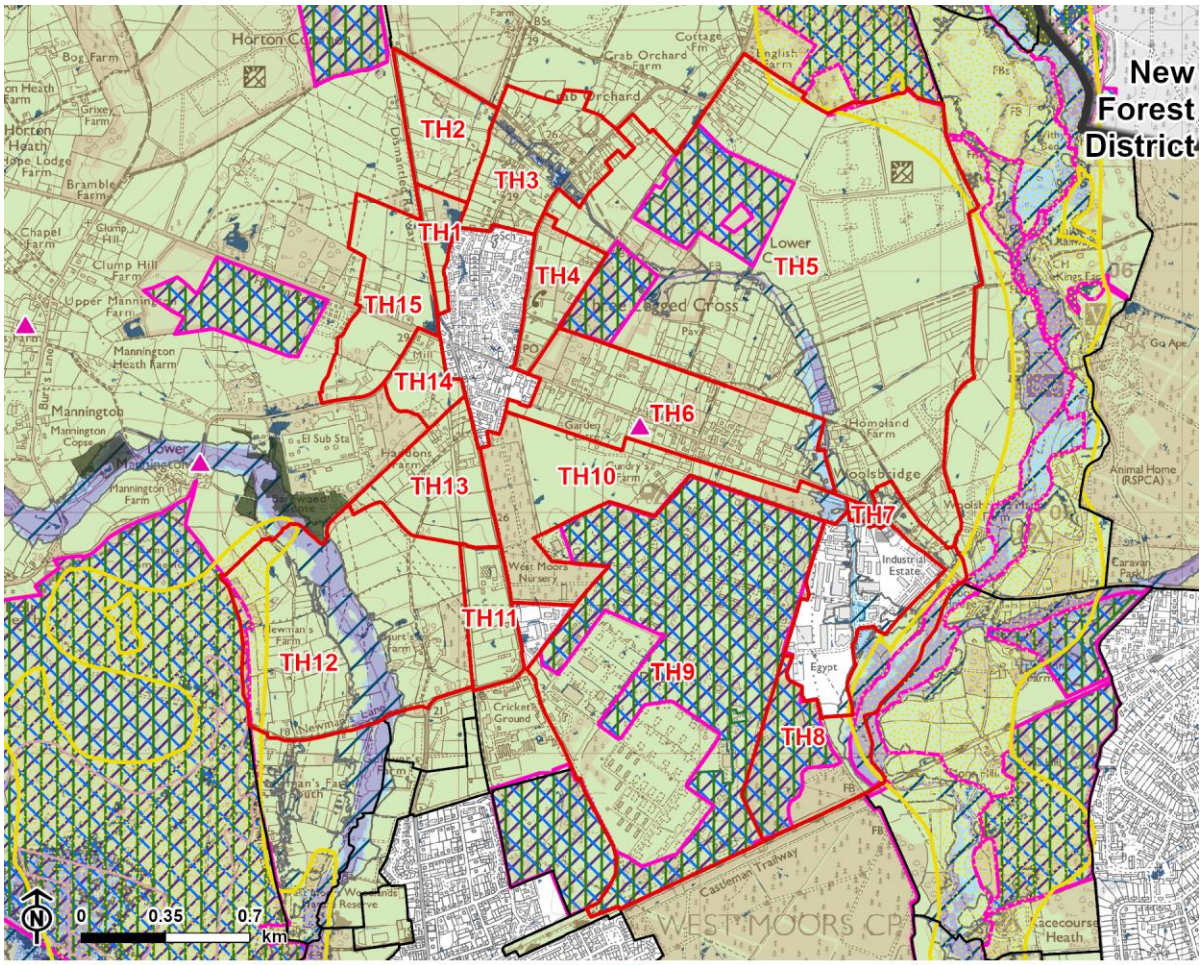
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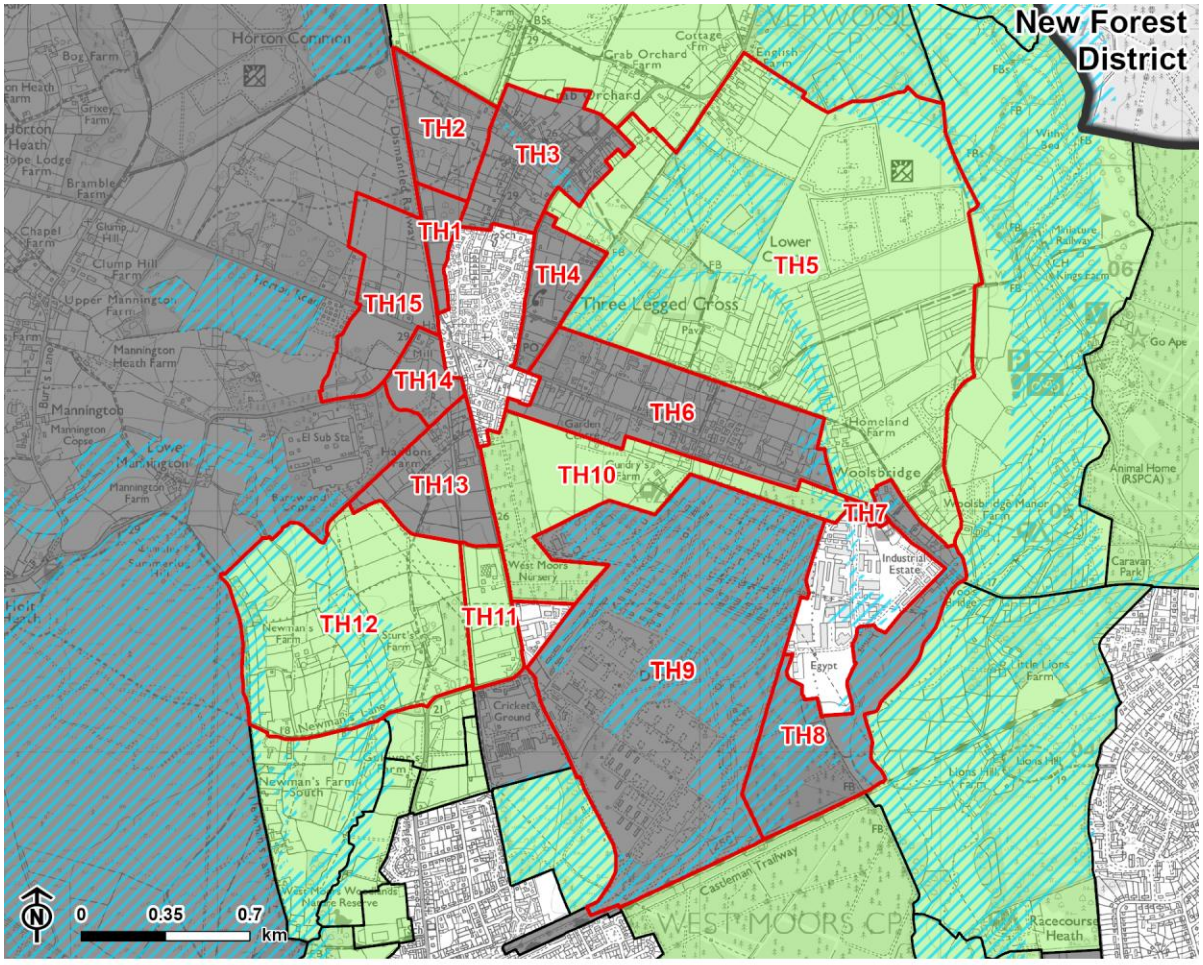
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- Neighbouring authority
- Green Belt

Potential development constraints

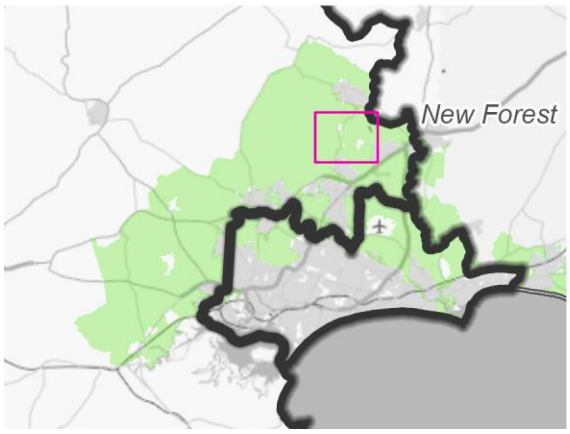
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- Ancient woodland
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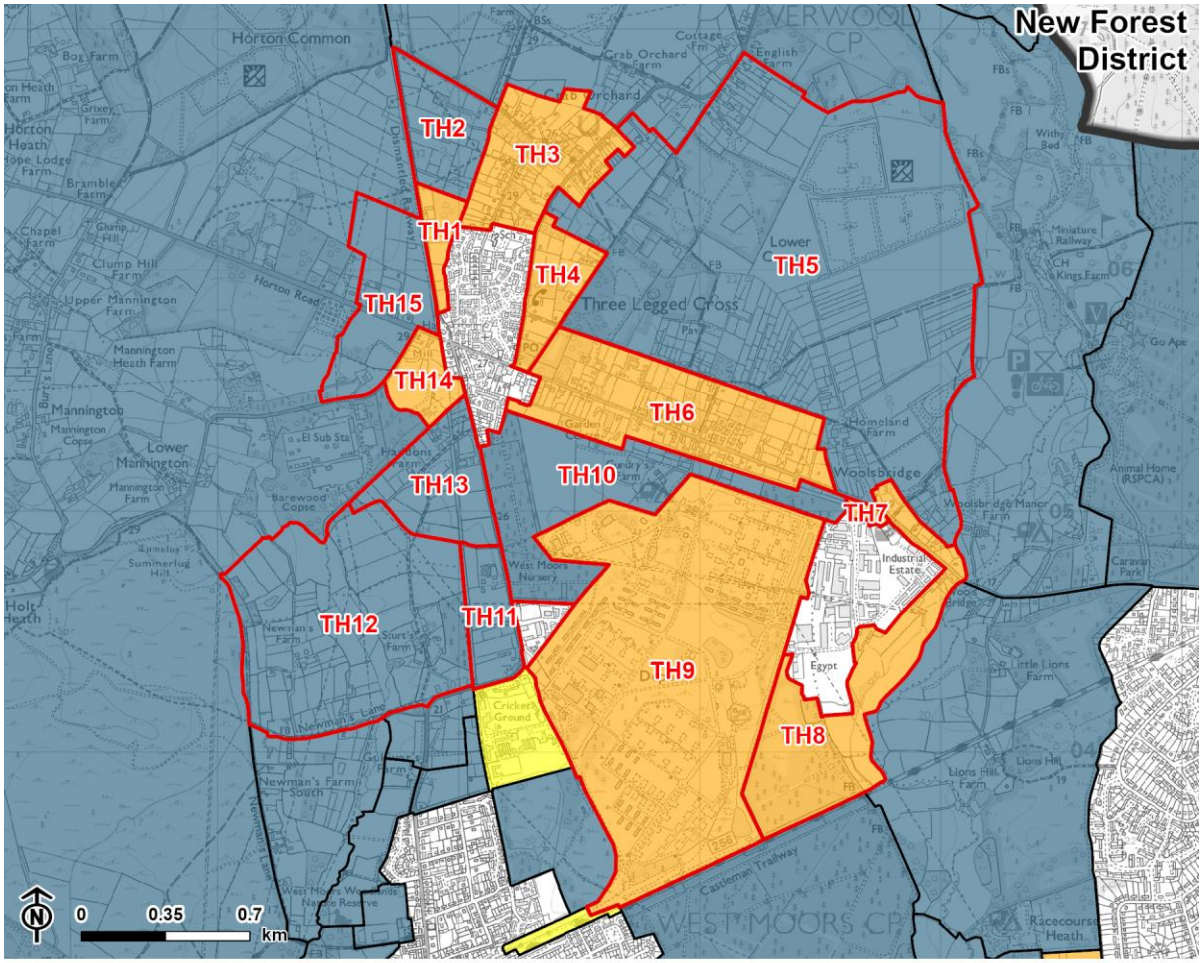
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Three Legged Cross parcel
Neighbouring parcel
Dorset and BCP councils
Neighbouring authority
Green Belt
Grey belt
Potential development constraints



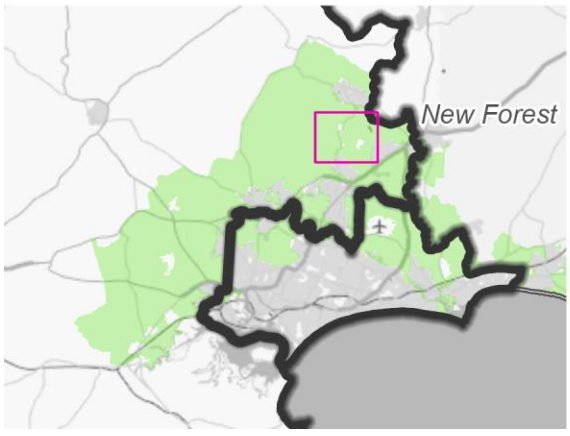
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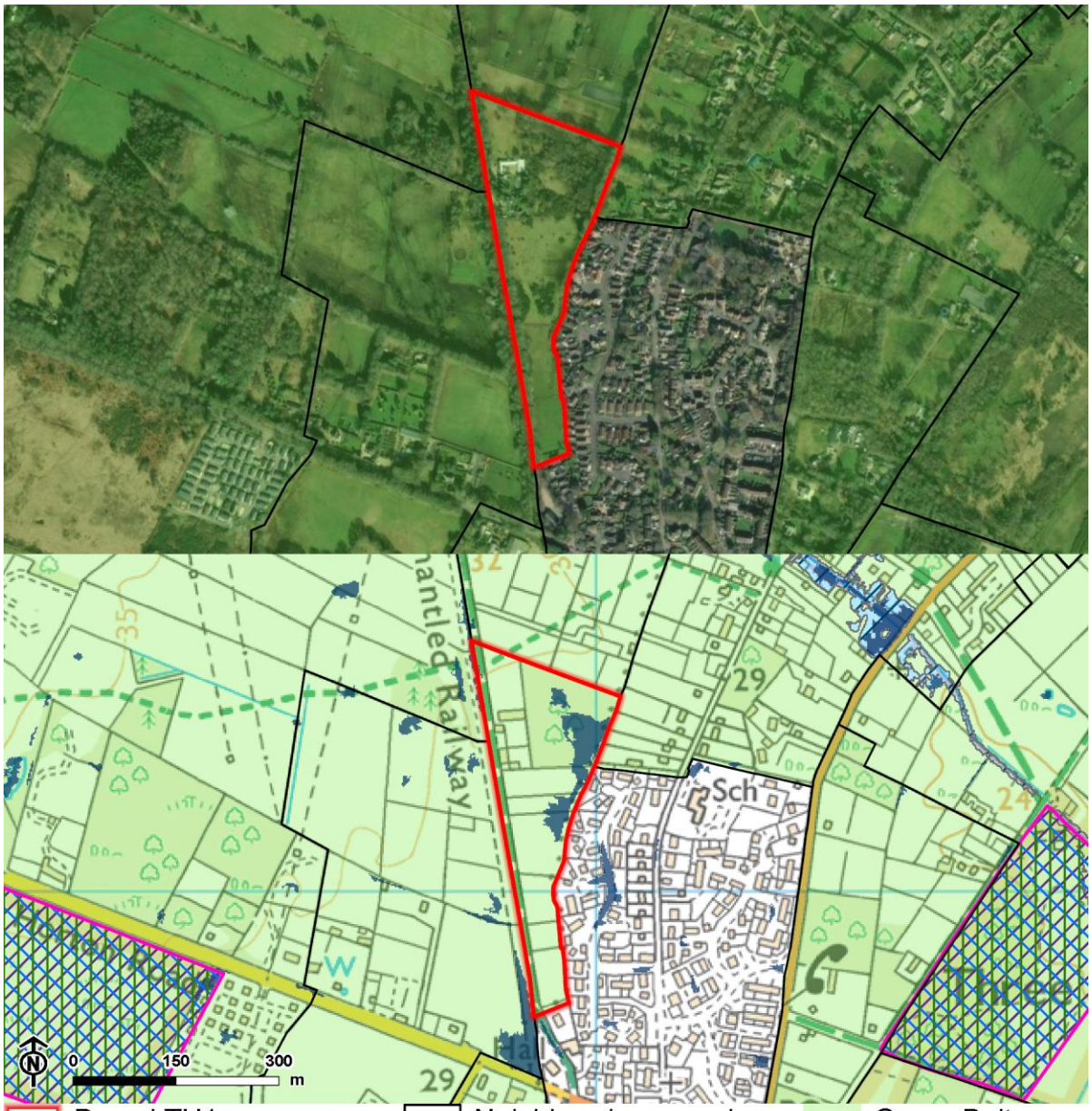
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Neighbouring parcel
Dorset and BCP councils
Neighbouring authority
Green Belt

Highest Contribution to NPPF purposes A, B, C and D

Strong
Moderate
Weak/no



Parcel TH1



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Contribution of land in Parcel TH1

Parcel TH1 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH1 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the north-west of Three Legged Cross. The parcel comprises agricultural land. Parcel size: 5ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. The urban edge is defined by the rear garden boundaries of adjoining residential properties. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel abuts the urban edge and, given its proximity to the settlement, experiences some urban influence from outside the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. The parcel comprises two residential properties to the north. These are low-density and do not affect the openness of the parcel or exert a significant urbanising influence. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. The parcel is enclosed by mature tree belts to the west and north, which limit the perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. West Moors and Verwood are towns and so are defined as a large built-up areas. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with both the towns for development around it to be associated with the large built-up areas.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.

Parcel TH1

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. A line of mature hedgerow trees clearly marks the parcel boundary to the west and north. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose A.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would not have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. The parcel is subject to some urbanising influence and has features that would restrict and contain development, preventing any incongruous impact on the wider countryside.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood. The parcel lacks strong separating features. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a negligible impact on visual separation between towns.

Parcel TH1

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. A line of mature hedgerow trees clearly marks the parcel boundary to the west and north. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

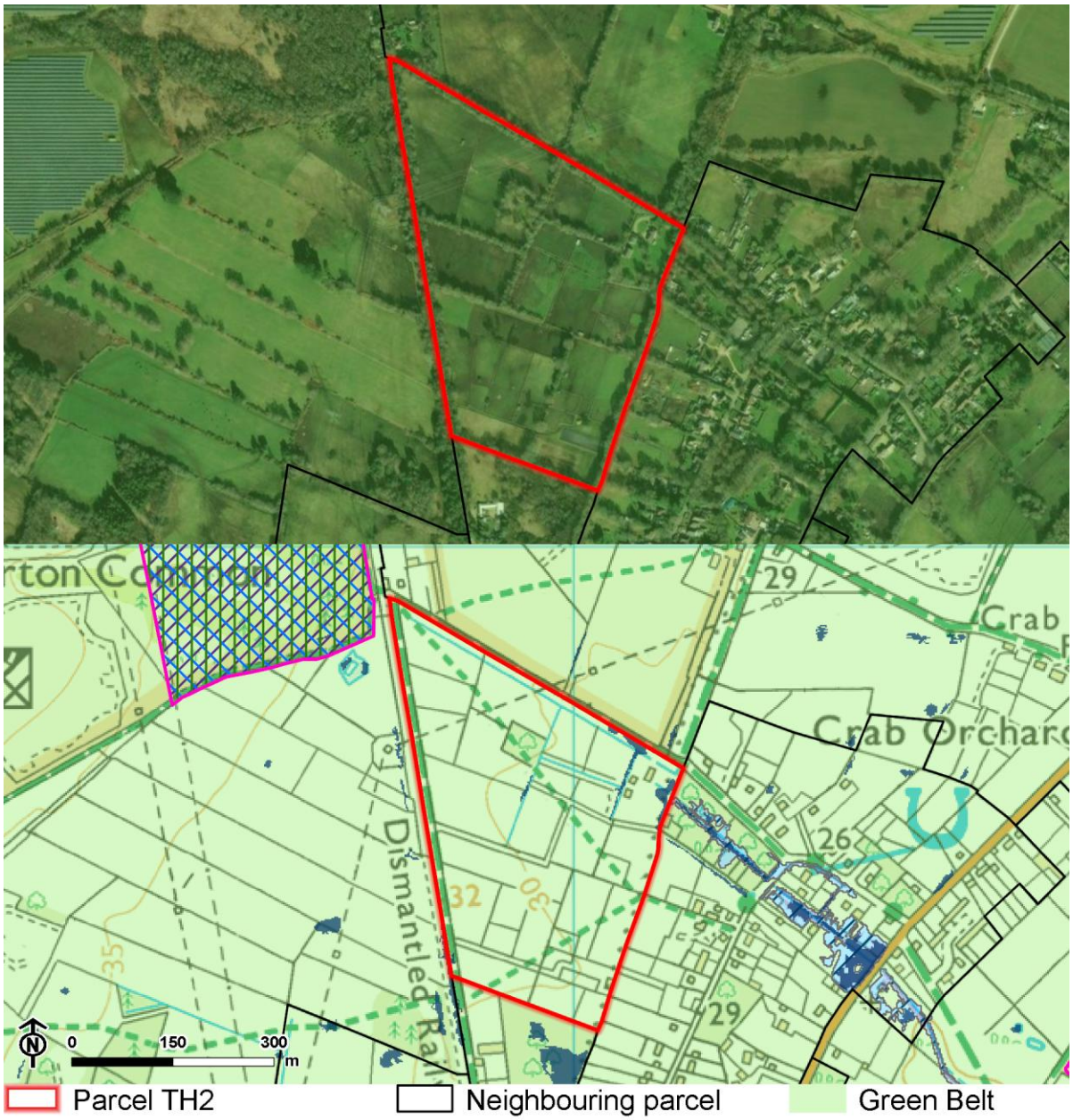
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Parcel TH1

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH2



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Contribution of land in Parcel TH2

Parcel TH2 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Moderate	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH2 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the north-west of Three Legged Cross. The parcel comprises agricultural fields, including paddocks. Parcel size: 16ha. Boundary features within the gap between the settlement and the parcel combine to create strong separation. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. There is one residential property in the north-east of the parcel which does not exert a significant urbanising influence or affect the openness of the Green Belt. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. Verwood is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with town for development around it to be associated with the large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. To the north and west, a row of mature hedgerow trees forms a strong outer boundary which would limit the

Parcel TH2

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would not have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. Although the parcel is subject to little urbanising influence, development associated with Three Legged Cross that would be restricted and contained would not be incongruous.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood. The parcel lacks strong separating features. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a minor impact on visual separation between towns. The development of land in this parcel would be unlikely to significantly increase urbanising influence on adjacent land in the gap.

Parcel TH2

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. To the north and west, row of mature hedgerow trees forms a strong outer boundary which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

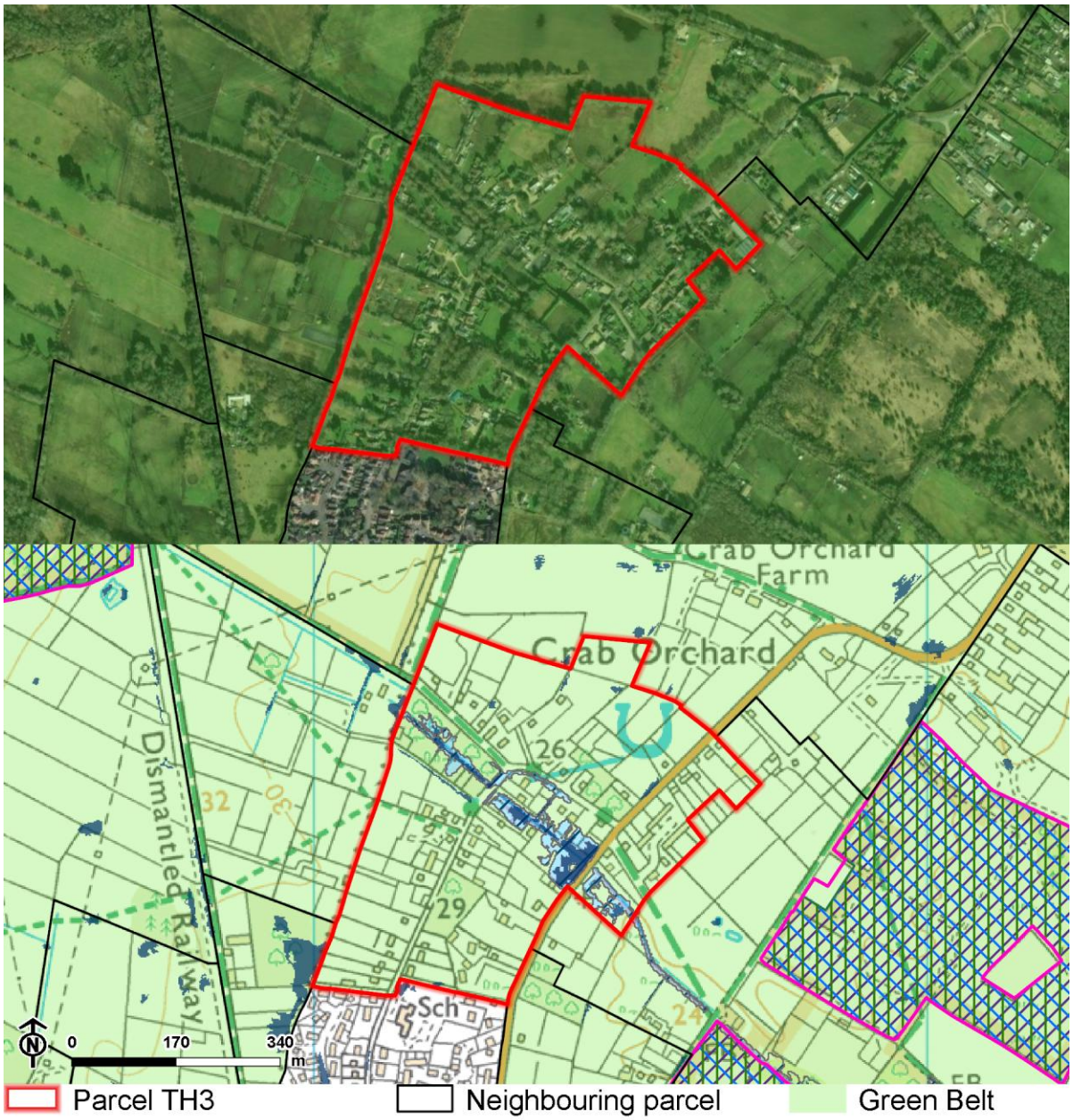
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Parcel TH2

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH3



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Peaty soil
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Contribution of land in Parcel TH3

Parcel TH3 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH3 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the north of Three Legged Cross. The area comprises dispersed, low-density residential development set within large plots, interspersed with paddocks and areas of agricultural or equestrian use. Parcel size: 26ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. The urban edge is delineated by mature hedgerow trees. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel abuts the urban edge and, given its proximity to the settlement, experiences some urban influence from outside the parcel. Existing development in the Green Belt has some urbanising influence. The parcel consists of low-density residential development that exerts some urbanising influence within the parcel and also affects the openness of the green belt. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Tree cover within the parcel, particularly in the form of strong hedgerow boundaries and hedgerow trees, limits views of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. Verwood is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with the town for development around it to be associated with the large built-up area.

Parcel TH3

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel. Hedgerow boundaries clearly mark the parcel boundary to the north, east and west. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose A.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. Hedgerow tree boundaries clearly mark the parcel boundary to the north, east and west. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose A.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would not have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. The parcel is subject to some urbanising influence and has features that would restrict and contain development, preventing any incongruous impact on the wider countryside.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel. Hedgerow boundaries clearly mark the parcel boundary to the north, east and west. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose A.

Parcel TH3

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood. The parcel lacks strong separating features. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a negligible impact on visual separation between towns.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel. Hedgerow boundaries clearly mark the parcel boundary to the north, east and west. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose A.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Hedgerow tree boundaries clearly mark the parcel boundary to the north, east and west. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.

Parcel TH3

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

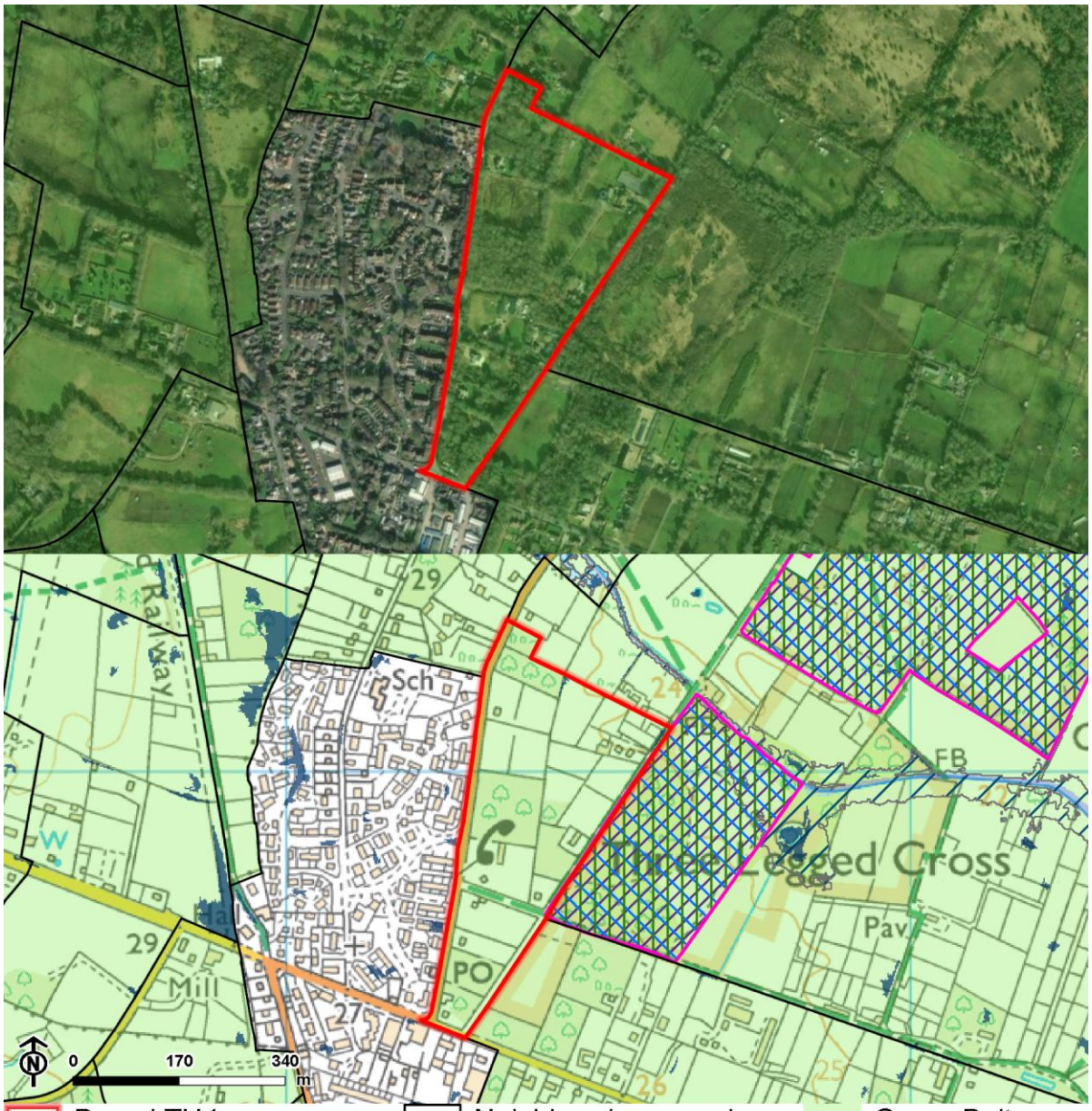
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH4



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel TH4

Contribution of land in Parcel TH4

Parcel TH4 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH4 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the east of Three Legged Cross. The parcel comprises a mix of woodland and areas of pasture, interspersed with scattered low-density residential properties and small-scale commercial uses. Parcel size: 12ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. The urban edge is delineated by Verwood Road and associated roadside hedgerow trees. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel abuts the urban edge and, given its proximity to the settlement, experiences some urban influence from outside the parcel. There is some urbanising activity in the parcel but land use also associates the area with the wider countryside. Scattered low-density residential and commercial buildings within the parcel have minimal impact on the openness of the Green Belt and do not exert a significant urbanising influence. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Tree cover within the parcel limits the perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. Verwood and West Moors are towns and so are defined as large built-up areas. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with towns for development around it to be associated with the large built-up areas.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Scattered low-density residential and commercial buildings within the parcel have minimal impact on the openness of the Green Belt and do not exert a significant urbanising influence.

Parcel TH4

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. Mature tree cover forms a strong outer boundary, which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would not have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. The parcel is subject to some urbanising influence and has features that would restrict and contain development, preventing any incongruous impact on the wider countryside.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel comprises small woodland blocks, which provide a moderate separating feature within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Scattered low-density residential and commercial buildings within the parcel have minimal impact on the openness of the Green Belt and do not exert a significant urbanising influence.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood. The parcel lacks strong separating features. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a negligible impact on visual separation between towns.

Parcel TH4

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Scattered low-density residential and commercial buildings within the parcel have minimal impact on the openness of the Green Belt and do not exert a significant urbanising influence.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Mature tree cover forms a strong outer boundary, which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

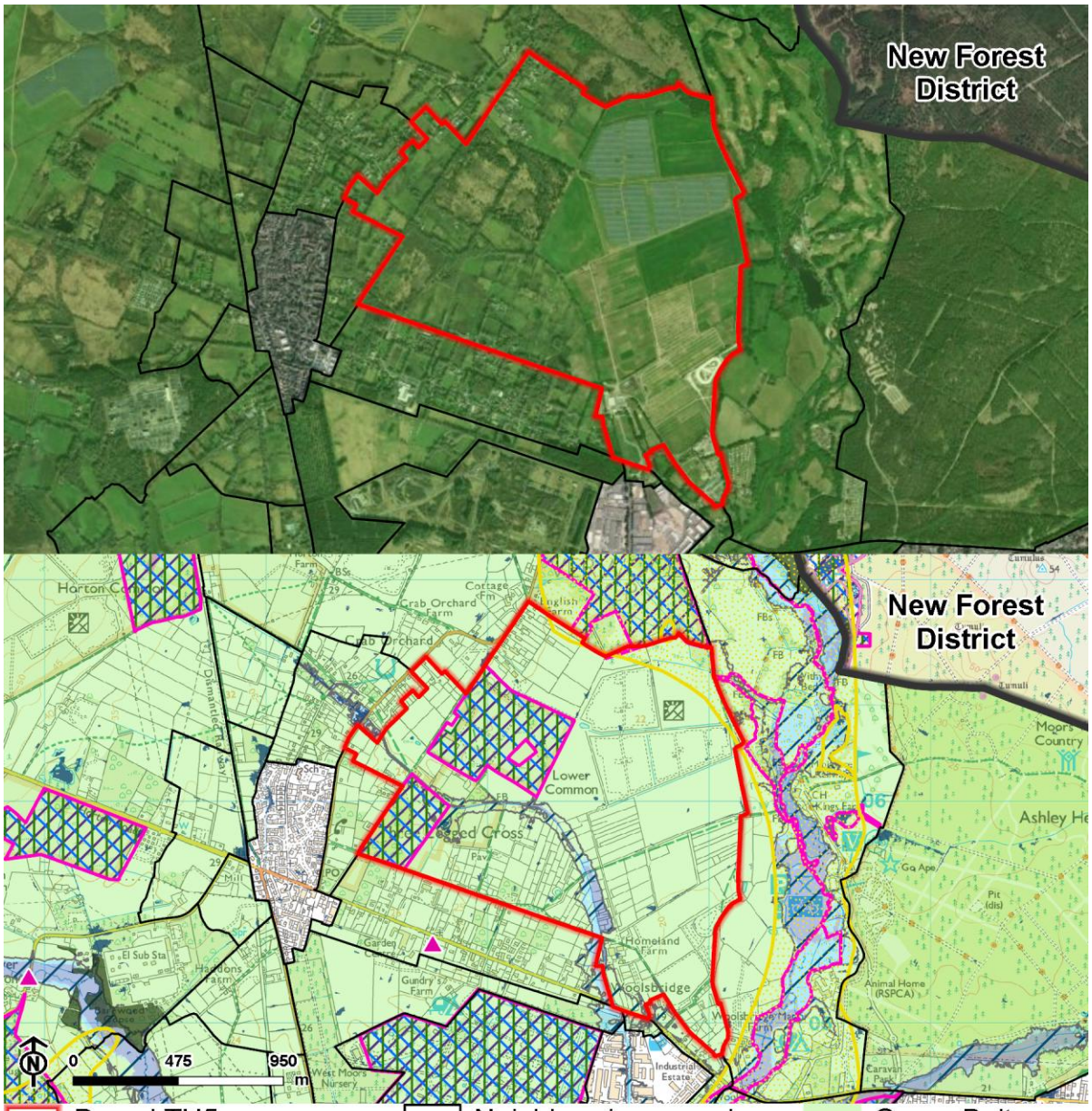
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Parcel TH4

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH5


New Forest District
New Forest District
Horton Common
Crab Orchard Farm
Cottage Fm
English Farm
Lower Common
Legged Cross
Homeland Farm
Woolsbridge
Moors Country
Ashley He
Animal Home (RSPCA)
Industrial Estate
Caravan Park
West Moors Nursery
0
475
950
m
Parcel TH5
Neighbouring parcel
Green Belt
Dorset and BCP councils
Potential development constraints
Listed building
Special Area of Conservation
Special Protection Area
Ramsar site
Site of Special Scientific Interest
Ancient woodland
Lowland fens
Peaty soil
Flood zone 2
Flood zone 3
Flood zones plus climate change
High risk of surface water flooding
Scheduled monument

Parcel TH5

Contribution of land in Parcel TH5

Parcel TH5 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Strong	Strong	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	No

Parcel TH5 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the east of Three Legged Cross and north of the industrial estate at Old Barn Farm Road. The parcel comprises predominantly agricultural land, including pasture and areas of rough grassland and scrub, together with farm buildings, scattered low-density residential development, a motorsport campsite, and a solar farm. Parcel size: 208ha. Boundary features within the gap between the settlement and the parcel combine to create strong separation. Intervening tree cover, field boundaries and rural roads combine to create a strong separation from the settlement. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Intervening tree cover and distance combine to limit perception of the urban area. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Low-density, scattered residential development, including along Verwood Road, together with the solar farm and motorsport campsite, does not exert a significant urbanising influence or affect the openness of the Green Belt. There is some perception of connectivity with the wider countryside, limiting the impact of any existing urbanising influence.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. West Moors and Verwood are towns and so are defined as large built-up areas. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with both the towns for development around it to be associated with the large built-up areas.

Parcel TH5

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Low-density, scattered residential development, including along Verwood Road, together with the solar farm and motorsport campsite, does not exert a significant urbanising influence or affect the openness of the Green Belt.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel is also situated within the gap separating West Moors, Verwood, and St Leonards and St Ives. The gap comprises agricultural fields, the Moors River valley and woodland blocks, with the latter two forming strong separating features. The narrowest part of the gap lies to the south.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Low-density, scattered residential development, including along Verwood Road, together with the solar farm and motorsport campsite, does not exert a significant urbanising influence or affect the openness of the Green Belt.

Parcel TH5

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a large part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely significantly impact visual separation between towns. In addition to the loss of visual separating features the development of land in this parcel would also be likely to increase urbanising influence on remaining land in the gap.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Low-density, scattered residential development, including along Verwood Road, together with the solar farm and motorsport campsite, does not exert a significant urbanising influence or affect the openness of the Green Belt.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The mature tree belts and tree cover forms a strong outer boundary which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.

Parcel TH5

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

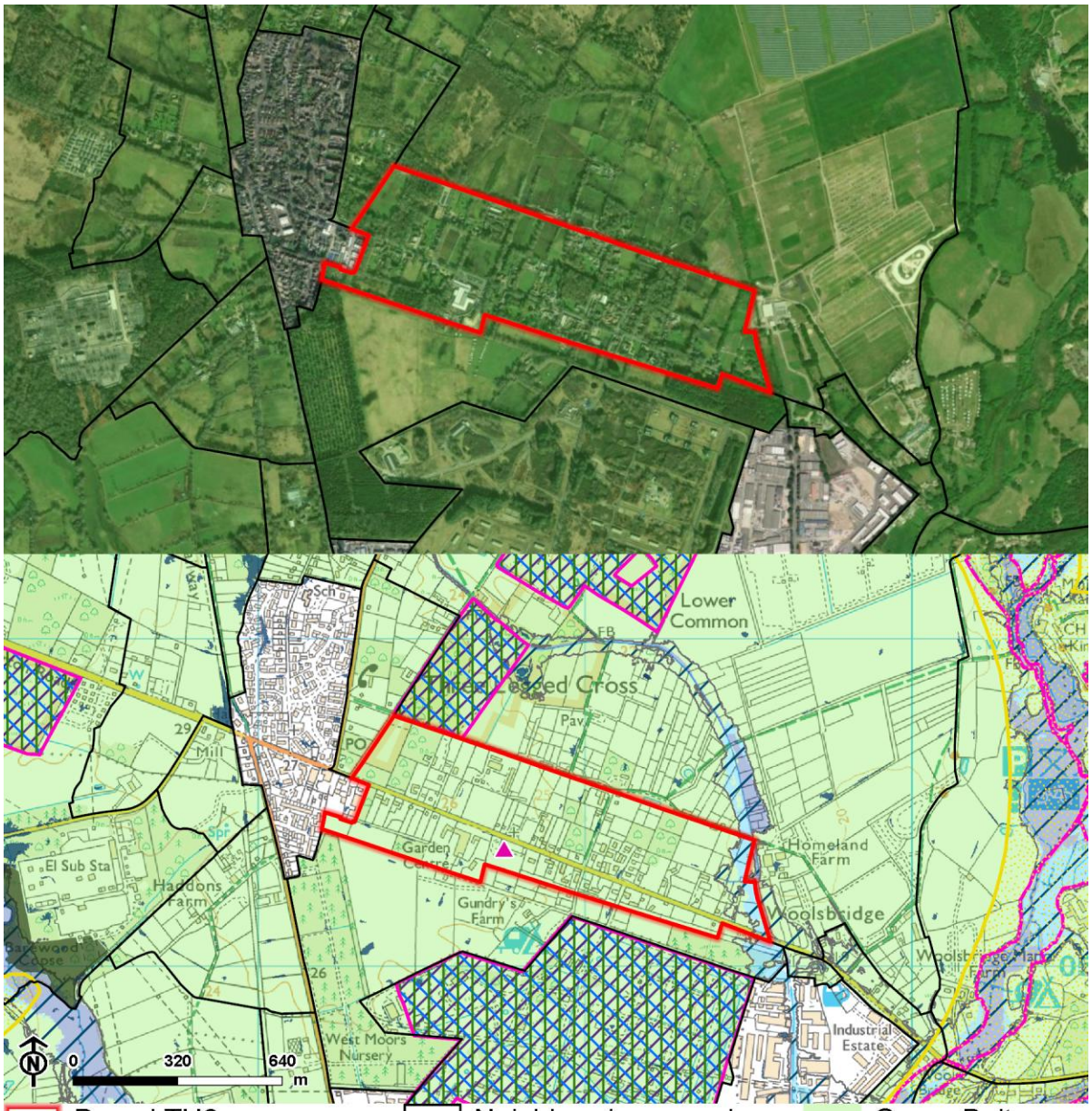
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel makes a strong contribution to Green Belt Purposes A and B and therefore does not meet the definition of grey belt land.

Parcel TH6



Parcel TH6 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

Potential development constraints

- Listed building
- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- Peaty soil
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Contribution of land in Parcel TH6

Parcel TH6 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH6 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the east of Three Legged Cross. The parcel comprises low-density residential development along Ringwood Road, interspersed with small-scale commercial, community and leisure uses, set within a wider agricultural landscape. Parcel size: 44ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. The urban edge is delineated by tree cover. There is some change in landform which creates a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. The landform in the parcel gradually descends to the east towards the Moors River valley. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel abuts the urban edge and, given its proximity to the settlement, experiences some urban influence from outside the parcel. Existing development in the Green Belt has some urbanising influence. The parcel comprises low-density residential development along Ringwood Road, interspersed with small-scale commercial, community and leisure uses within a wider agricultural landscape, which exert some urbanising influence and reduce openness to some extent. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Tree cover within the parcel, including copses and mature hedgerow trees, limits the perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. Verwood is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with the town for development around it to be associated with the large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.

Parcel TH6

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. Mature tree belts and copses form a strong outer boundary which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would not have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. The parcel is subject to some urbanising influence and has features that would restrict and contain development, preventing any incongruous impact on the wider countryside.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel also lies in a moderate gap between West Moors and St Leonards and St Ives to the east. The gap comprises agricultural fields, a trading estate at Collingwood Road, the MOD depot, the Moors River valley and woodland blocks, with the latter two forming strong separating features. The narrowest part of the gap lies to the south. The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.

Parcel TH6

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood. The parcel lacks strong separating features. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a negligible impact on visual separation between towns.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Mature hedgerow trees and copses form a strong outer boundary which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A

Parcel TH6

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

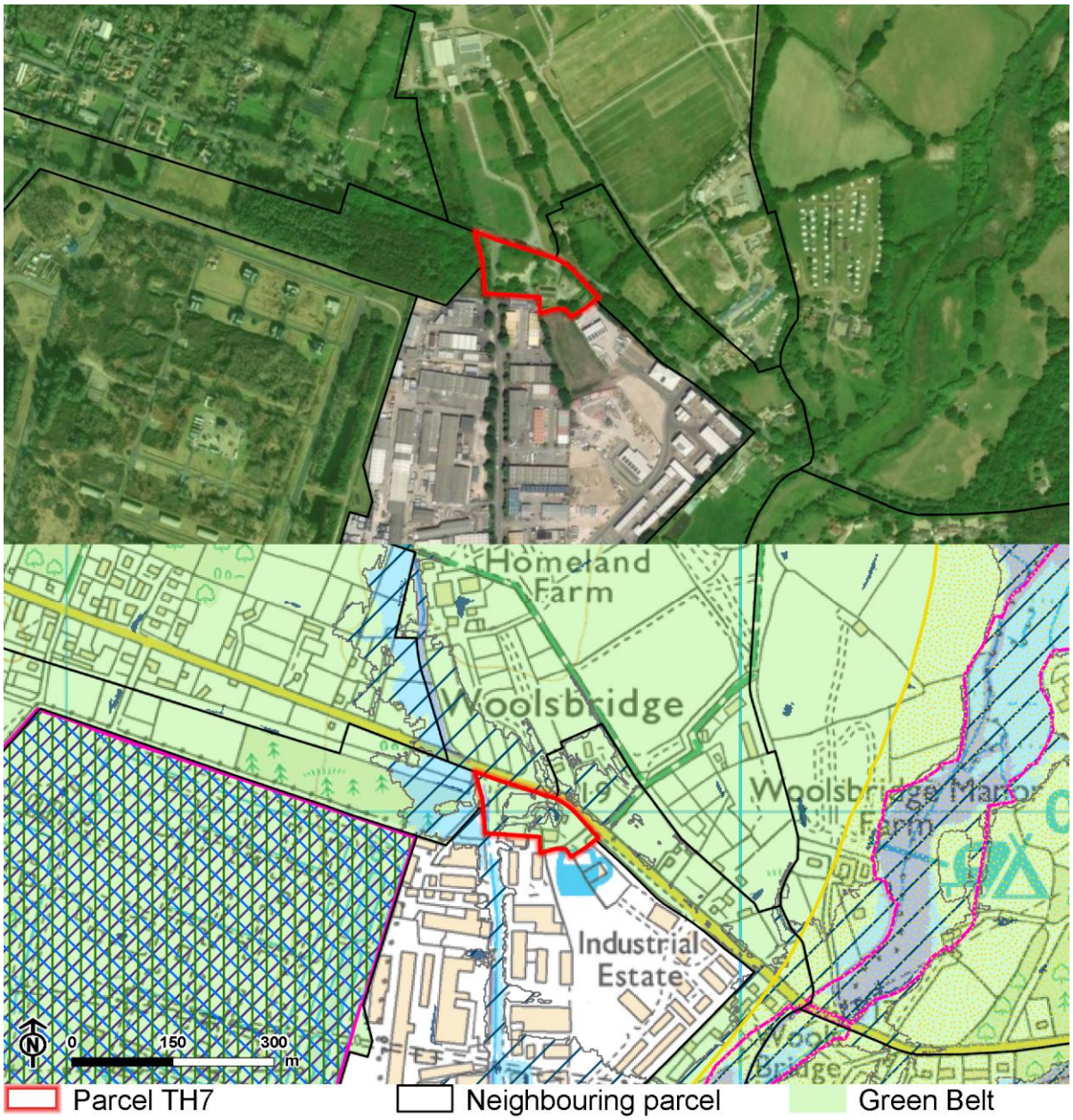
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH7



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Peaty soil
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel TH7

Contribution of land in Parcel TH7

Parcel TH7 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH7 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the north of the industrial estate at Old Barn Farm Road and to the south-west of Three Legged Cross. The parcel comprises a pub, with associated hardstanding parking and landscaped grounds. Parcel size: 1ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. The parcel abuts the industrial estate, with the boundary defined by fencing and intermittent mature trees. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel abuts the industrial estate and, given its proximity to the settlement, is subject to some urban influence from outside the parcel. Existing development in the Green Belt has some urbanising influence. The pub and associated parking have some urbanising influence, alongside areas of open space. Whilst these uses do not exert a significant urbanising influence overall, they reduce the openness of the Green Belt to some extent. There is some perception of connectivity with the wider countryside, limiting the impact of any existing urbanising influence.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. West Moors is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with the town for development around it to be associated with the large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.

Parcel TH7

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. Woodland encloses the parcel to the west, and Ringwood Road with some roadside vegetation clearly marks the parcel boundary to the north. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose A.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would not represent an incongruous pattern of development because of its existing containment by the urban area.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a moderate gap between West Moors and St Leonards and St Ives to the east. The gap comprises agricultural fields, a trading estate at Collingwood Road, the MOD depot, the Moors River valley and woodland blocks, with the latter two forming strong separating features. The narrowest part of the gap lies to the south. The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a negligible impact on visual separation between towns.

Parcel TH7

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Woodland encloses the parcel to the west, and Ringwood Road with some roadside vegetation, clearly marks the parcel boundary to the north. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

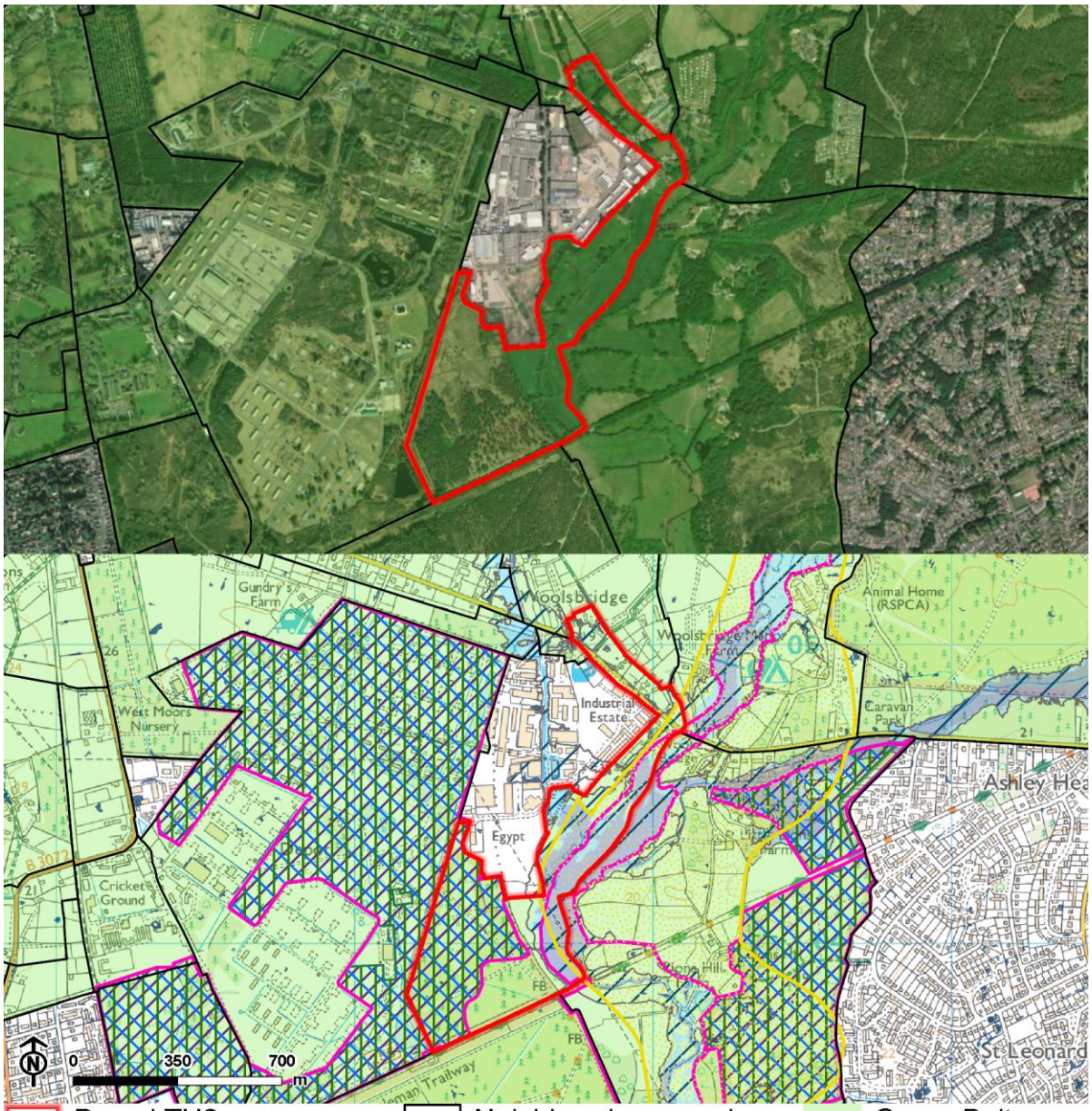
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Parcel TH7

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH8



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Peaty soil
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Contribution of land in Parcel TH8

Parcel TH8 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH8 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the east of the industrial estate at Old Barn Farm Road and south-east of Three Legged Cross. The parcel comprises agricultural land, with some scattered residential properties and plantation woodland. Parcel size: 39ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. Mature trees along the edge of the industrial estate and Ringwood Road provide a moderate boundary feature. There is some change in landform which creates a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. The Moors River marks the eastern edge of the parcel, and the associated floodplain landform provides a degree of separation from the industrial estate. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel abuts the industrial estate and, given its proximity to the settlement, is subject to some urban influence from outside the parcel. There is some urbanising activity in the parcel but land use also associates the area with the wider countryside. There are some residential properties on either side of Ringwood Road; however, these are low-density and do not exert a significant urbanising influence or materially affect the openness of the Green Belt. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. West Moors and St Leonards are towns and so are defined as large built-up areas. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with the towns for development around it to be associated with the large built-up areas.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.

Parcel TH8

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. A row of mature hedgerow trees to the north, the Moors River and its associated riparian vegetation to the east, and plantation woodland to the south form strong outer boundaries which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would not have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. The parcel is subject to some urbanising influence and has features that would restrict and contain development, preventing any incongruous impact on the wider countryside.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a moderate gap between West Moors and St Leonards and St Ives to the east. The north of the parcel also lies in a moderate gap between West Moors and Verwood to the north. The gap comprises agricultural fields, the Moors River valley and dense woodland blocks, with the latter two forming strong separating features. The narrowest part of the gap between West Moors and St Leonards and St Ives lies to the south. The narrowest part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood lies to the north-west. The woodland plantation in the south of the parcel forms a strong separating feature within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.

Parcel TH8

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap. The parcel comprises plantation woodland to the south, which constitutes as a strong separating feature. Elsewhere in the gap, additional strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a negligible impact on visual separation between towns. Development within the parcel could lead to the loss of plantation woodland in the south of the parcel.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. A row of mature hedgerow trees to the north, the Moors River and its associated riparian vegetation to the east, and plantation woodland to the south form strong outer boundaries which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.

Parcel TH8

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

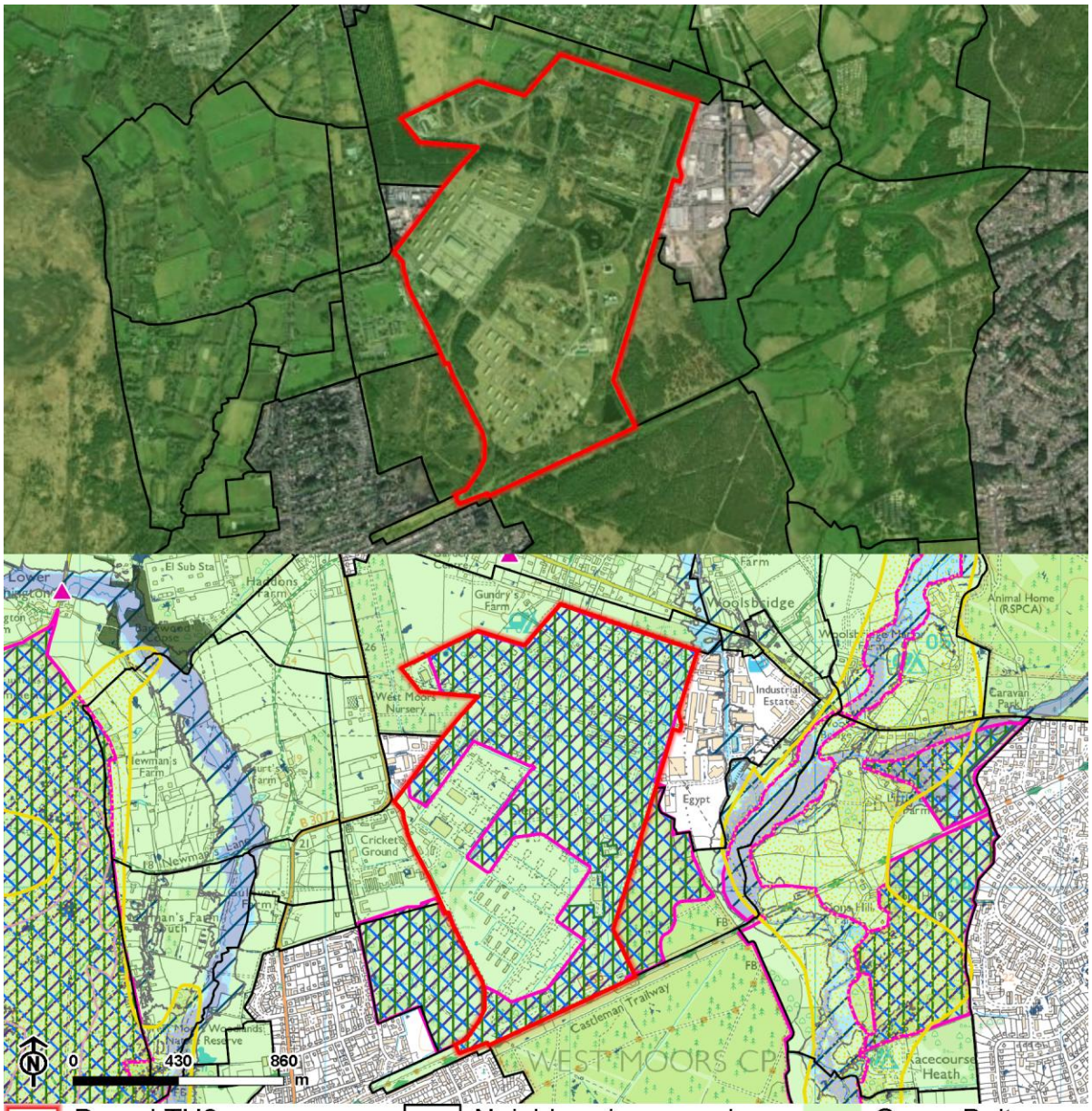
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH9



Parcel TH9 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

Potential development constraints

- Listed building
- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- Lowland fens
- Peaty soil
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Scheduled monument

Parcel TH9

Contribution of land in Parcel TH9

Parcel TH9 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH9 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
The parcel is situated between the industrial estate at Collingwood Road to the west and the industrial estate at Old Barn Farm Road to the east, and lies to the north-east of West Moors. The parcel comprises Ministry of Defence (MOD) land, including training and operational areas, with associated buildings, compounds, and internal access roads. Parcel size: 136ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. The parcel adjoins the industrial estates, where a row of mature trees defines the boundaries. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel abuts the industrial estates and, given its proximity to West Moors, experiences some urban influence from outside the parcel. There is significant urbanising influence associated with development, land use and activity in the Green Belt. The development associated with MOD, including training and operational areas, buildings, compounds and internal access roads, which exert a significant urbanising influence and reduce the openness of the Green Belt. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Tree cover within and enclosing the parcel limits the perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. West Moors is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with the town for development around it to be associated with the large built-up area.

Parcel TH9

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is substantial urbanising development in the parcel.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is already developed to the extent that further development would not significantly increase urbanising influence on adjacent open land.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would not represent an incongruous pattern of development because of its existing level of development.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The southern extent of the parcel lies in a moderate gap between West Moors and St Leonards and St Ives to the east. The gap comprises agricultural fields, a trading estate at Collingwood Road, the Moors River valley and woodland blocks, with the latter two forming strong separating features. The narrowest part of the gap lies to the south-east. The northern extent of the parcel also lies in a moderate gap between Verwood and West Moors to the north. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, with the village of Three Legged Cross and the trading estate at Collingwood Road. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap. The narrowest part of the gap lies to the north-west. The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is substantial urbanising development in the parcel.

Parcel TH9

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap. The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a negligible impact on visual separation between towns.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is substantial urbanising development in the parcel.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Mature tree lines clearly mark the parcel boundary to the north, west and south. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.

Parcel TH9

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

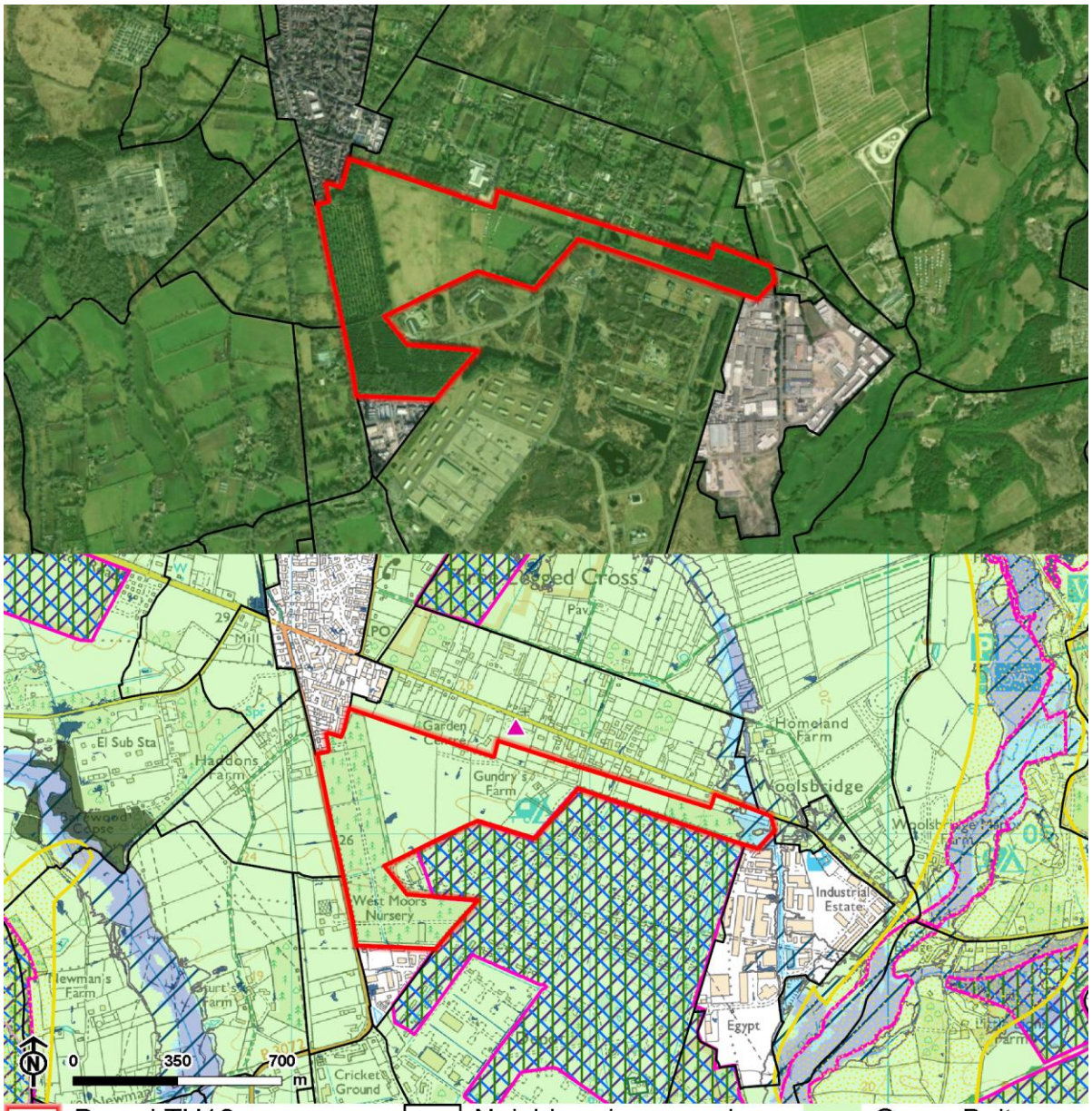
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH10



Potential development constraints

- Listed building
- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- Lowland fens
- Peaty soil
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel TH10

Contribution of land in Parcel TH10

Parcel TH10 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Strong	Moderate	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	No

Parcel TH10 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the south-east of Three Legged Cross. The parcel comprises agricultural fields and plantation woodland. Parcel size: 42ha. There is a strong boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. The parcel abuts Three Legged Cross and the industrial estates at Colling Wood Road and Old Barn Farm Road. The plantation woodland delineates the urban edges and provides a strong boundary feature. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. The parcel remains rural in character, and the presence of a residential property in the north does not affect its openness or introduce a significant urbanising influence. There is some perception of urban development outside the parcel. The parcel abuts the urban edge, the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MOD depot, and experiences some urbanising influence from these areas. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Plantation woodland to the east and west of the parcel, along with strong hedgerow tree boundaries enclosing it, limit the perception of urban development.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. West Moors is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with town for development around it to be associated with the large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.

Parcel TH10

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	The parcel contains physical features in reasonable proximity to the urban area restricting and containing development. Therefore its weakening or loss would have an adverse impact on this purpose. Development in the parcel would negate the role of the plantation woodland, which currently gives the parcel a strong sense of separation from urbanising influences.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. Blocks of plantation woodland in conjunction with the distance between the parcel and the urban edge mean that the parcel has a strong sense of separation from the urban area, so development here would be incongruous with the urban pattern.Development of the parcel would extend built form into currently open countryside, contributing to the outward sprawl of West Moors. It would also extend development towards the village of Three Legged Cross, reinforcing sprawl in this direction. Development would also create pressure for ribbon development along the B3072 West Moors Road/Three Cross Road, further undermining the rural character of the area.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel comprises small woodland blocks, which provide strong separating features within the gap.

Parcel TH10

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap. The parcel comprises small woodland blocks, which provide strong separating features within the gap. Elsewhere in the gap, additional strong separating features maintain the gap strength. Development of the parcel would extend built form into the gap, reducing the degree of separation and contributing to the perception of merging between West Moors and Verwood.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a minor impact on visual separation between towns. The development of land in this parcel would be unlikely to significantly increase urbanising influence on adjacent land in the gap.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Development in the parcel would not increase urbanising influence on any land which is not already subject to at least as much urbanising influence as this parcel.

Parcel TH10

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

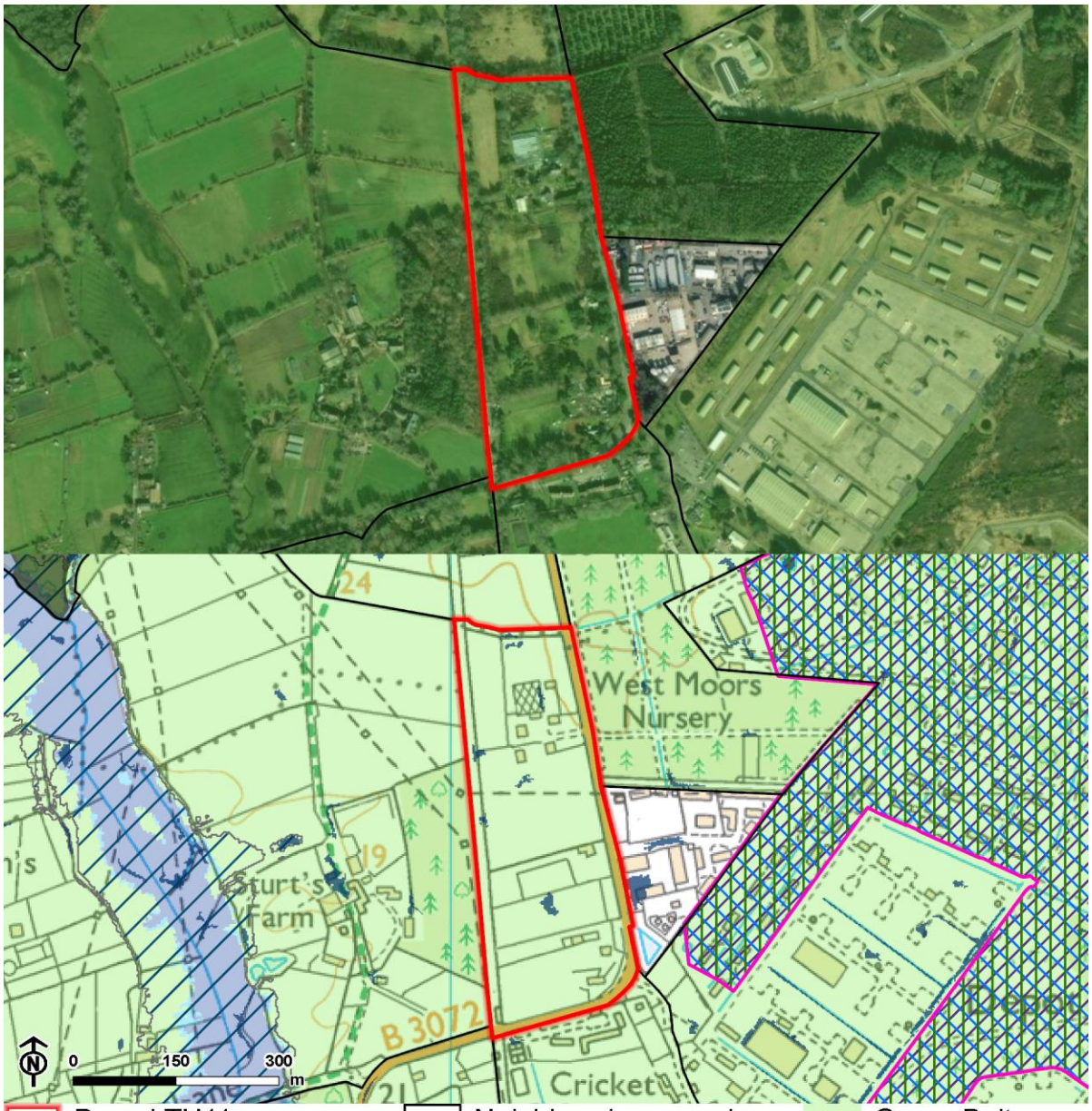
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel makes a strong contribution to Green Belt Purpose A and therefore does not meet the definition of grey belt land.

Parcel TH11



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel TH11

Contribution of land in Parcel TH11

Parcel TH11 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Strong	Moderate	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	No

Parcel TH11 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
The parcel is located south of Three Legged Cross, on the western edge of the industrial estate at Collingwood Road. The parcel comprises agricultural fields enclosed by mature hedgerow trees, together with scattered residential dwellings set within large plots. Parcel size: 11ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. The tree line to the east of the parcel forms a moderately strong boundary feature. To the southwest, intervening agricultural land, tree cover, and established field boundaries create separation from West Moors. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The trading estate to the east exerts a degree of urbanising influence on the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. The scattered residential dwellings introduce a limited degree of urbanising effects and do not materially affect the openness of the parcel. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Tree cover within the parcel limits the perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. West Moors is a town and is defined as a large built-up area. The industrial estate (along Collingwood Road) has a strong enough relationship with West Moors for development around it to be associated with the large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.

Parcel TH11

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. Although a small block of woodland to the west of the parcel provides a degree of containment, the lines of mature hedgerow trees to the north and south are not sufficiently strong boundary features to provide meaningful containment. So, development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. Development of land in the parcel would have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. The loss of separation between West Moors and Three Legged Cross, causing the two to be perceived as a single large built-up area, would be a significant change to the urban pattern. The openness of this parcel is playing a role in preventing that.Development of the parcel would extend built form into currently open countryside, resulting in an incongruous pattern of development and contributing to the outward sprawl of West Moors. It would also extend development along Three Cross Road, reinforcing linear (ribbon) development and further eroding the rural character of the area.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The site lies within the moderate gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.

Parcel TH11

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood. The parcel lacks significant separating features. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a minor impact on visual separation between towns.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Although a small block of woodland to the west of the parcel provides a degree of containment, the lines of mature hedgerow trees to the north and south are not sufficiently strong boundary features to provide meaningful containment. Development within the parcel would, in turn, increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Parcel TH11

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

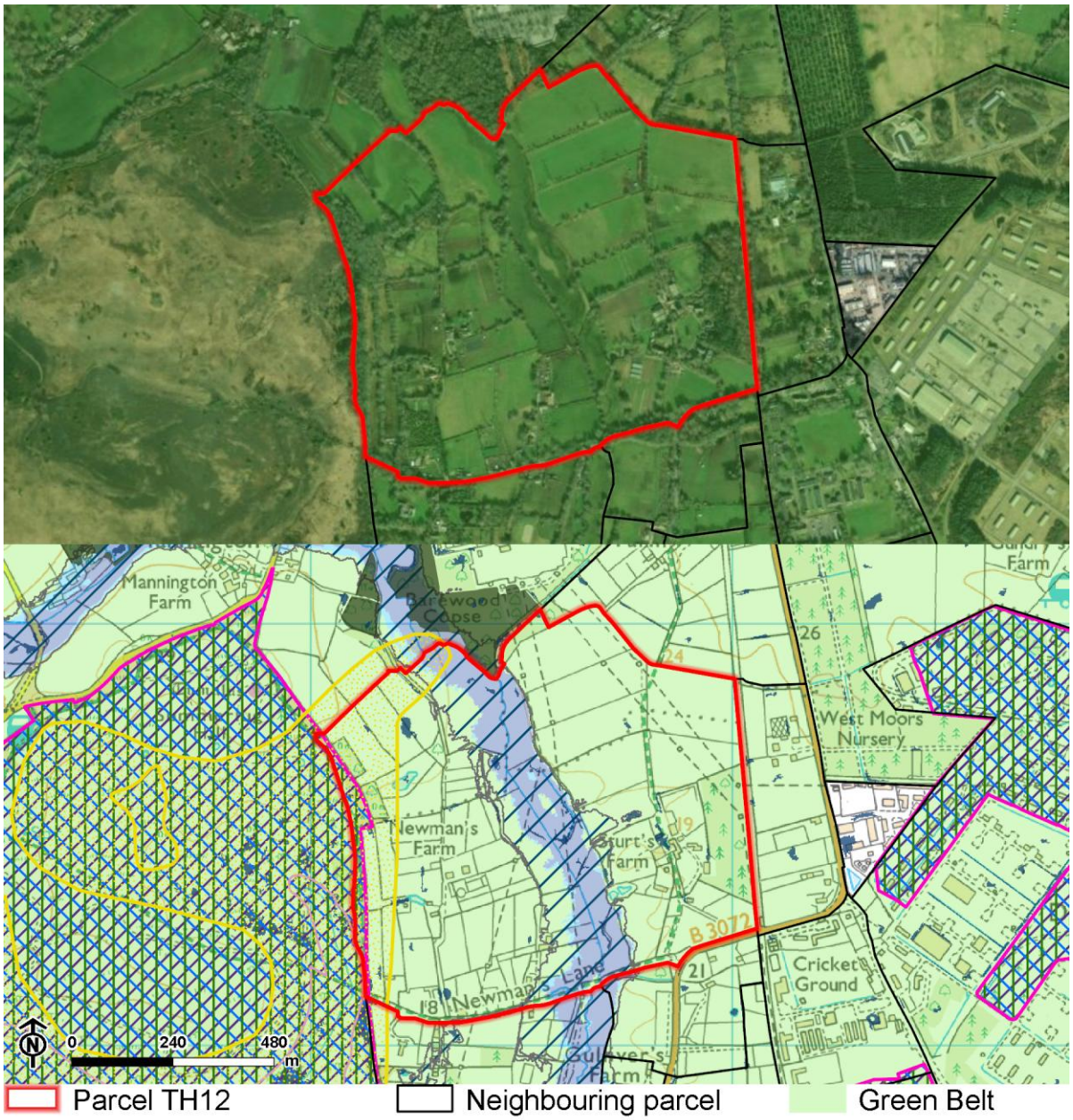
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel makes a strong contribution to Green Belt Purpose A and therefore does not meet the definition of grey belt land.

Parcel TH12



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- Lowland fens
- Peaty soil
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Scheduled monument

Parcel TH12

Contribution of land in Parcel TH12

Parcel TH12 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Strong	Moderate	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	No

Parcel TH12 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the south-west of Three Legged Cross and north of West Moors. The parcel comprises agricultural land and associated farm buildings along with scattered residential properties. Parcel size: 75ha. Boundary features within the gap between the settlement and the parcel combine to create a strong separation. This includes intervening hedgerows, field boundaries and tree belts in conjunction with distance from the settlement edges. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The distance between the parcel and the settlement edge weakens any perception of Three Legged Cross to the east and West Moors to the south. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel There is some perception of connectivity with the wider countryside, limiting the impact of any existing urbanising influence.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is near to a large built-up area. West Moors is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. The parcel has a strong enough relationship with West Moors for development here to be associated with the it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.

Parcel TH12

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. The parcel has predominantly hedgerow boundaries, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. The combination of boundary features in conjunction with the distance between the parcel and the urban edge means that the parcel has a strong sense of separation from the urban area, so development here would be incongruous with the urban pattern.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and the trading estate at Collingwood Road. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel forms a small part of the gap. The parcel lacks any significant separating features within the gap. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a minor impact on visual separation between towns. The development of land in this parcel would be unlikely to significantly increase urbanising influence on adjacent land in the gap.

Parcel TH12

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The parcel has predominantly hedgerow boundaries, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

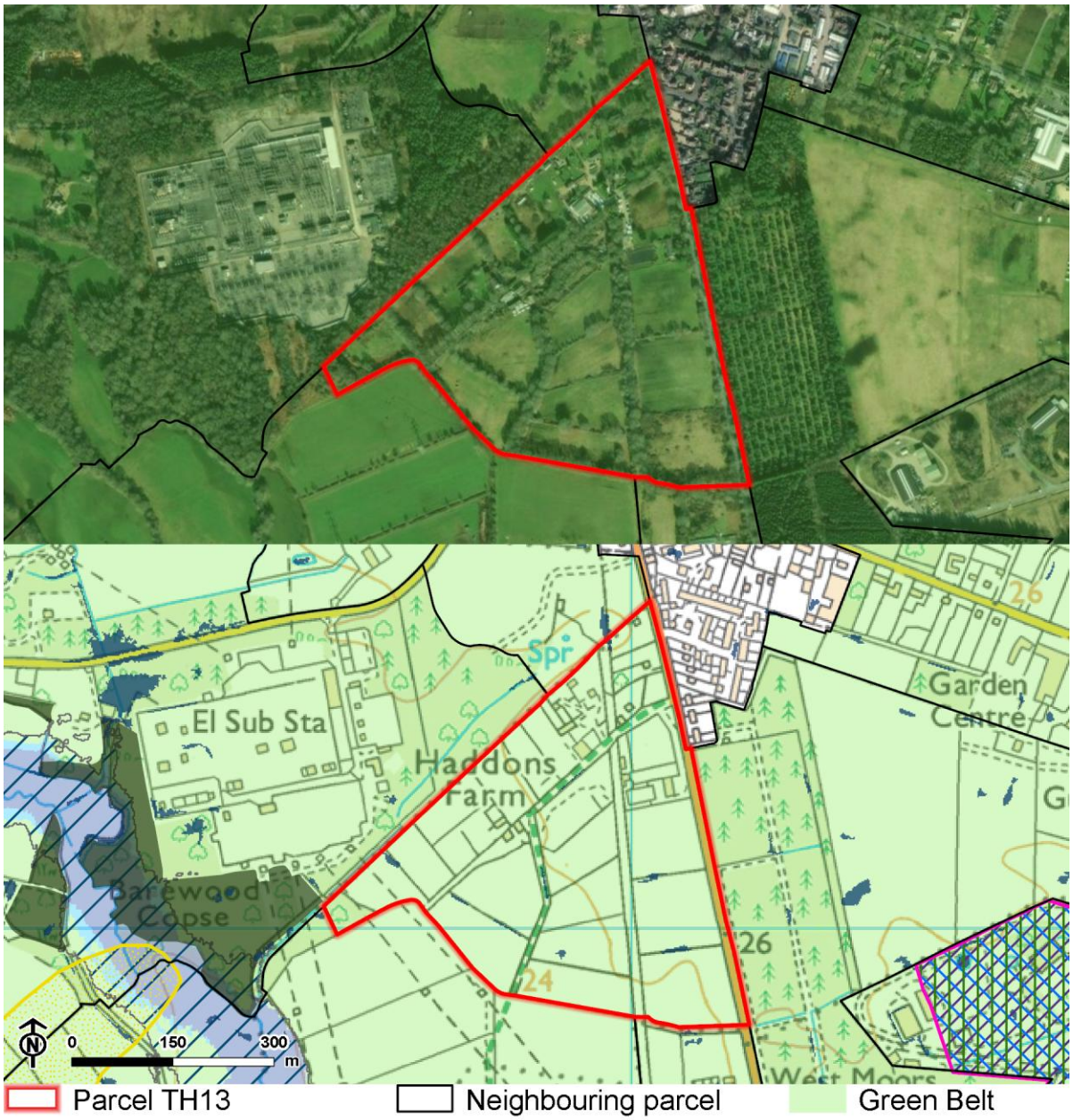
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Parcel TH12

Grey Belt

The parcel makes a strong contribution to Green Belt Purpose A and therefore does not meet the definition of grey belt land.

Parcel TH13



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- Peaty soil
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel TH13

Contribution of land in Parcel TH13

Parcel TH13 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Moderate	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH13 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the south-west of Three Legged Cross. The parcel primarily comprises agricultural fields, with some scattered residential buildings in the north, along with a small element of light commercial/industrial use. Parcel size: 20ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. Only a small portion of the parcel abuts the urban edge. It is bordered by the B3072 and associated roadside hedgerows. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Only a small portion of the parcel abuts the urban edge in the north, with urbanising influences strongest in the north of the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. The development, which is low-density and rural in character, with some light commercial/industrial use, is concentrated in the north of the parcel and does not affect its openness or exert significant urbanising influence. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Tree cover within and surrounding the parcel limits the perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. West Moors is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Three Legged Cross has a strong enough relationship with the town for development around it to be associated with the large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.

Parcel TH13

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. The tree belt forms a strong outer boundary which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would not have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. Although the parcel is subject to little urbanising influence, development associated with Three Legged Cross that would be restricted and contained would not be incongruous.However development would also create pressure for ribbon development along Three Cross Road, further undermining the rural character of the area.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood. The parcel lacks significant separating features. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.

Parcel TH13

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a minor impact on visual separation between towns. The development of land in this parcel would be unlikely to significantly increase urbanising influence on adjacent land in the gap.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Tree belt clearly marks the parcel boundary to the west and south. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A

Parcel TH13

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

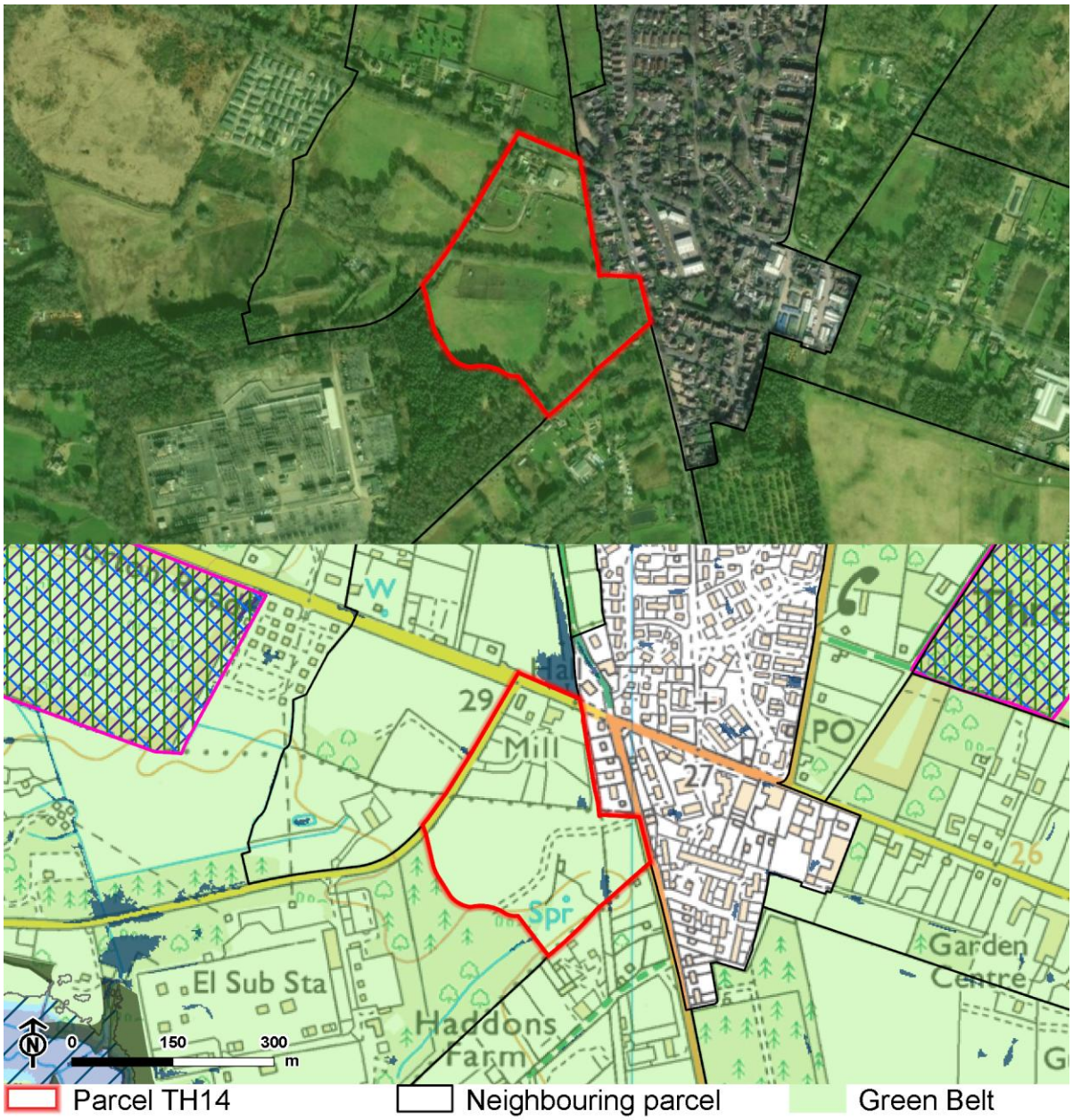
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH14



Potential development constraints

- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel TH14

Contribution of land in Parcel TH14

Parcel TH14 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Weak/No	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH14 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the west of Three Legged Cross. The parcel comprises agricultural fields bounded by hedgerows, with associated farm buildings and some light commercial buildings to the north. Parcel size: 8ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. The urban edge is defined by the rear garden boundaries of adjoining residential properties to the east. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel abuts the urban edge and, given its proximity to the settlement, experiences some urban influence from outside the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Development within the parcel is low density, comprising farm buildings and light commercial uses, and does not exert a significant urbanising influence or affect the openness of the Green Belt. Tree cover limits the perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is not adjacent or near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. Development in this parcel would be associated with Three Legged Cross rather than Verwood or West Moors.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	N/A

Parcel TH14

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	N/A
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	N/A

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises open agricultural land, Three Legged Cross, the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MOD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood. The parcel lacks strong separating features. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a negligible impact on visual separation between towns.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.

Parcel TH14

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Hedgerow trees clearly mark the parcel boundary to the west, north and south-east. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

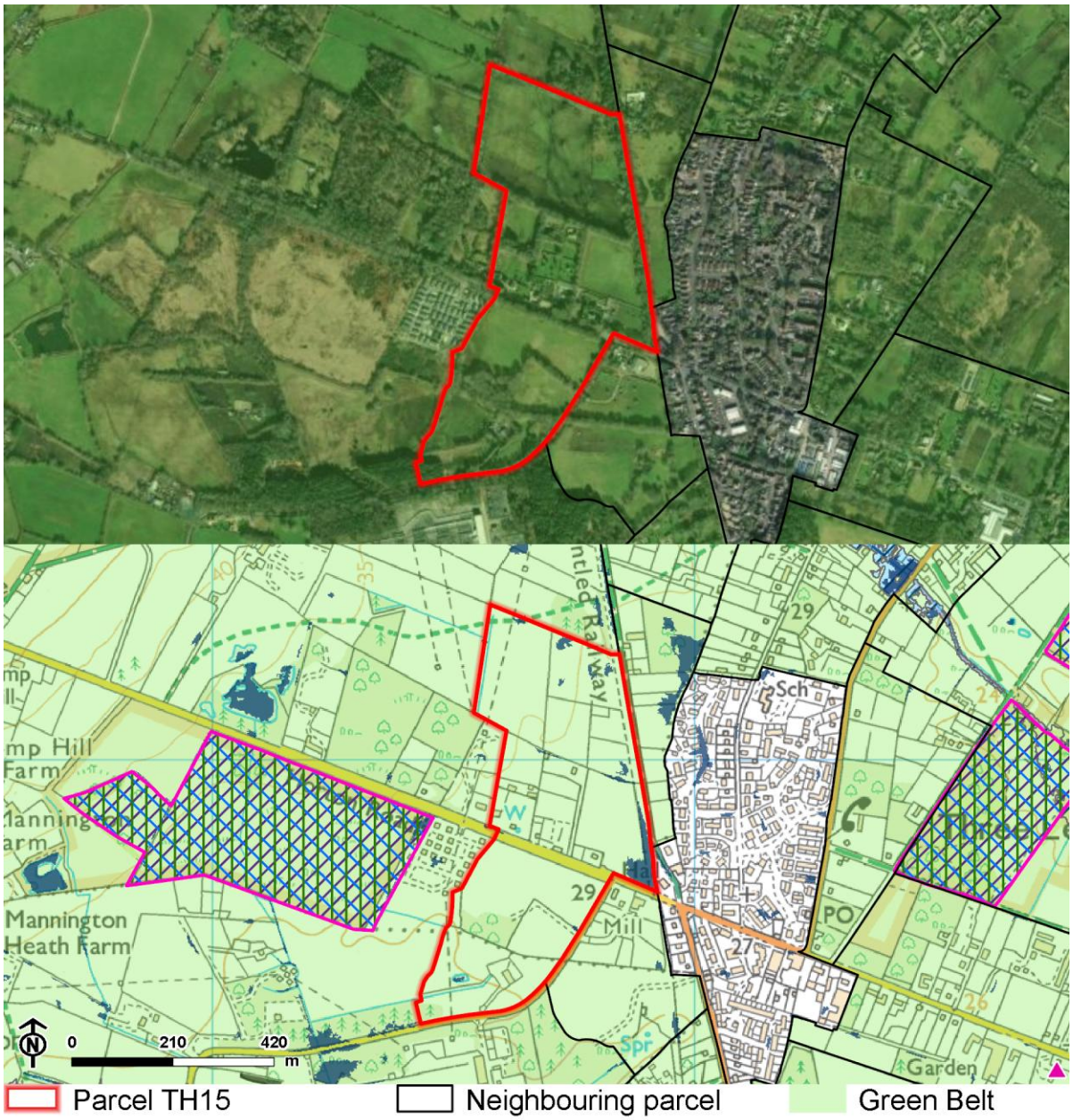
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.

Parcel TH15



Potential development constraints

- Listed building
- Special Area of Conservation
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zones plus climate change
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel TH15

Contribution of land in Parcel TH15

Parcel TH15 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Weak/No	Moderate	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel TH15 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the west of Three Legged Cross. The parcel comprises agricultural fields with some scattered residential properties, mainly along Horton Road. Parcel size: 23ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. Only a small portion of the parcel abuts the urban edge delineated by a mature tree belt. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. The parcel retains its agricultural character, with low-density residential development mainly along Horton Road, which does not affect its openness or exert a significant urbanising influence. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Tree cover within and surrounding the parcel limits the perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is not adjacent or near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. Development in this parcel would be associated with Three Legged Cross rather than Verwood or West Moors.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	N/A
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	N/A

Parcel TH15

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	N/A

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in a gap between Verwood and West Moors. The gap comprises predominantly open agricultural land, the village of Three Legged Cross, and areas of existing development, including the trading estate at Collingwood Road and the MoD depot. The woodland blocks and the River Crane corridor provide strong separating features within the gap.The parcel lacks any strong separating features within the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms a small part of the gap between West Moors and Verwood. The parcel lacks strong separating features. Elsewhere in the gap, strong separating features maintain the gap strength.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a minor impact on visual separation between towns. The development of land in this parcel would be unlikely to significantly increase urbanising influence on adjacent land in the gap.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.

Parcel TH15

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Mature tree belt marks the parcel boundary to the west, north and south. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C. The parcel's strong sense of separation from the urban area means that it has a stronger relationship with the wider countryside than with Three Legged Cross.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel does not form part of the setting of a historic town. Three Legged Cross is not a town and land around it does not contribute to the setting of any historic town.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore is identified as grey belt land.