zone 3 are also located along a tributary stream of the Moors River. The north western and south western corners are included within Heathland 400m Zones associated with Ebblake Bog and Lions Hill.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

Although the parcel abuts existing development at St Leonards/St Ives to the south of the parcel, the relationship between the settlement and countryside is limited by a lack of intervisibility due to the dense woodland cover. The parcel has a strong association with the countryside to the north in Ringwood Forest, which comprises similar land cover.

Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to St Leonards which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel provides a gap between St Leonards, Verwood and Ringwood (in New Forest District), all of which are identified as Purpose 2 towns for this assessment. The River Avon provides a physical barrier between Ringwood and the other settlements, although there is no such physical barrier between St Leonards and Verwood. Smaller parts of the parcel would make a weaker contribution to this purpose than the area as a whole.	Relatively strong
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	There is little urbanising development in the parcel and it has a strong association with wider countryside of Ringwood Forest to the north which has similar landscape features of forestry interspersed with heathland. Although the parcel abuts existing development at St Leonards to the south, there is a sense of separation due to woodland limiting visibility between the settlement and the parcel, and the Castleman Trailway (along a dismantled railway) acts to contain the existing settlement. Development in this parcel would be perceived as significant encroachment into the countryside.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

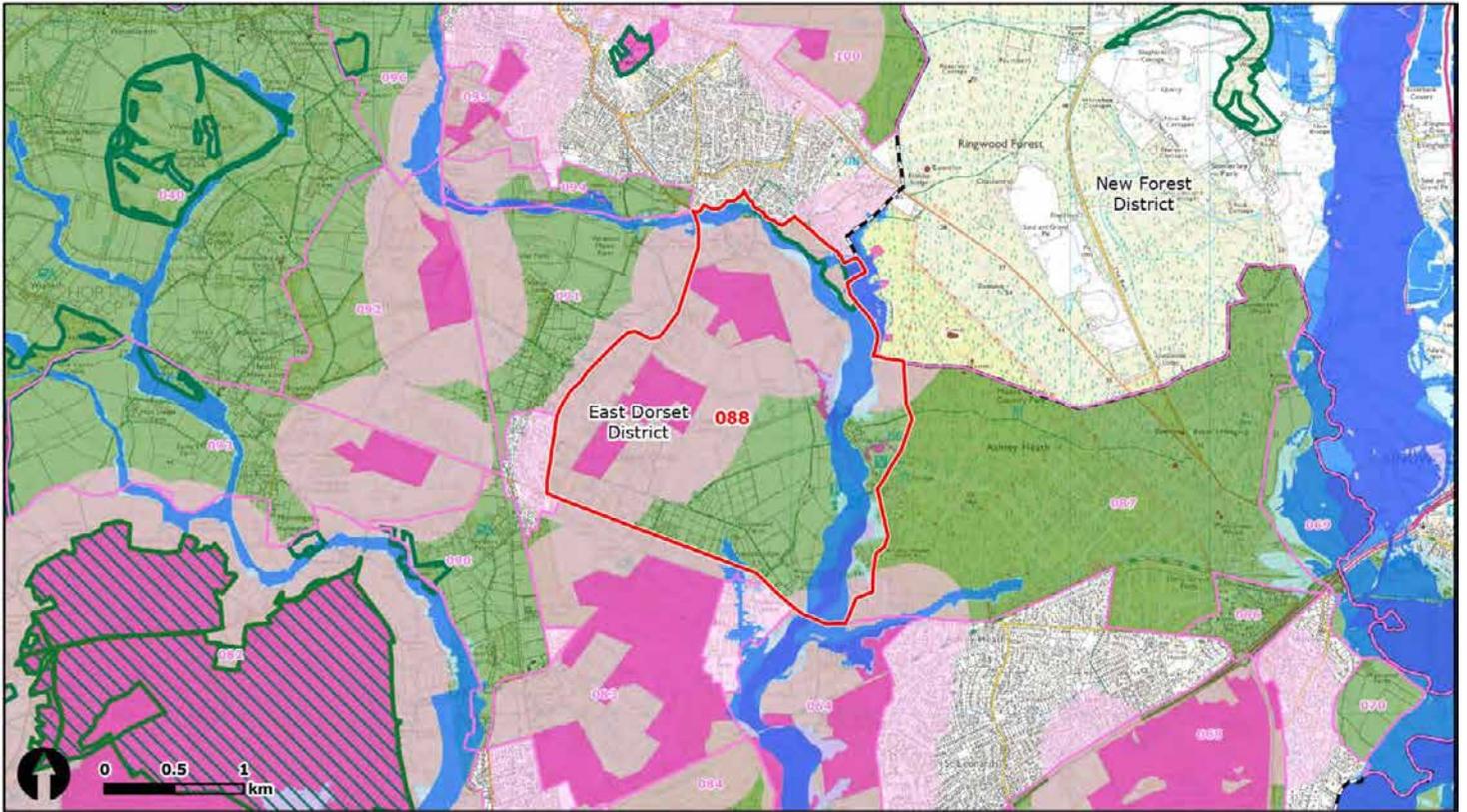


View north west from the Castleman Trailway

Settlement Area

Three Legged Cross and Verwood

Parcel	088	Moors River - Lower Common	Area (ha)	488.0
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



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Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood		
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Parcel	088	Moors River - Lower Common	Area (ha)	488.0
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Development/land use

The parcel contains a number of land uses, with areas of designated semi-natural heath, mixed farmland, horse paddocks, caravan park, a golf course and a solar farm. River Crane/Moors River located in the north and east of the parcel, and adjacent land is included within Flood Zone 3. Pockets of heathland which form part of the Holt and West Moors Heaths SSSI are included with the parcel, along with associated Heathland 400m Zones. There is existing linear development along Ringwood Road and Verwood Road. A small development of modern houses is located in the south of the parcel on Sandhurst Drive. Land contained within Policy VTSW6 of the Adopted Core Strategy is adjacent to the south.

Relationship between settlement and countryside
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The parcel has a sense of separation from Verwood due to the River Crane providing a barrier between the parcel and the settlement. The parcel is more closely associated with Three Legged Cross due to urban development along Ringwood Road and Verwood Road which emanates from the settlement. There is a limited relationship with the wider countryside due to surrounding development, urban fringe land uses and the presence of separation features including the Moors River.

Contribution to Green Belt purposes
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Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Verwood and Three Legged Cross which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel forms the main part of a gap which prevents the coalescence of Verwood and St Leonards (both of which are identified as Purpose 2 towns for this assessment) as well as Three Legged Cross. Development in this parcel would also lead to a reduction in the role of the Moors River in providing a separating feature between the settlements.	Relatively strong
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel contains some limited urbanising features, including linear development along Ringwood Road and Verwood Road. The parcel has some relationship with the existing settlements at Verwood and Three Legged Cross, but constitutes a sizeable area of countryside that also has a relationship with the open countryside to the west.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

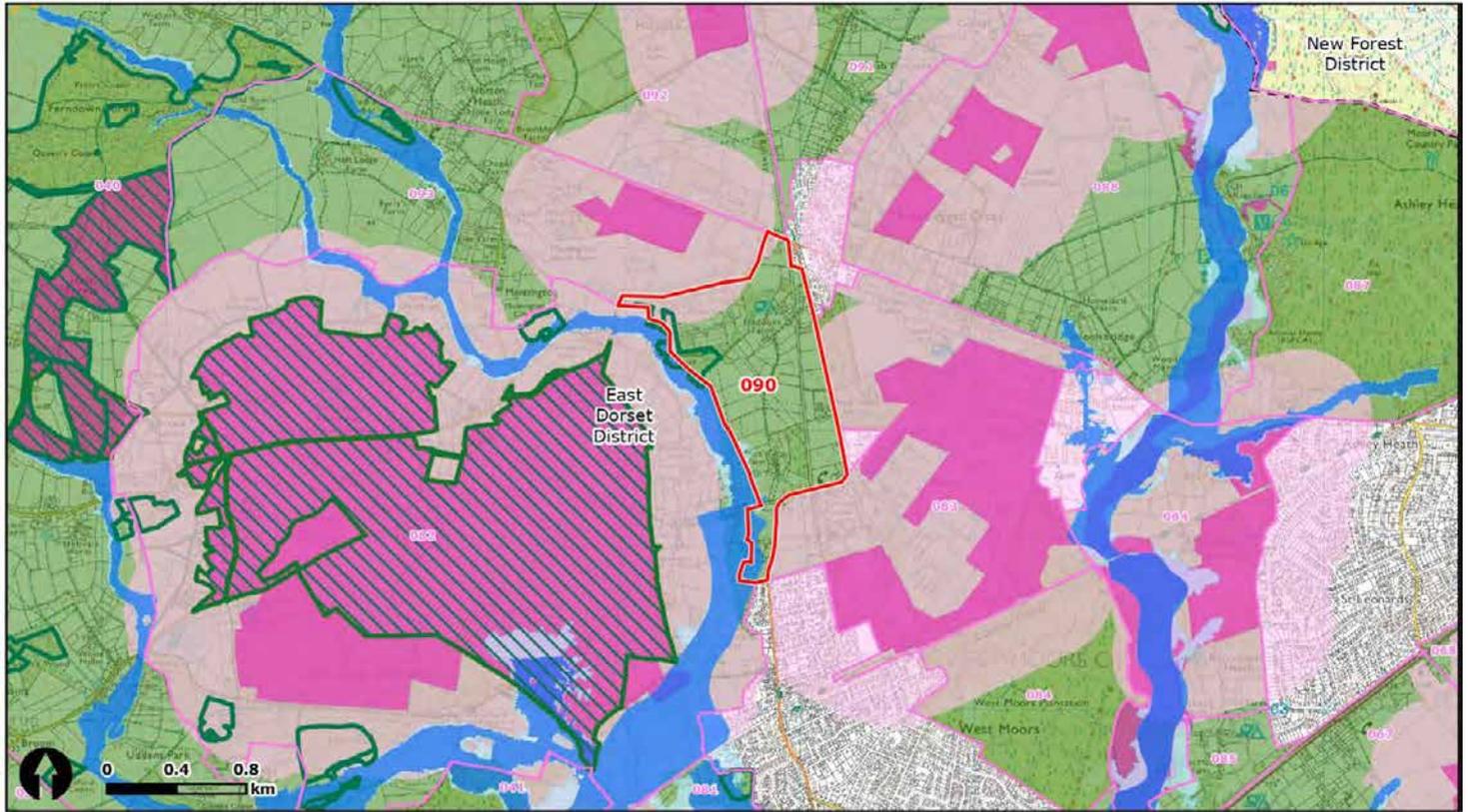


View north from bridleway east of Three Legged Cross

Settlement Area

Three Legged Cross and Verwood

Parcel	090	West Moors - Three Legged Cross	Area (ha)	100.5
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



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Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood
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Parcel	090	West Moors - Three Legged Cross	Area (ha)	100.5
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Development/land use

The parcel mainly comprises small pasture fields divided by hedgerows with trees and small copses of woodland. A number of farm buildings are scattered throughout the parcel and an electricity substation is located in the north western corner. The edge of Three Legged Cross is adjacent to the north east and West Moors is adjacent to the south.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

Although the parcel is adjacent to both West Moors and Three Legged Cross, it has a limited visual relationship with the settlements due to tree cover and relates more strongly to the open countryside to the west.

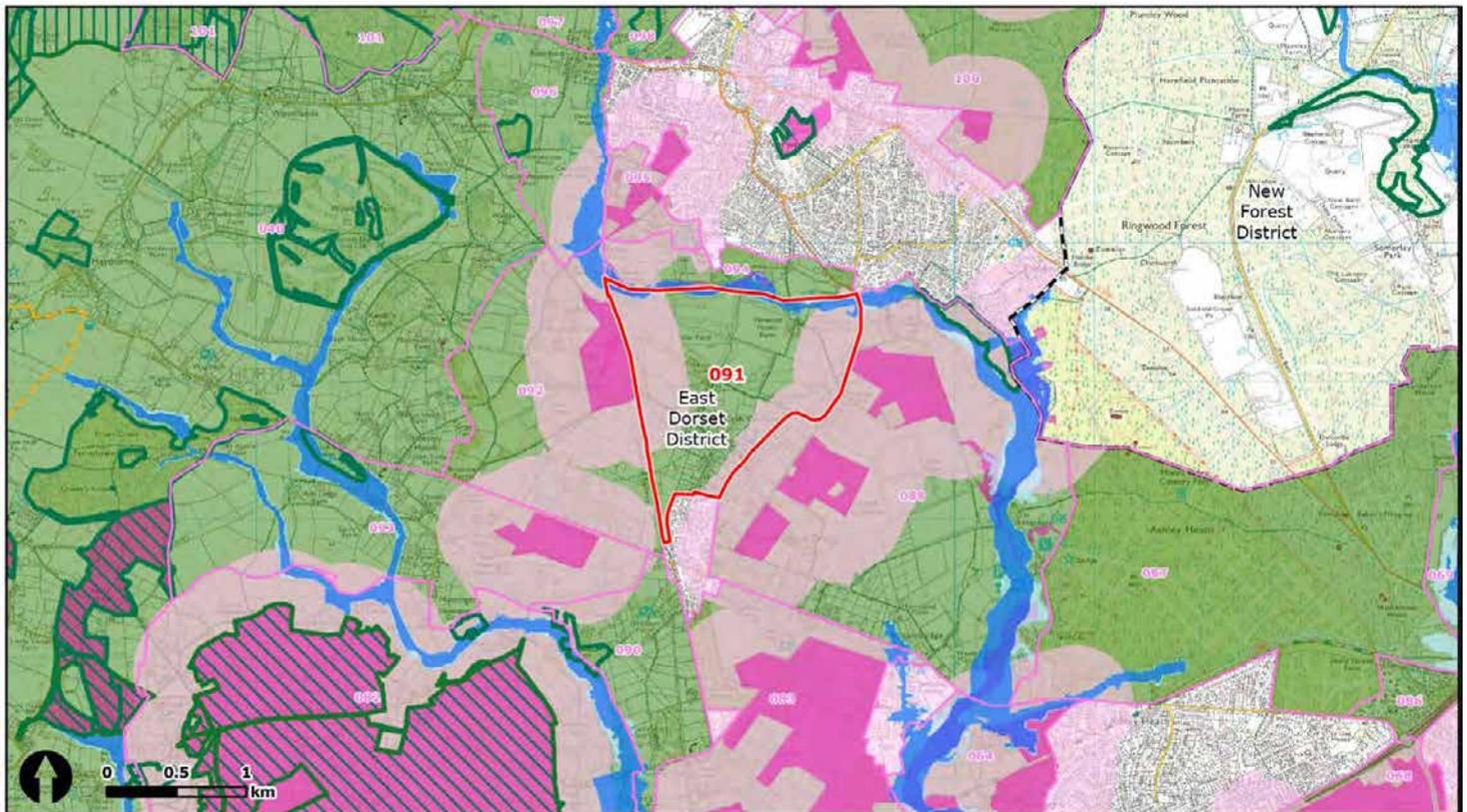
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Three Legged Cross which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel would cause coalescence between Three Legged Cross and West Moors, although Three Legged Cross is not considered to be a Purpose 2 town for this assessment. However, this in turn would result in a moderate narrowing of the gap between West Moors and Verwood (which are both Purpose 2 towns).	Moderate
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel has the characteristics of open countryside and a limited relationship with the adjacent settlements. Development within this parcel would be out of keeping with the existing form of Three Legged Cross and West Moors and would be perceived as encroachment into the countryside. There is no significant physical distinction between this area and the countryside to the west.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

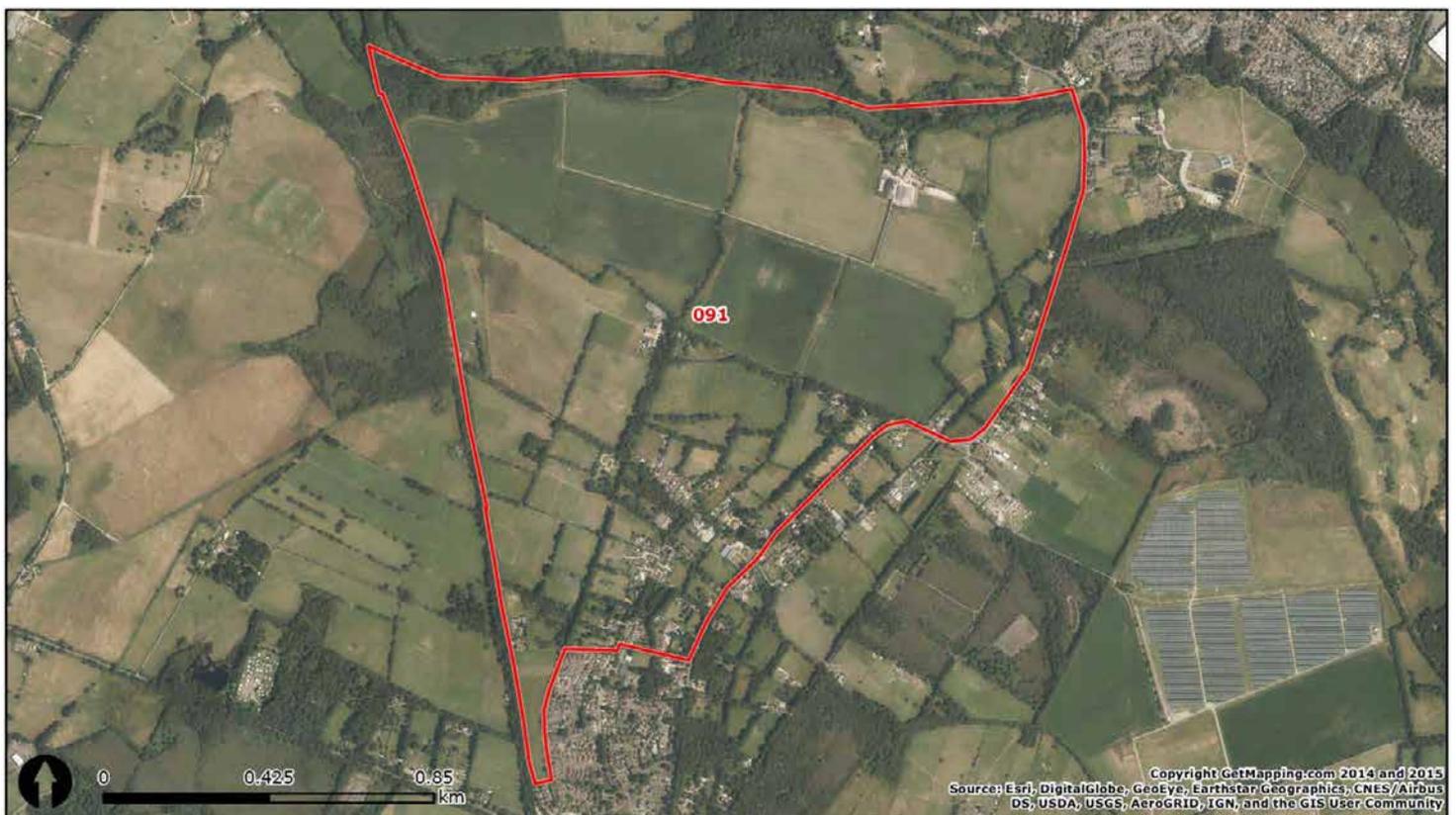


Looking east from Haddons Farm

Parcel	091	Verwood - Three Legged Cross	Area (ha)	186.8
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



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Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood		
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Parcel	091	Verwood - Three Legged Cross	Area (ha)	186.8
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Development/land use

The parcel comprises arable and pastoral farmland with areas of semi-natural lowland heathland and a solar farm in the north of the parcel. The eastern and western edges of the parcel are included with Heathland 400m Zones associated with Horton Common and Lower Common. There is linear residential development along Church Road and Sandy Lane in the south of the parcel, emanating from Three Legged Cross. The tree-lined course of the River Crane forms the northern boundary of the parcel - some of the land adjacent to the river falls within Flood Zone 3.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

Linear residential development along Church Road and Sandy Lane is already encroaching into the parcel and introducing some urbanising influences. The parcel also has an association with the countryside to the east and west which also comprises farmland with pockets of heathland.

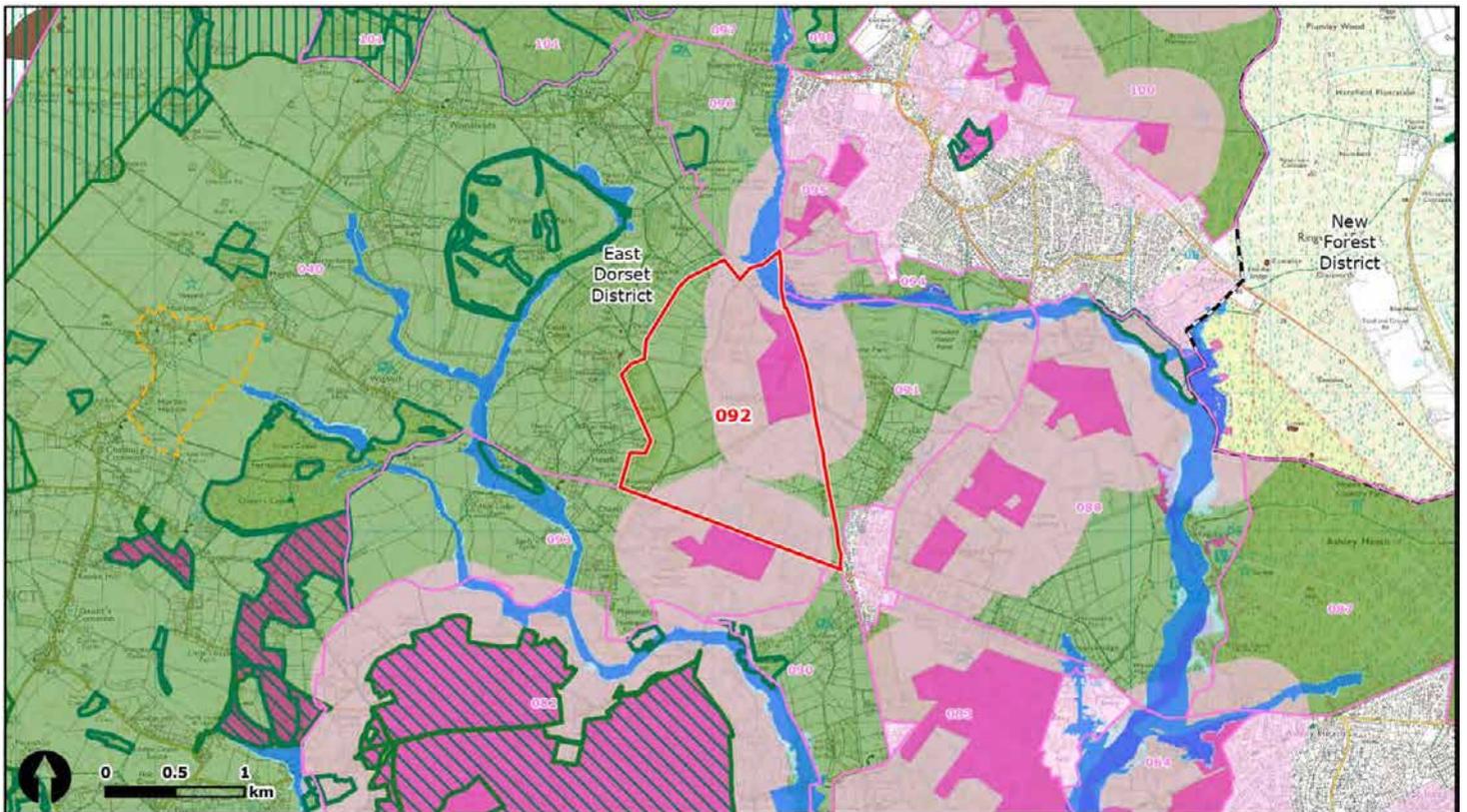
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Three Legged Cross which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel forms the majority of the gap between Verwood and Three Legged Cross, and development within this parcel would result in coalescence of these settlements. In turn, this would result in a significant narrowing of the gap between Verwood and West Moors, both of which are identified as Purpose 2 towns for this assessment.	Relatively strong
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Existing linear development in the south of the parcel introduces some urbanising influences into the parcel. The north of the parcel has the characteristics of open countryside and relates well to the wider countryside to the east and west which has similar land uses. Development within this parcel would be out of keeping with the existing settlement form of Verwood and Three Legged Cross and would be perceived as encroachment into the countryside.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



View north from bridleway south of Horton Farm

Parcel	092	Horton Common	Area (ha)	227.0
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



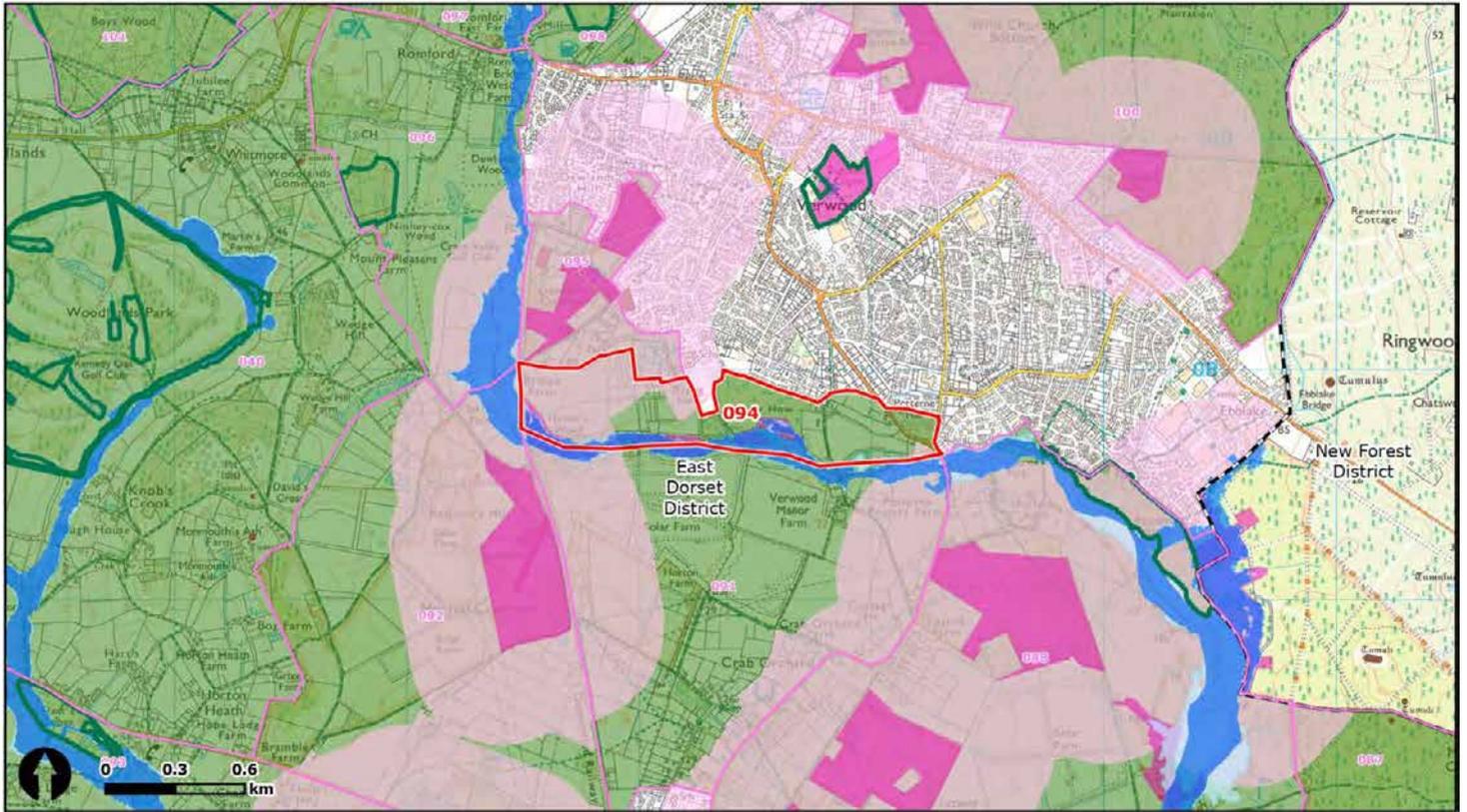
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Settlement Area		Three Legged Cross and Verwood			
Parcel	092	Horton Common		Area (ha)	227.0
Development/land use					
<p>This parcel comprises pastoral and arable farmland interspersed with heathland, including Horton Common SSSI which is located in the east of the parcel and its associated Heathland 400m Zone. Two solar farms are located in the centre of the parcel. A dismantled railway (some of which is now a bridleway) forms the eastern boundary, while Horton Road aligns with the southern boundary of the parcel. The north eastern corner of the parcel falls within Flood Zone 3, adjacent to the River Crane.</p>					
Relationship between settlement and countryside					
<p>Land within the parcel is generally more elevated than the surrounding land, sloping down towards the River Crane in the north. The parcel contains a few farm buildings and several isolated houses are located along Horton Road in the south of the parcel.</p>					
Contribution to Green Belt purposes					
Purpose	Comments			Rating	
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Three Legged Cross which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.			Weak or no contribution	
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel forms the majority of the gap between Verwood and Three Legged Cross, and development within this parcel would result in coalescence of these settlements. In turn, this would result in a significant narrowing of the gap between Verwood and West Moors, both of which are identified as Purpose 2 towns for this assessment.			Relatively strong	
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel has the characteristics of open countryside with no strong relationship with nearby settlements. Development within this parcel would be out of keeping with the existing settlement form of both Verwood and Three Legged Cross and there are no physical features to contain development or prevent further encroachment into the countryside.			Strong	
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.			Weak or no contribution	
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.			Not assessed	



Looking south from bridleway south of Horton Common

Parcel	094	Verwood - south	Area (ha)	52.6
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



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Settlement Area		Three Legged Cross and Verwood			
Parcel	094	Verwood - south		Area (ha)	52.6
Development/land use					
<p>This parcel contains a mixture of farmland and woodland (located in a copse at Heathy How and along the River Crane). Occasional farm buildings are located within the parcel. Part of the urban edge of Verwood is located along the northern boundary of the parcel, while the River Crane runs along the southern boundary. The area along the River Crane falls within Flood Zone 3. The western part of the parcel is included within the Heathland 400m Zone associated with Dewlands Common SSSI.</p>					
Relationship between settlement and countryside					
<p>Visibility between the adjacent settlement at Verwood and the parcel is limited by woodland. The parcel is associated with the open countryside to the south across the River Crane. There are no significant urbanising influences within the parcel and it retains the characteristics of open countryside.</p>					
Contribution to Green Belt purposes					
Purpose	Comments			Rating	
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Verwood which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.			Weak or no contribution	
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel is adjacent to Verwood, which is identified as a Purpose 2 settlement for this study. However, the parcel is a considerable distance from any other Purpose 2 town, so loss of openness in this parcel would have a negligible impact on the separation of towns.			Weak or no contribution	
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel has an open character, with a lack of urbanising influences. The relationship with the settlement edge to the north is limited by woodland. Development within the parcel would constitute encroachment, but the River Crane provides a physical barrier which would limit the extent of encroachment into the countryside.			Relatively strong	
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.			Weak or no contribution	
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.			Not assessed	

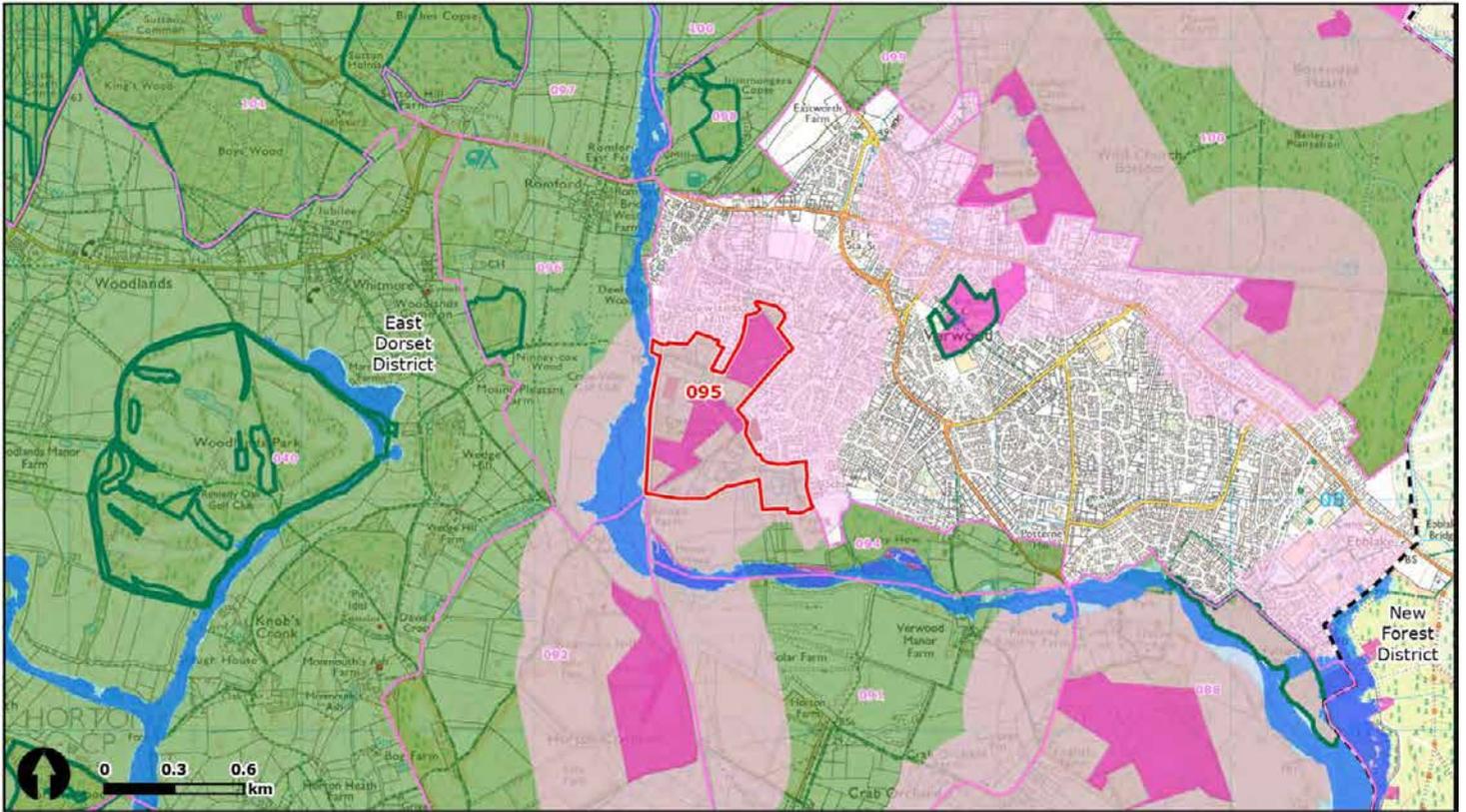


View east from St Michaels Road

Settlement Area

Three Legged Cross and Verwood

Parcel	095	Verwood - Dewlands Common	Area (ha)	36.4
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



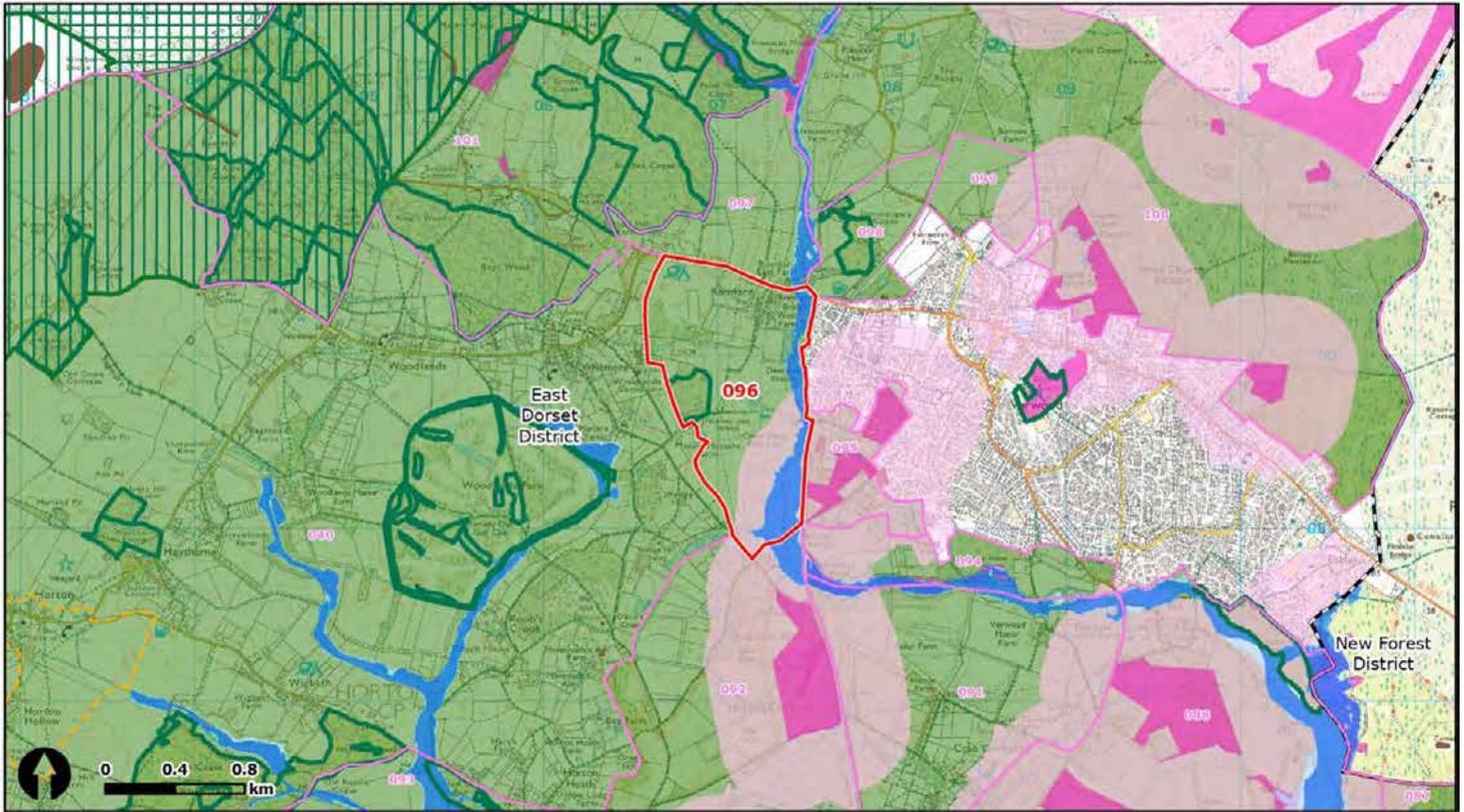
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Settlement Area		Three Legged Cross and Verwood			
Parcel	095	Verwood - Dewlands Common		Area (ha)	36.4
Development/land use					
<p>This parcel contains numerous small pasture fields and horse paddocks divided by woodland and hedgerows which surround semi-natural heathland and woodland at Dewlands Common Heathland (which forms part of Verwood Heaths SSSI). The entirety of the parcel is included within the Heathland 400m Zone. A dismantled railway forms the western edge of the parcel, while the urban edge of Verwood abuts the parcel to the north. There are a number of existing buildings in the parcel, including Oakdene Farm and isolated houses on Horton Way and Margards Lane.</p>					
Relationship between settlement and countryside					
<p>The parcel is related to both the wider countryside and the existing settlement. Existing settlement at Verwood abuts northern and the eastern parts of the parcel, but dwellings within the parcel are widely-spaced and set in well-treed surrounds. Woodland and semi-natural heathland land cover relates to the undeveloped open countryside to the south of the parcel.</p>					
Contribution to Green Belt purposes					
Purpose	Comments			Rating	
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Verwood which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.			Weak or no contribution	
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	This parcel is adjacent to Verwood, which is identified as a Purpose 2 settlement for this study, however, the parcel is a considerable distance from any other town, so loss of openness in this parcel would have a negligible impact on the separation of towns.			Weak or no contribution	
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel relates to both the wider countryside and existing settlement at Verwood. The parcel sloping down towards the River Crane (located to the west) and relates to the open countryside beyond. Tree cover creates visual separation between the parcel and the settlement. In the eastern part of the parcel there is a closer relationship between the parcel and the existing settlement at Verwood. Existing development does not significantly compromise openness in the parcel.			Relatively strong	
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.			Weak or no contribution	
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.			Not assessed	



Looking north across Dewlands Common from Horton Lane

Parcel	096	Verwood - Romford south	Area (ha)	112.9
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



Settlement Area		Three Legged Cross and Verwood		
Parcel	096	Verwood - Romford south	Area (ha)	112.9
Development/land use				
Crane Valley Golf Course comprises the majority of this parcel. Several pasture fields occur in the north east of the parcel, whilst blocks of woodland are found to the west and south. Development in the parcel is limited to farms and the golf club house. The southern part of the parcel is included within the Heathland 400m Zone associated with Dewlands Common. The River Crane runs along the eastern boundary of the parcel, with the Dewlands Hill area of Verwood abutting the parcel along this edge. The area around the River Crane is included within Flood Zone 3.				
Relationship between settlement and countryside				
The parcel is physically separated from the existing settlement at Verwood by the River Crane. The sloping valley landform also creates a perceptual sense of separation from the existing settlement.				

Contribution to Green Belt purposes		
Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Verwood which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	Verwood is defined as a Purpose 2 town for the purposes of this study. However, it is a considerable distance from any other town, and therefore makes a weak contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel lacks existing urbanising development and retains the characteristics of open countryside. The River Crane is a boundary feature between the existing settlement and this parcel. Development within the parcel would be out of keeping with the existing settlement pattern, compromise the existing sense of openness and result in a perception of encroachment into the countryside and therefore this parcel would make a strong contribution to this purpose.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

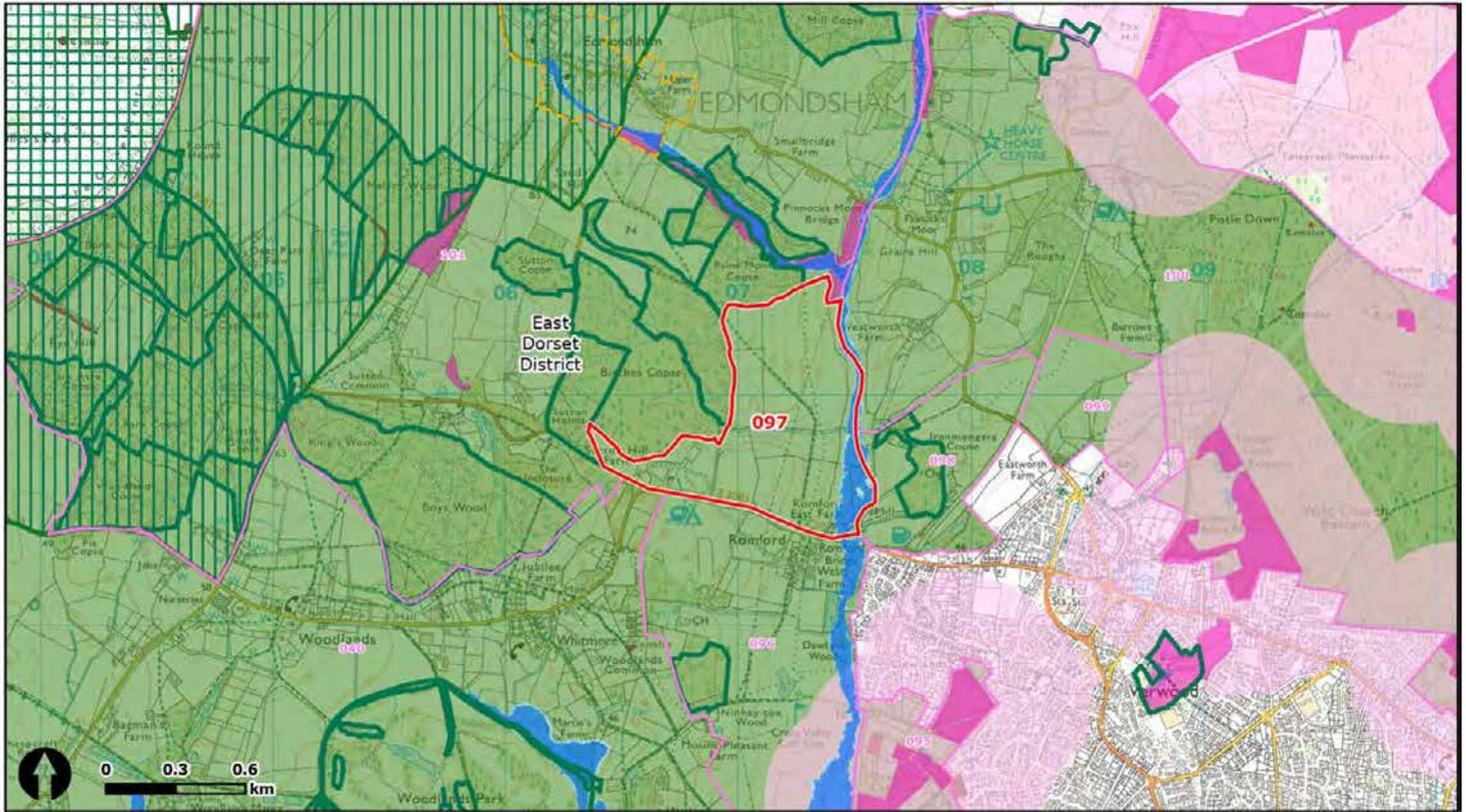


View south across Crane Valley Golf Club

Settlement Area

Three Legged Cross and Verwood

Parcel	097	Verwood - Romford north	Area (ha)	64.6
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood
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Parcel	097	Verwood - Romford north	Area (ha)	64.6
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Development/land use

This parcel is primarily comprised of arable fields, with a camping and caravanning site located in the south west of the parcel. The River Crane forms the boundary to the east while the parcel is bounded by mixed woodland at Birches Copse and Pains Moor Copse to the north and west. The B3081 forms the southern boundary. Several isolated houses are located along the road. The eastern part of the parcel along the River Crane is included within Flood Zone 3.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel is physically separated from existing settlement at Verwood by the River Crane. Although there are some views of the settlement, the parcel has a stronger relationship with open countryside to the south and east.

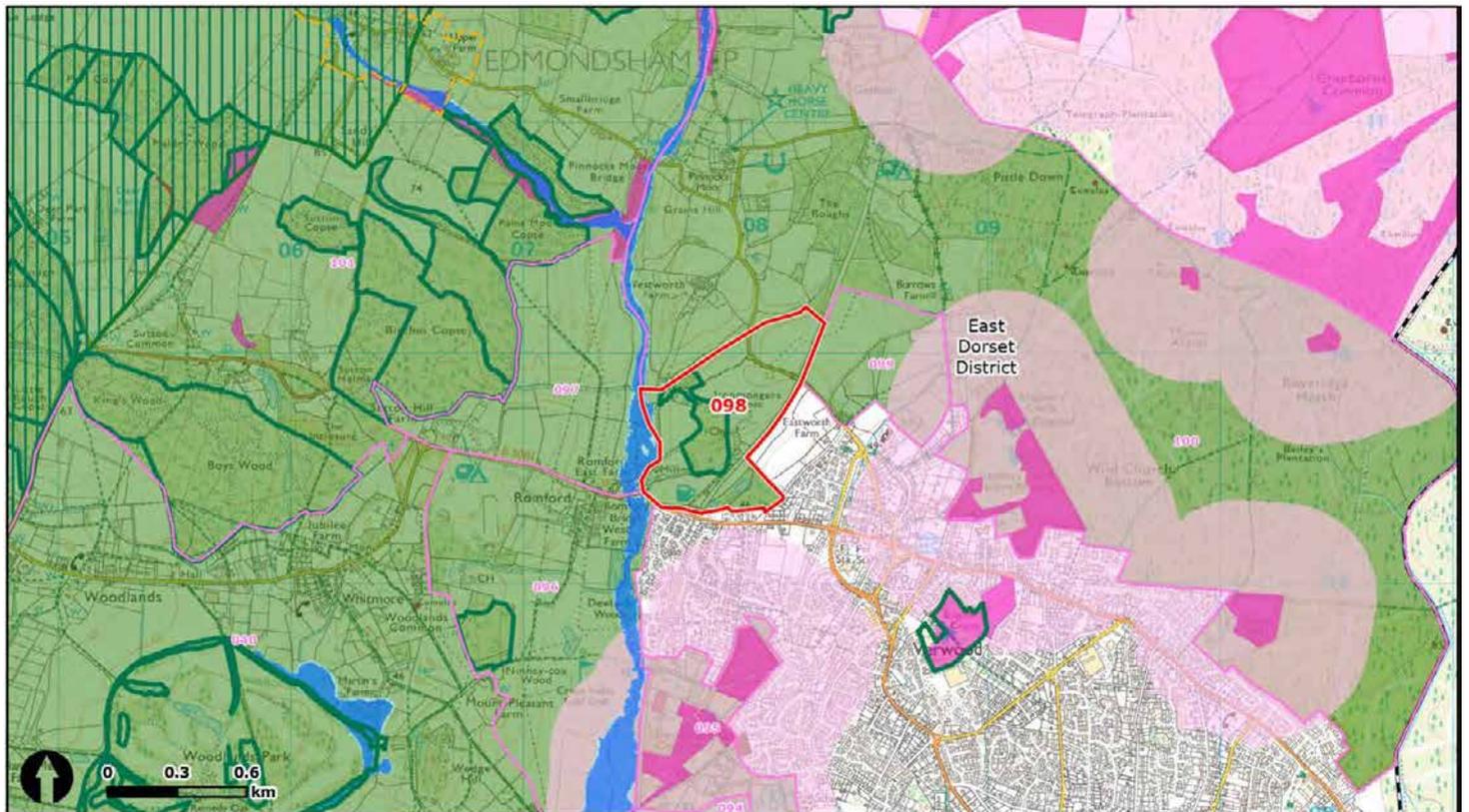
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies close to Verwood, which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel is adjacent to Verwood, which is identified as a Purpose 2 settlement for this study. However, the parcel is a considerable distance from any other town, so loss of openness in this parcel would have a negligible impact on the separation of towns.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	This parcel has the characteristics of open countryside and contains no significant urbanising features. The River Crane forms a barrier between the parcel and existing settlement at Verwood, creating separation between them. The parcel relates more strongly to open countryside to the east of the River Crane (north of Verwood). Development within this parcel would be out of keeping with the existing settlement form of Verwood.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



View east from footpath near Romford East Farm

Parcel	098	Verwood - north west	Area (ha)	40.6
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
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Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood		
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Parcel	098	Verwood - north west	Area (ha)	40.6
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Development/land use

The parcel consists of arable and pastoral fields divided by hedgerows and interspersed with woodland blocks (some of which is ancient woodland). A dismantled railway forms the eastern edge. The River Crane forms the western boundary, with a tributary stream running along the north-western boundary. The southern edge is contained by Station Road and the urban edge of existing settlement at Verwood. There are number of buildings related to farming/agriculture within the parcel. Land contained within Policy VTSW4 in the Adopted Core Strategy is located to the south east of the parcel.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The landform slopes down towards the north and west and therefore has an association with open countryside across the valleys of the River Crane and its tributary stream. The southern part of the parcel has a stronger visual relationship with the existing settlement to the south although there is a barrier between the parcel and the settlement formed by Station Road.

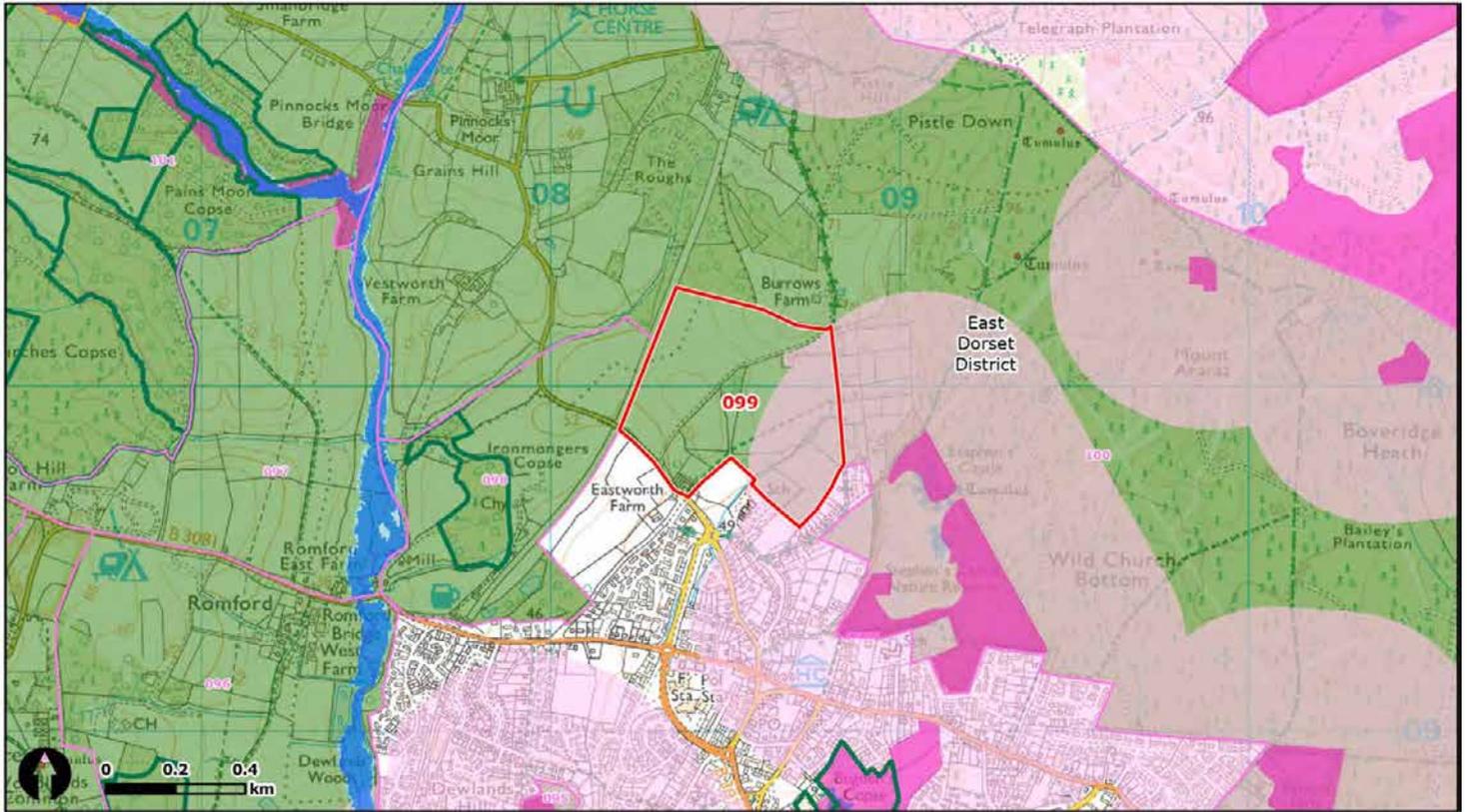
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Verwood which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	Although Verwood is identified as a Purpose 2 settlement for this study, the parcel is a considerable distance from any other town, so loss of openness in this parcel would have a negligible impact on the separation of towns.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	There are no significant urbanising features within the parcel and it is perceived as open countryside. The land in the parcel slopes down towards the River Crane and therefore relates strongly to the open countryside to the west. The southern part of the parcel has a closer relationship with existing development at Verwood. Development within this parcel would likely be perceived as encroachment into the countryside although would be contained by the River Crane and its tributary stream.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



Looking north west from Brickyard Lane

Parcel	099	Verwood - north	Area (ha)	29.2
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood
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Parcel	099	Verwood - north	Area (ha)	29.2
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Development/land use

The parcel contains a number of fields used as grazing land, separated by a mixture of hedges and trees. The eastern part of the parcel is contained within the Heathland 400m Zone associated with Verwood Heaths SSSI. A couple of farm houses and associated agricultural buildings are located in the parcel. A dismantled railway forms the western boundary, while a by-way runs along the eastern edge. Land within Policy VTSW4 of the Adopted Core Strategy is located to the south west of the parcel.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel has relationship between both the existing settlement and the wider countryside. The farm buildings within the parcel do not introduce significant urbanising influences. There are views to existing linear development located along Coopers Lane/Burrows Lane to the east of the parcel.

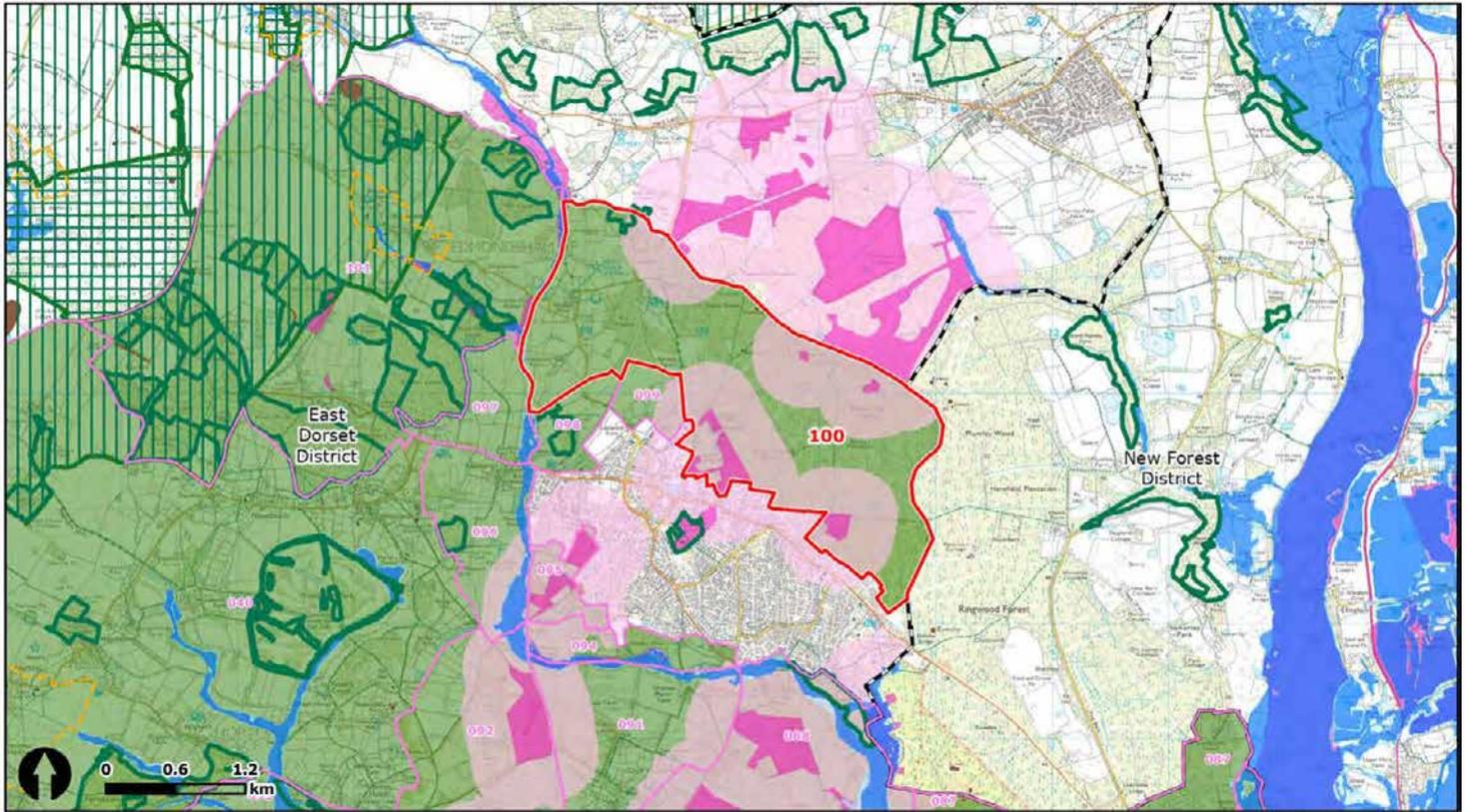
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	This parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and development within this parcel would be closely associated with Verwood. Therefore there is limited potential for urban sprawl in this parcel and it makes a weak contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel is adjacent to Verwood, which is a Purpose 2 settlement, although this parcel does not form a gap between Verwood and other settlements. Therefore, it would not be perceived as narrowing the gap between towns.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel has an open character with no significant urbanising features and relates well to open countryside adjacent to the west. The parcel has a visual relationship with existing linear development along Coopers Lane/Burrows Lane to the south east of the parcel. Development of this parcel is likely to be perceived as encroachment into the countryside, although existing woodland surrounding the parcel may act to contain the parcel.	Relatively strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

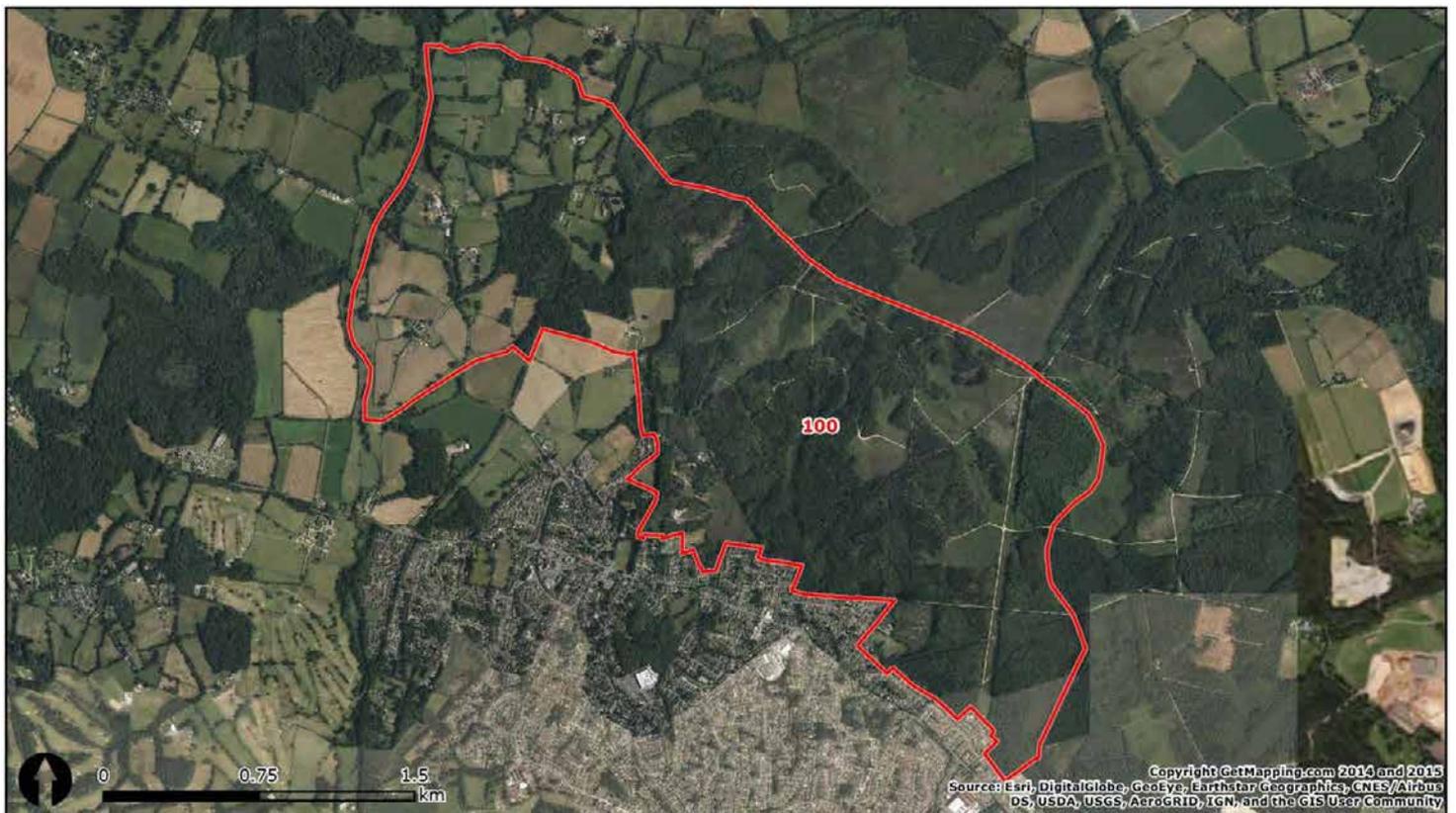


Looking south west towards the northern edge of Verwood from Burrows Lane

Parcel	100	Verwood - Boveridge Heath	Area (ha)	538.1
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



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Settlement Area	Three Legged Cross and Verwood		
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Parcel	100	Verwood - Boveridge Heath	Area (ha)	538.1
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Development/land use

The eastern part of this relatively large parcel contains plantation woodland interspersed with areas of heathland at Boveridge Heath. Four areas of heath are designated as SPA/SAC/SSSI and the Heathland 400m Zone covers much of the eastern area of the parcel. The western part of the parcel consists of a number of fields used for arable cropping and grazing, divided by trees and hedgerows. Development is sparse and relates to agricultural or forestry use. The River Crane runs along the western boundary of the parcel, while much of the southern boundary is contiguous with the urban edge of Verwood. Land within Policy VTSW5 of the Adopted Core Strategy is adjacent to the south east of the parcel.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The western part of the parcel slopes down towards the valley containing the River Crane and Chalybeate Spring with views across to the open countryside to the west. There is limited visibility of the settlement from the parcel due to the plantation woodland. The sloping landform also reduces the relationship of the countryside within the parcel to the settlement (Verwood is located on lower ground). The parcel has a strong relationship with countryside to the north and east which also comprises plantation woodland interspersed with areas of heathland.

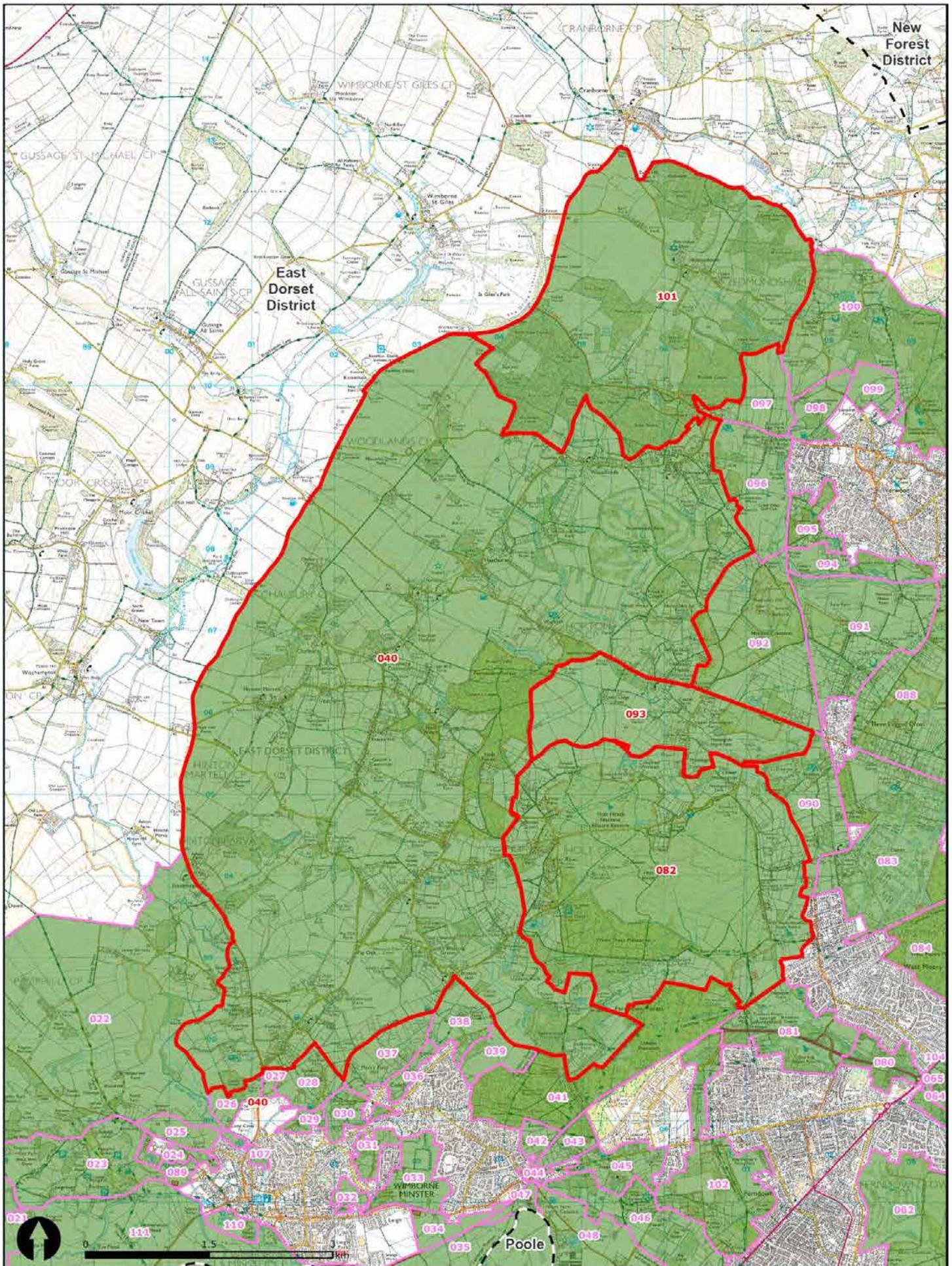
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel lies adjacent to Verwood which is not considered to be a large, built-up area. Therefore, the parcel is not considered to contribute towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large, built-up areas.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The parcel is adjacent to Verwood, which is identified as a Purpose 2 settlement for this study. However, the parcel is a considerable distance from any other town, so loss of openness in this parcel would have a negligible impact on the separation of towns.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The existing settlement of Verwood is located on lower ground, while the land in this parcel rises up, creating a sense of separation. The extensive plantation woodland also reduces the visual relationship with the existing settlement. The parcel strongly relates to open countryside to the north and east which also comprises forestry interspersed with heathland. The western part of the parcel slopes down towards the River Crane valley located the west and the open countryside beyond. Existing development in the parcel is limited to occasional agricultural or forestry related buildings and the features within the parcel are characteristic of open countryside.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



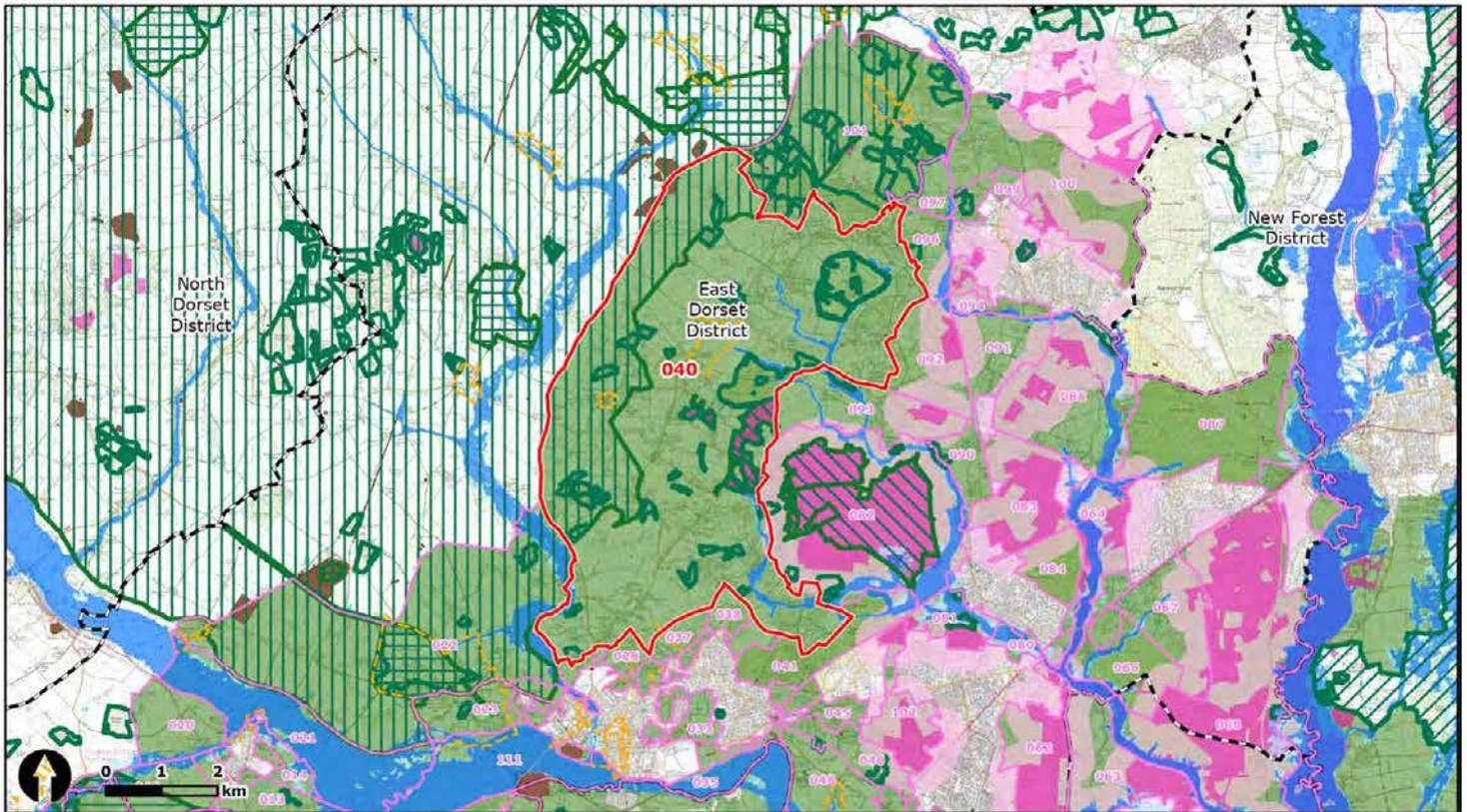
View south across Stephen's Castle Nature Reserve from bridleway

North-western Green Belt

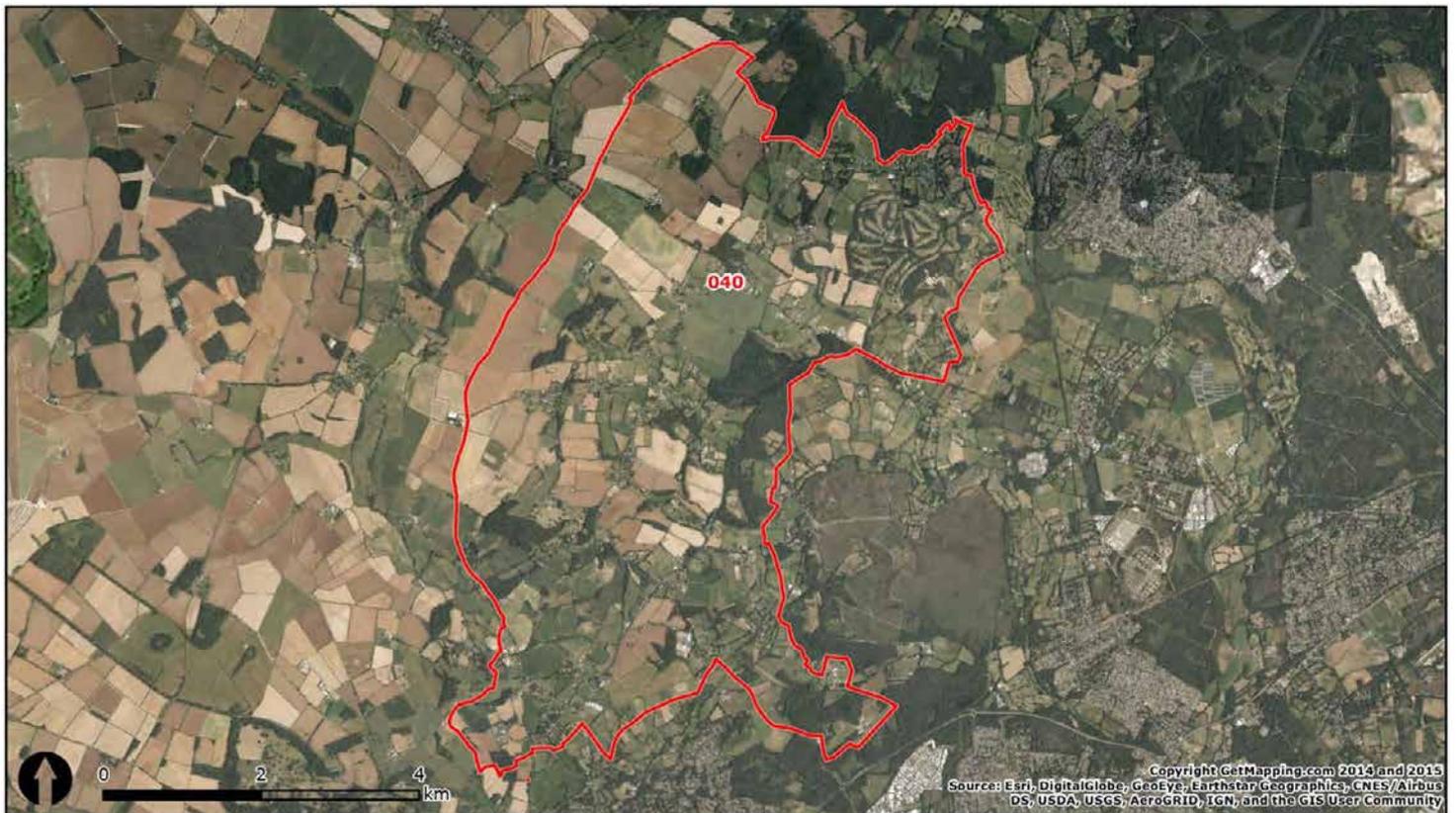


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- Other Settlement area Green Belt Parcel
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- Green Belt

Parcel	040	North west villages	Area (ha)	3,635.5
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
| Urban Extension | Scheduled Monument | Registered Parks and Gardens |
| | | Conservation Area |



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Settlement Area	The north-western part of the Green Belt
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Parcel	040	North west villages	Area (ha)	3,635.5
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Development/land use

This parcel comprises all of the north-western section of the Green Belt in East Dorset, from Furzehill in the south-west to Bedborough Plantation in the south-east, and from just south of Wimborne St Giles in the north-west to Whitmore in the north-east. This rolling landscape encompasses a mix of arable and pastoral farmland, with a significant woodland component. There are a number of small villages and hamlets, notable Holt, Gaunts, Gaunt's Common, Furzehill, Broom Hill, Hinton Martell, Chalbury, Chalbury Common, Horton, Woodlands and Whitmore. The B3078 marks the western edge of the parcel and also of the Green Belt.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel does not abut any inset (i.e. non-Green Belt) settlements. None of the villages or hamlets within in are of a scale, form, character or density that has any significant urbanising influence on the surrounding countryside. The area therefore has a strong sense of separation from urban areas.

Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel is a significant distance from the large, built-up area of Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch, with the inset settlements of Wimborne and Colehill, and Oakley/Merley/Canford Magna, lying in-between. It therefore makes no contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	There are no towns adjacent to the parcel and no towns close to the Green Belt's outer (western) edge. The parcel therefore makes no significant contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The absence of urbanising development across this large area, and its remoteness from inset settlements, means that any strategic development would constitute significant encroachment on countryside.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel does not contribute to the setting or special character of any historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

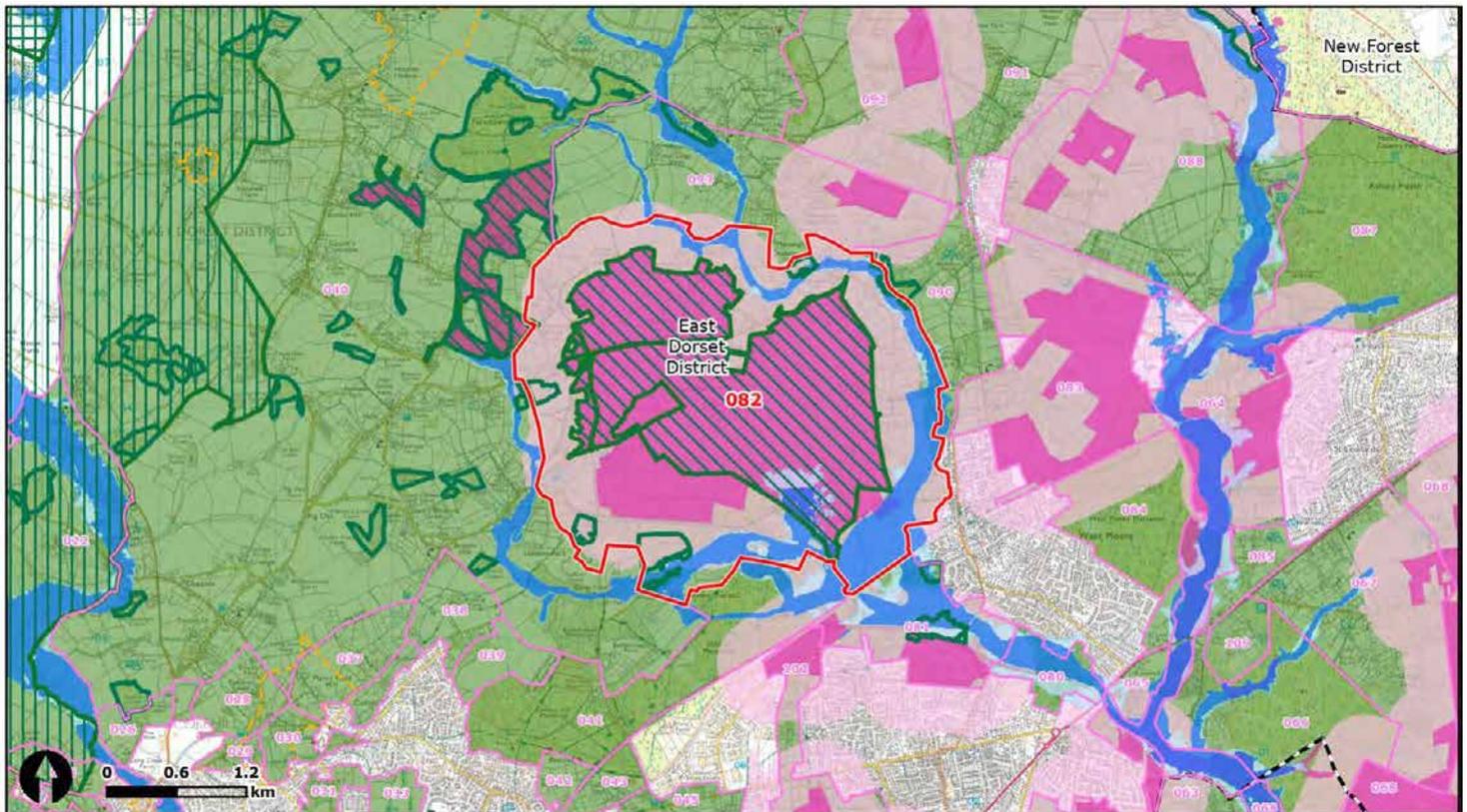


Looking south-east towards Chalky Close Copse from God's Blessing Lane, Pig Oak

Settlement Area

The north-western part of the Green Belt

Parcel	082	Holt Heath	Area (ha)	959.8
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
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Settlement Area	The north-western part of the Green Belt		
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Parcel	082	Holt Heath	Area (ha)	959.8
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Development/land use

Holt Heath is an extensive area of heathland and forestry plantation, located to the west of West Moors. The parcel includes the SPA/SAC designated heath together with surrounding farmland, mostly small, hedged pastures close to the watercourses that frame the heath: Uddens Water and its tributaries to the south and west, and Mannington Brook and tributaries to the east and north. There are some woodlands along the southern and western fringes of the parcel. The heath itself has no built development, but there are a number of hamlets fringing it, including Lower Mannington, Holt Heath, Higher Row and Lower Row, plus occasional farmsteads and some scattered dwellings along Newman's Lane, near the eastern edge of the parcel. All of the area falls within the Heathland 400m Zone.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

Holt Heath has a strong physical identity and a visually open, expansive and undeveloped character that makes it very distinct from urban development at West Moors. The woodland blocks and hedged pastures that separate the heath from West Moors have only scattered built development and retain a strong, rural character that is consistent in character with the land surrounding the other sides of Holt Heath.

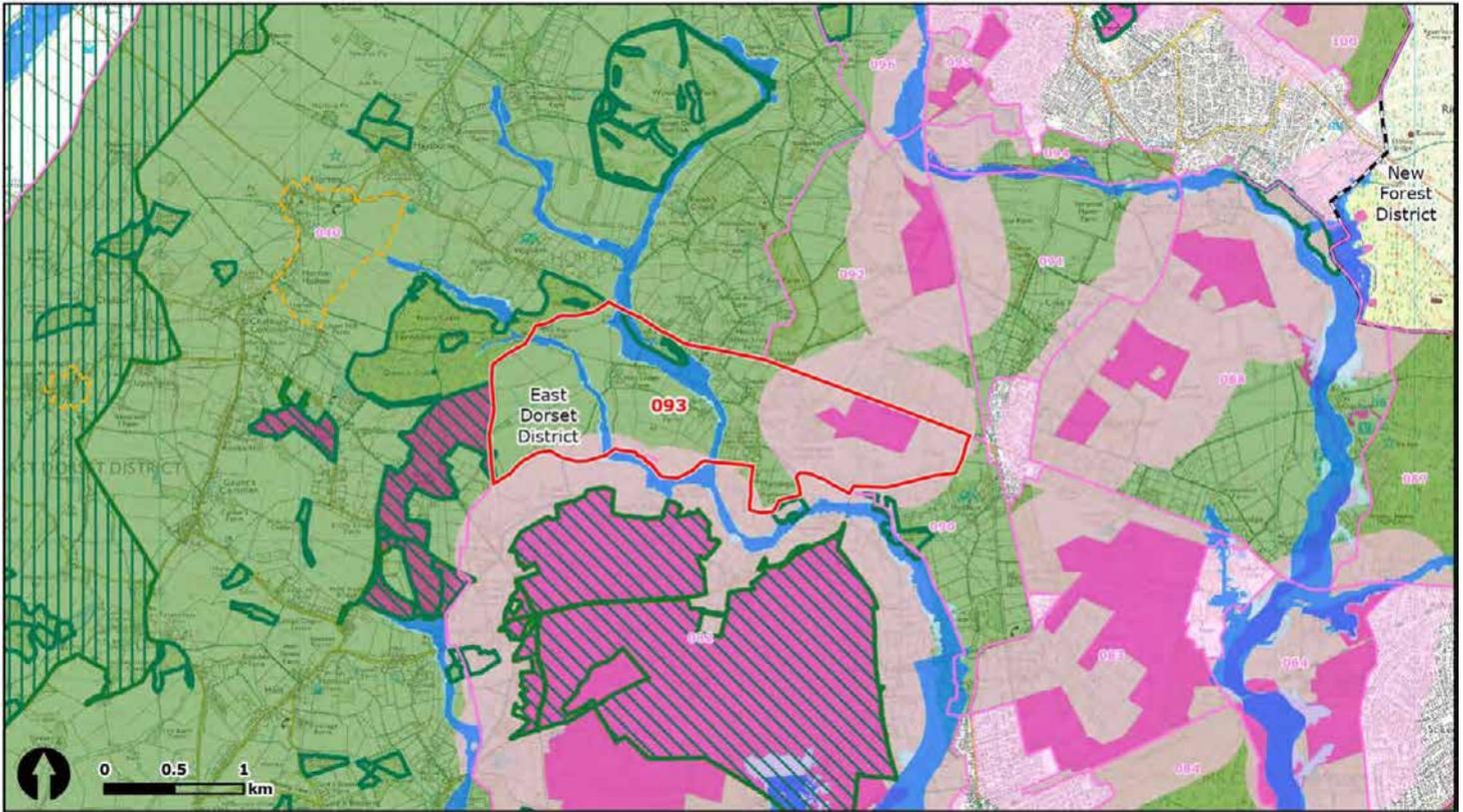
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The nearest large, built-up area is the Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch conurbation, so this parcel is too distant to play a role in preventing its expansion. The nearest large, built-up area is the Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch conurbation, so this parcel is too distant to play a role in preventing its expansion.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	Holt Heath's location to the west of West Moors means that it does not play a strong role in separating towns, but it makes a limited contribution to the perception of separation between West Moors and Verwood.	Relatively weak
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Aside from land on the immediate fringe of West Moors, the parcel is countryside with distinct separation from urban areas, in particular Holt Heath which has a homogeneous, undeveloped character. Smaller parcels are not defined adjacent to West Moors because of the constraint of the Heathland 400m Zone.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel makes no contribution to the setting or special character of historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

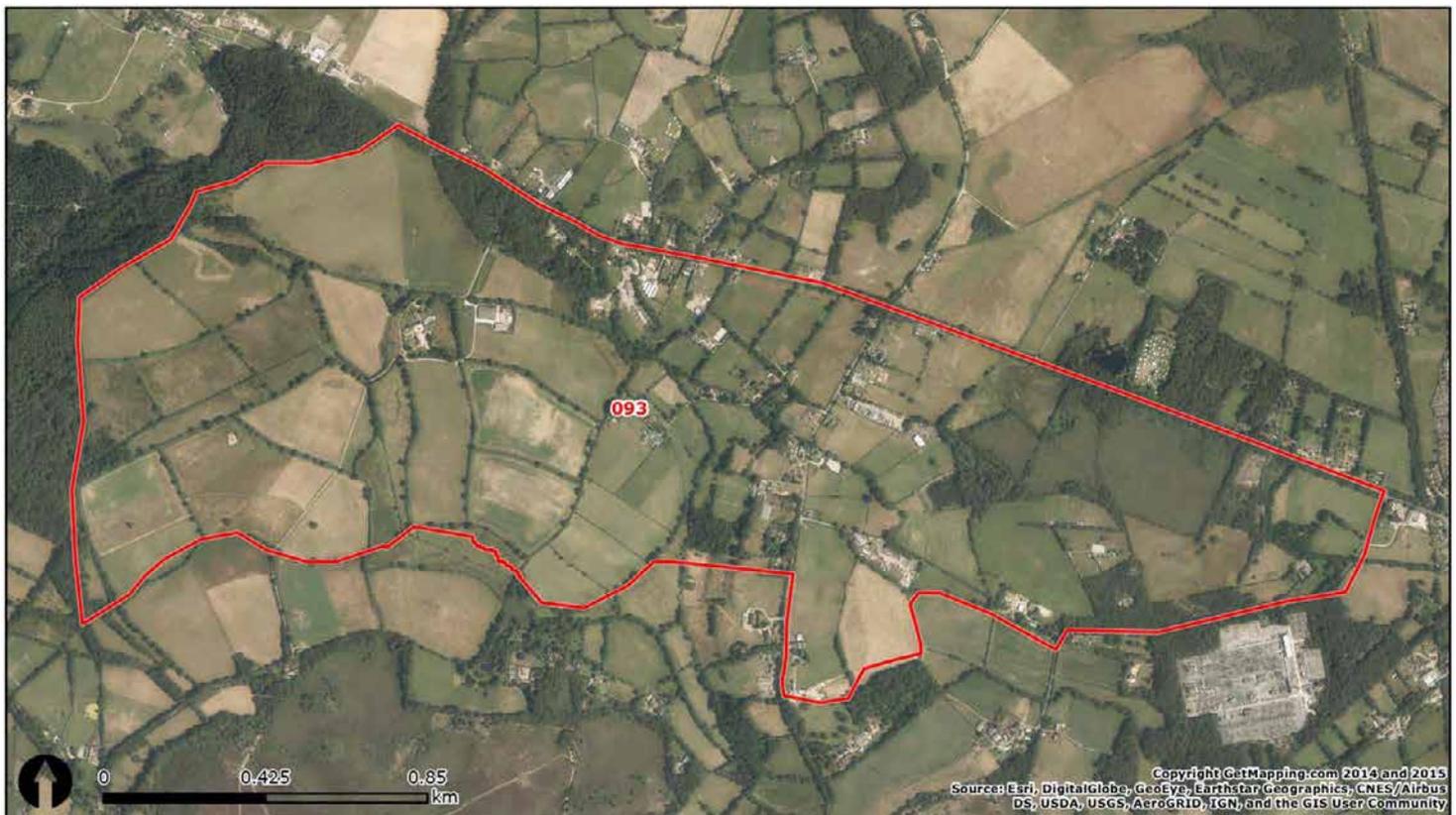


Looking south across Holt Heath from Holt Road

Parcel	093	Mannington	Area (ha)	278.4
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
| Local Authority Boundary | Statutory environmental designations | National Nature Reserves |
| Green Belt | Heathland 400m consultation zone | Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty |
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Settlement Area	The north-western part of the Green Belt		
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Parcel	093	Mannington	Area (ha)	278.4
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Development/land use

Farmland to the west of the inset settlement of Three Legged Cross, between Horton Road to the north and Mannington Brook to the south. Holt Wood defines the western edge. The parcel includes the village of Mannington and the southern half of the nearby village of Horton Heath, together with a number of isolated farmsteads. The Heathland 400m Zone around a patch of heathland between Horton Road and Mannington covers most of the eastern half of the parcel. The parcel does not directly adjoin Three Legged Cross: land adjacent to the settlement is assessed as parcels 090 and 092.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

Both Mannington and Horton Heath are very low density settlements: more a collection of scattered dwellings and farmsteads than villages with a defined core. Developed to the north of Horton Road is of a similar character. This parcel therefore retains a strong rural character and a significant distinction from the denser urban development of Three Legged Cross.

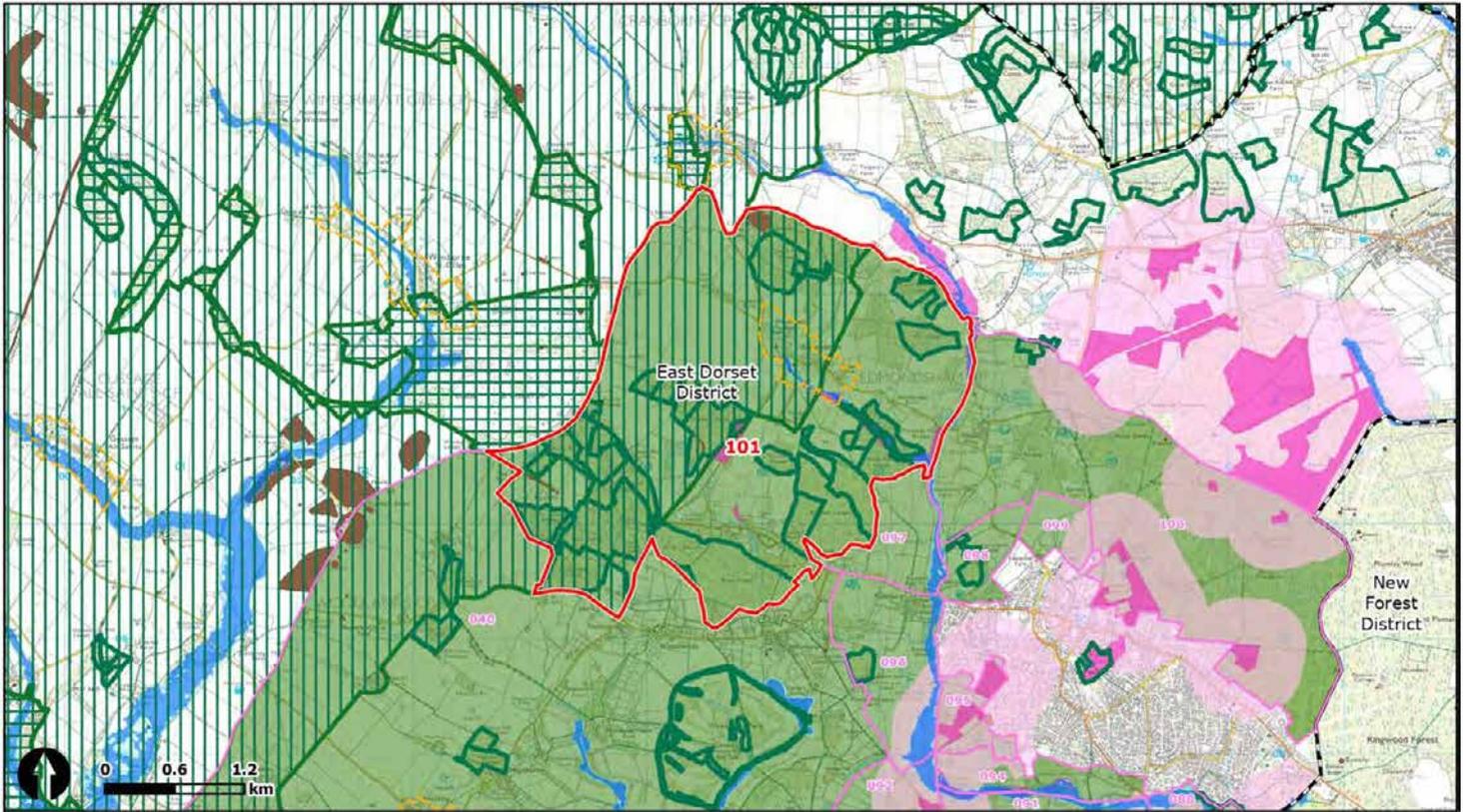
Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel is a significant distance from the large, built-up area of Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch. It therefore makes no contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	Three Legged Cross lies midway between Verwood and West Moors, which are both considered as towns in this assessment. The parcel lies to the west of the direct gap between the two settlements, and extending westward accounts for only a small proportion of the distance in between, but urbanisation in this area would have some limited impact on their perceived separation.	Relatively weak
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Three Legged Cross exerts little urbanising influence beyond its western edge and built development within the parcel has no significant urbanising influence. The parcel relates strongly to the wider countryside and has a sense of separation from Three Legged Cross.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel makes no contribution to the setting or special character of historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed

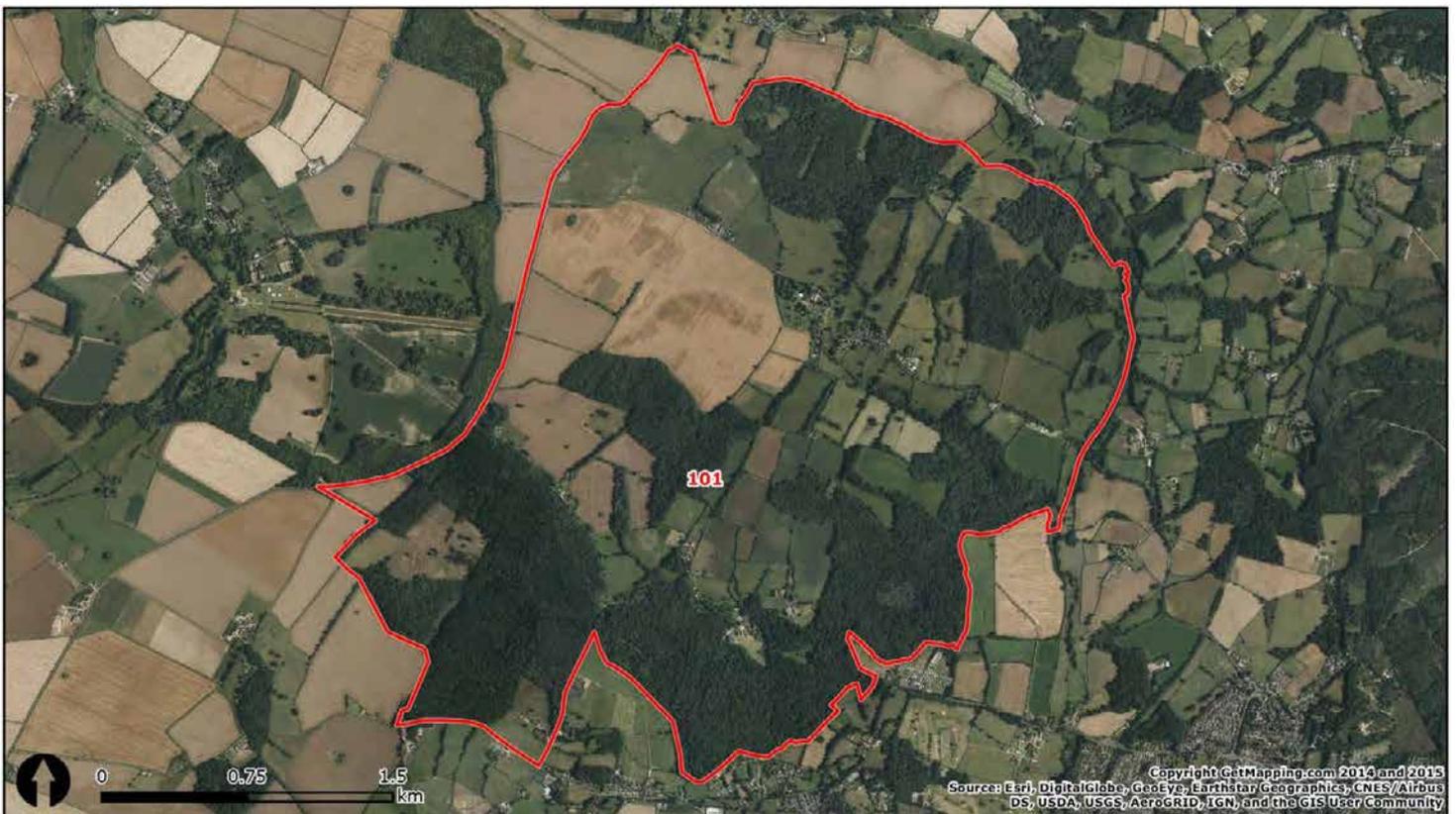


Looking north-west from Burt's Lane, Mannington, towards Horton Wood

Parcel	101	North west woodlands	Area (ha)	945.1
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| Settlement Area Green Belt Parcel | Flood Zone 3 | National Park |
| Other Green Belt Parcels | Flood Zone 2 | Ancient Woodland |
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Settlement Area	The north-western part of the Green Belt		
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Parcel	101	North west woodlands	Area (ha)	945.1
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Development/land use

This parcel comprises the northern section of the Green Belt in East Dorset, an area of mixed farmland centred on the hamlet of Edmondsham, which lies at the head of one of the streams that becomes the River Crane in a valley to a large extent contained by woodlands. Aside from Edmondsham there are only isolated farmsteads and dwellings. The B3078 marks the western edge of the parcel and also of the Green Belt, and Mill Lane, on the northern edge of Castle Hill Wood and Great Rhymes Copse, marks the northern boundary. Both the B3078 and Mill Lane run along high, wooded ground; outside of the Green Belt, Wimborne St Giles lies in a valley to the west of the B3078 and Cranborne is in a valley to the north. The River Crane marks the eastern edge of the parcel, beyond which then land rise up to Boveridge Heath and Ringwood Forest. The nearest urban area is Verwood, to the south of Boveridge Heath and east of the River Crane.

Relationship between settlement and countryside

The parcel is physically separate from any urban area and its wooded hillsides create strong separation from other countryside. Its valley form gives it strong visual openness.

Contribution to Green Belt purposes

Purpose	Comments	Rating
1 - Check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	The parcel is a significant distance from the large, built-up area of Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch. It therefore makes no contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
2 - Prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	There are no towns adjacent to the parcel. Verwood lies not far to the east, but there are no towns close to the Green Belt to the west or north. The parcel therefore makes no significant contribution to this purpose.	Weak or no contribution
3 - Assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	The parcel's landform and woodlands give it a strong sense of separation from any urban areas, and there are no urbanising influences within the parcel. Any strategic development would constitute significant encroachment on countryside.	Strong
4 - To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	The parcel makes no contribution to the setting or special character of historic towns.	Weak or no contribution
5 - Assist in urban regeneration by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	All parcels are considered to make an equal contribution to this purpose.	Not assessed



Looking south-east from the road to Edmondsham, just east of the B3081