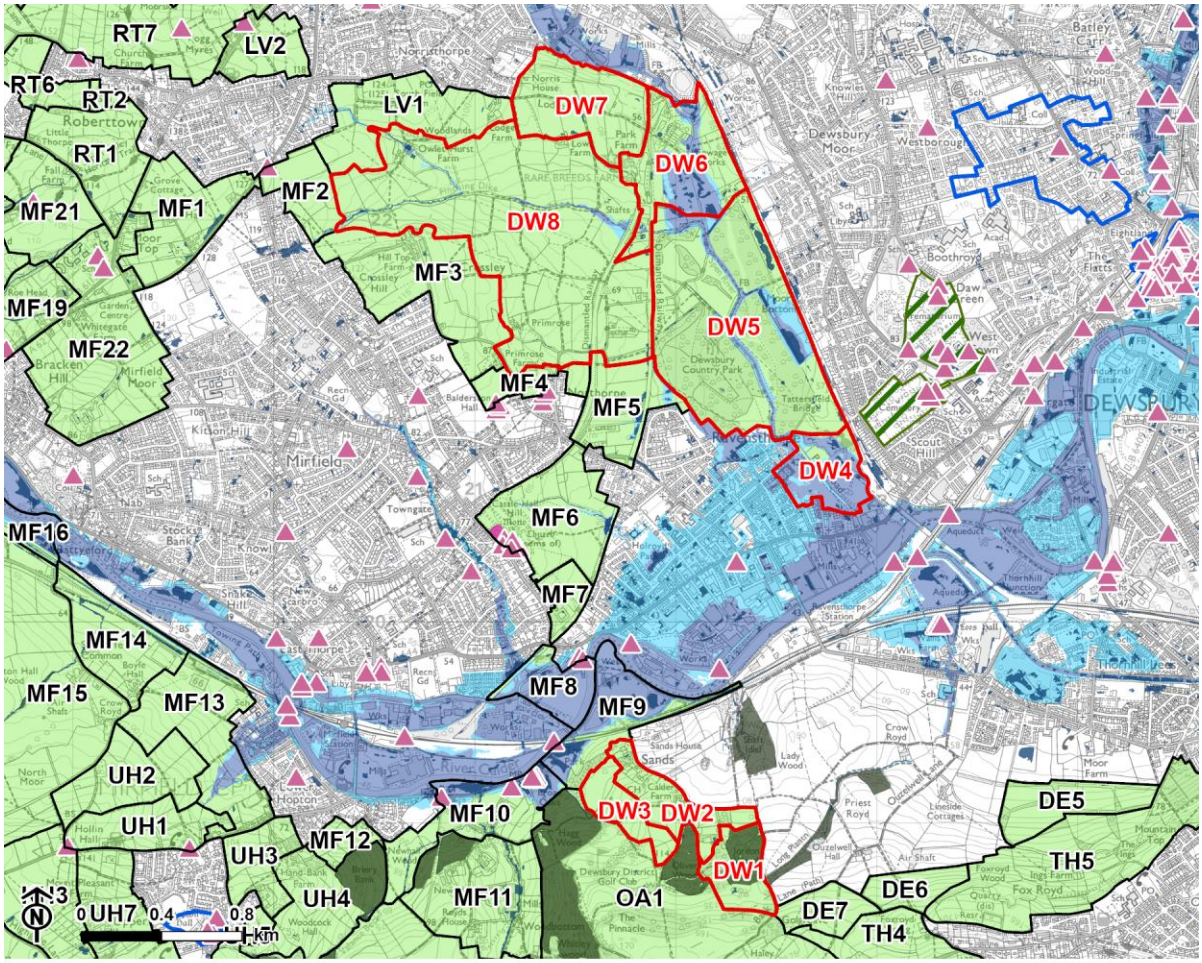
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Dewsbury West and Ravensthorpe parcel

Neighbouring parcel

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NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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Ancient woodland

Flood zone 3

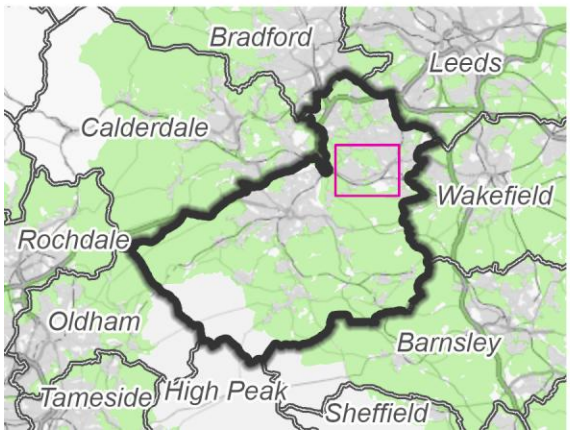
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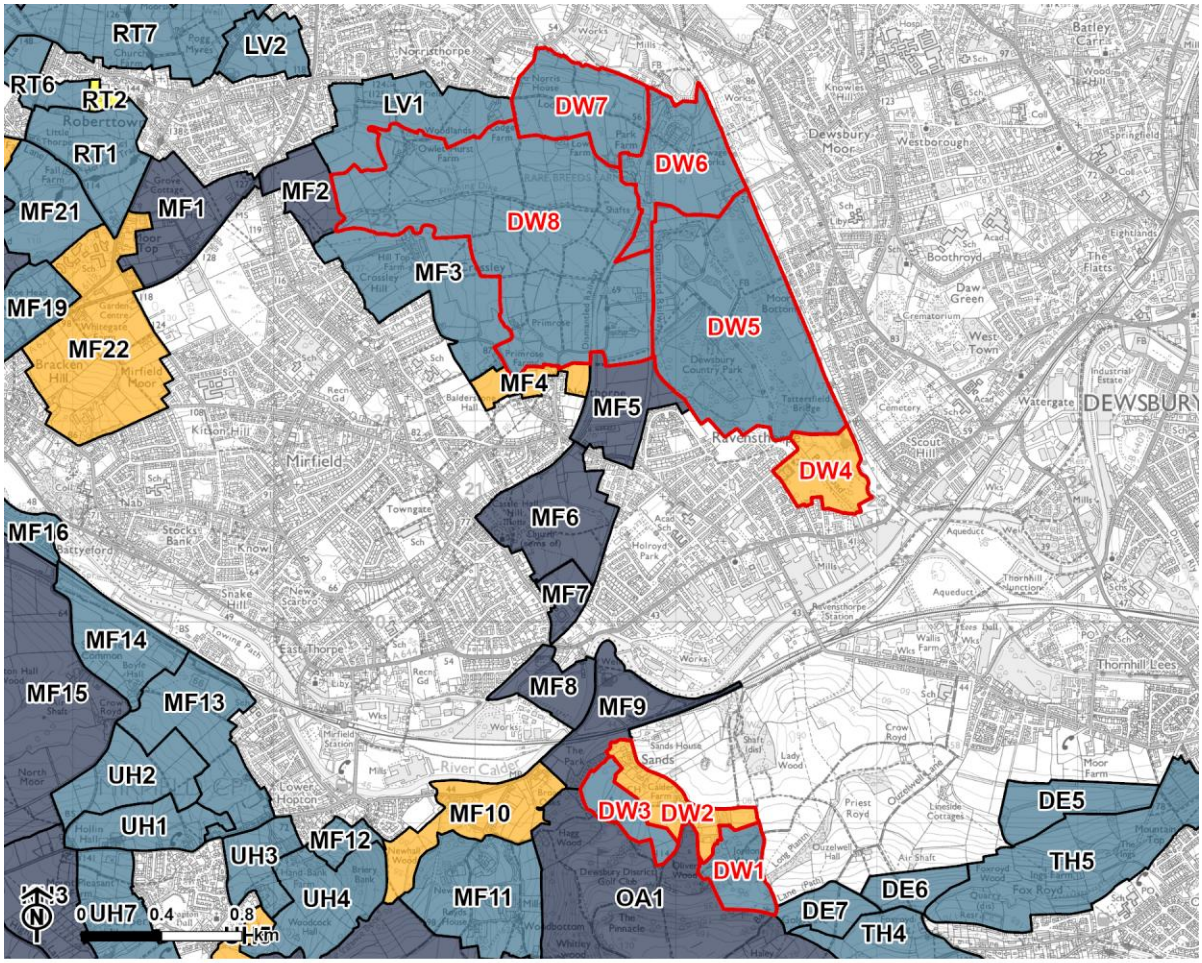
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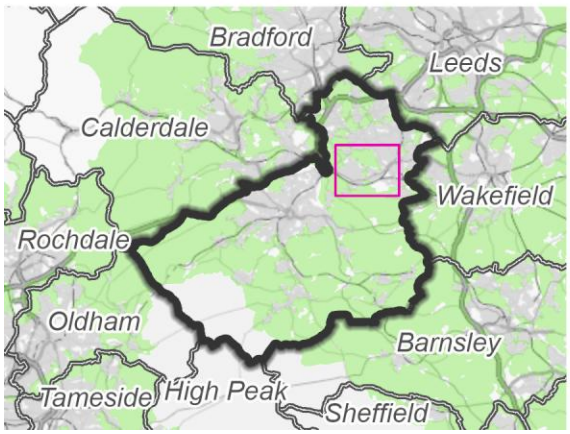
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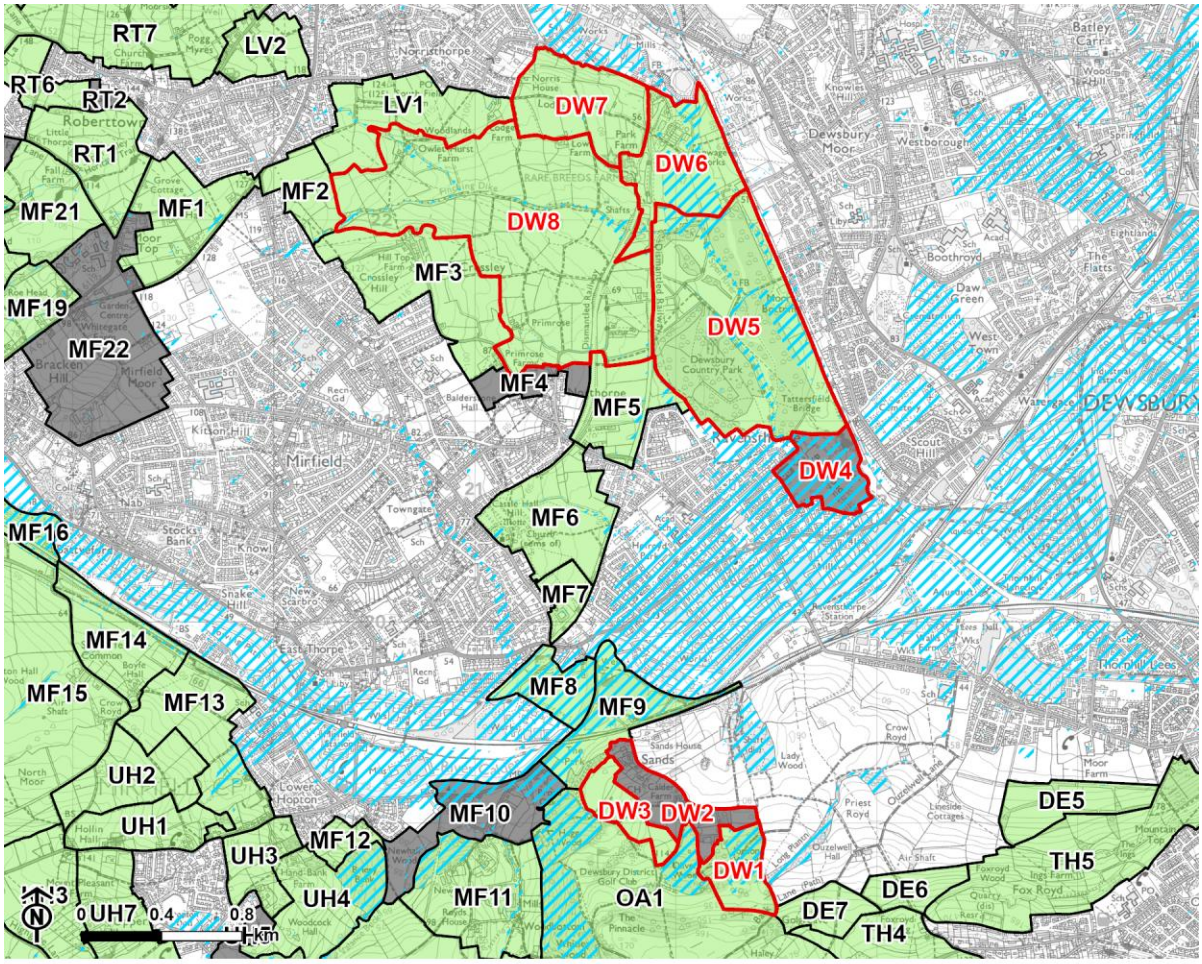
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Dewsbury West and Ravensthorpe



Dewsbury West and Ravensthorpe parcel

Neighbouring parcel

Kirklees

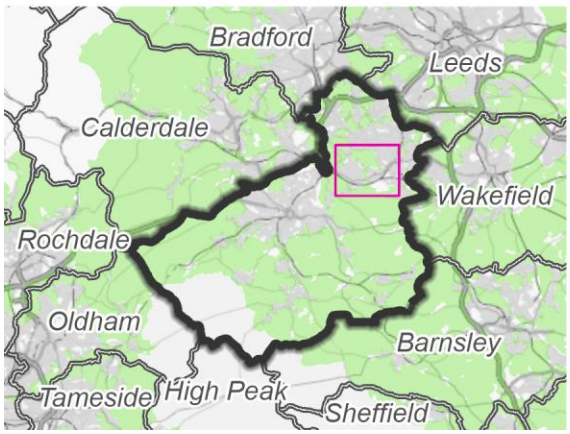
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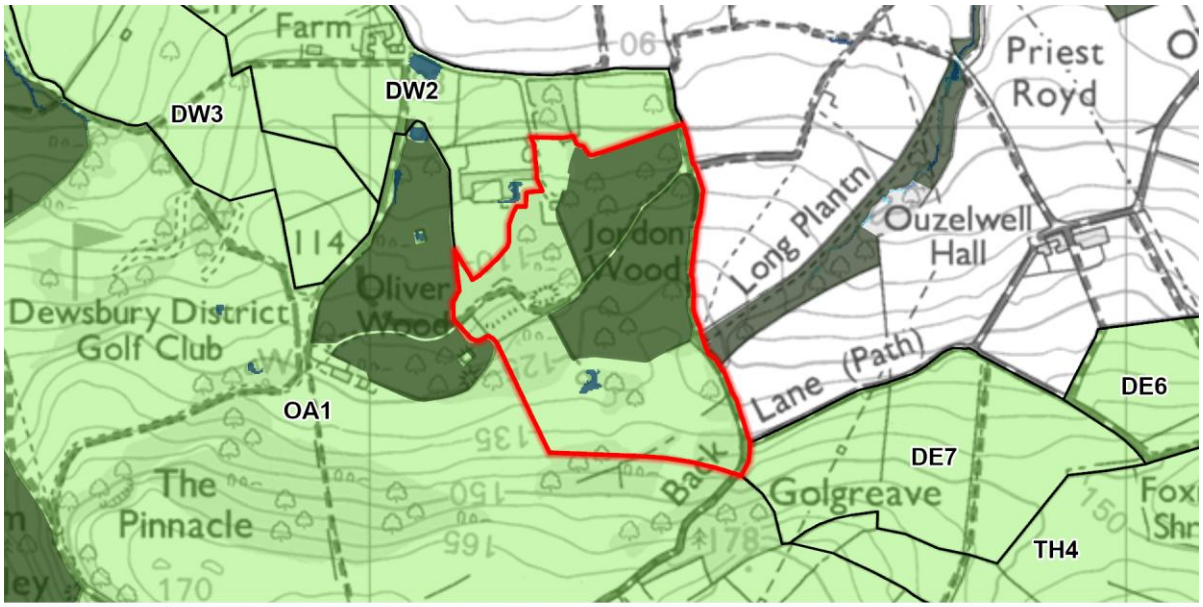
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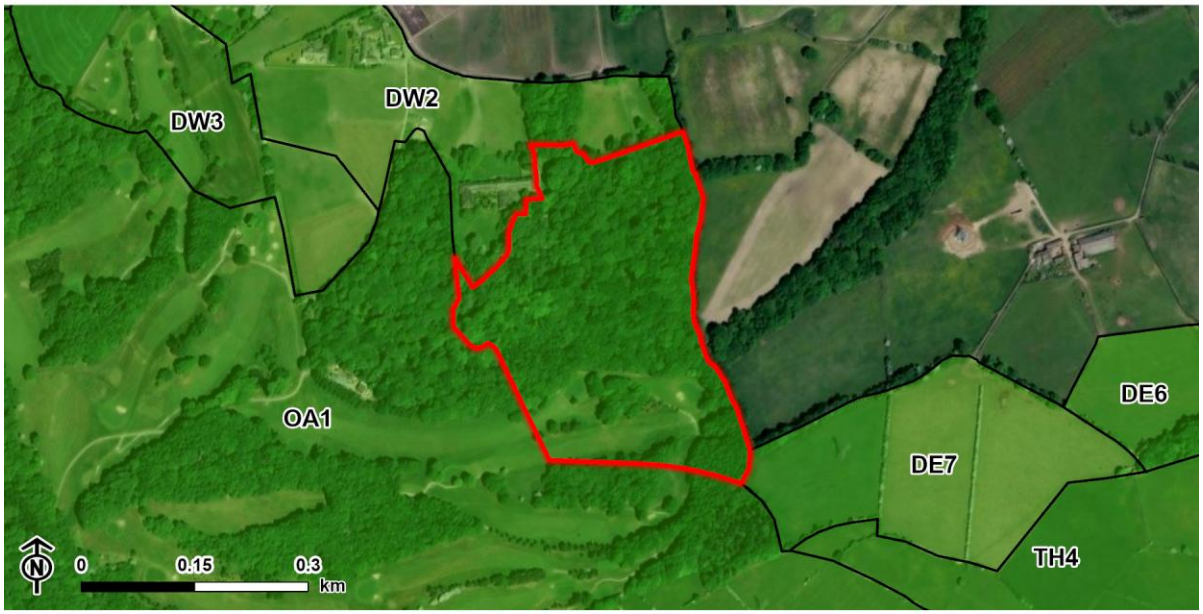
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Footnote 7 designation



Parcel DW1





Parcel DW1 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Ancient woodland
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- High risk of surface water flooding

Contribution of land in Parcel DW1

Parcel DW1 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel DW1 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the southwest of Dewsbury, south of Ravensthorpe and southeast Mirfield. It lies on north facing hillside and is part of Dewsbury District Golf Club together with Jordan Wood. Oliver Wood and the remainder of the golf course form the outer parcel boundaries to the west and south. Parcel size: 11ha. There is a strong boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. 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. Natural features limit 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 adjacent to a large built-up area. Dewsbury is a town and so is defined as a 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 no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. Development in the parcel would negate the role of Jordan Wood which currently gives the parcel a strong sense of separation from urbanising influences.

Parcel DW1

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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. Strong boundary features 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.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel is peripheral to a fragile gap between towns. The gap to the north of the parcel separates the town of Mirfield from Dewsbury and Ravensthorpe. There are limited strong separating features particularly as the A644 establishes a connecting feature.
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. Hillslope and woodland areas to the north of the parcel establish strong separating features in this area of the gap such that development within the parcel would not reduce the strength 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.

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.

Parcel DW1

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 significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The parcel's southwestern boundary has areas of open sloping land, 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

No settlements in Kirklees are considered to be historic towns to which surrounding Green Belt land contributes special character

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

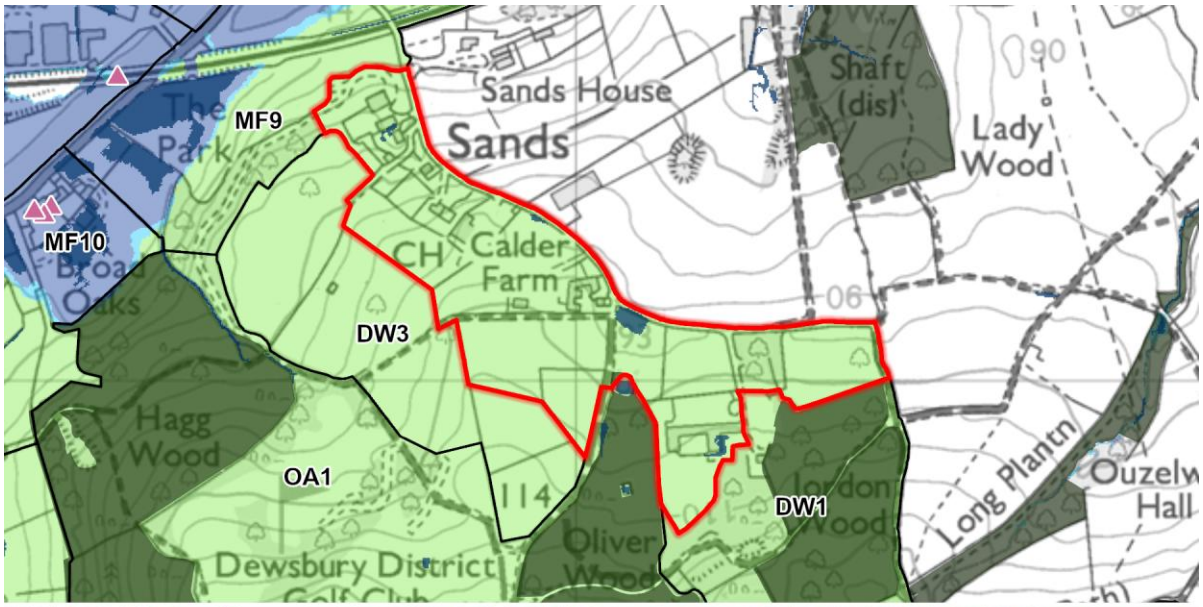
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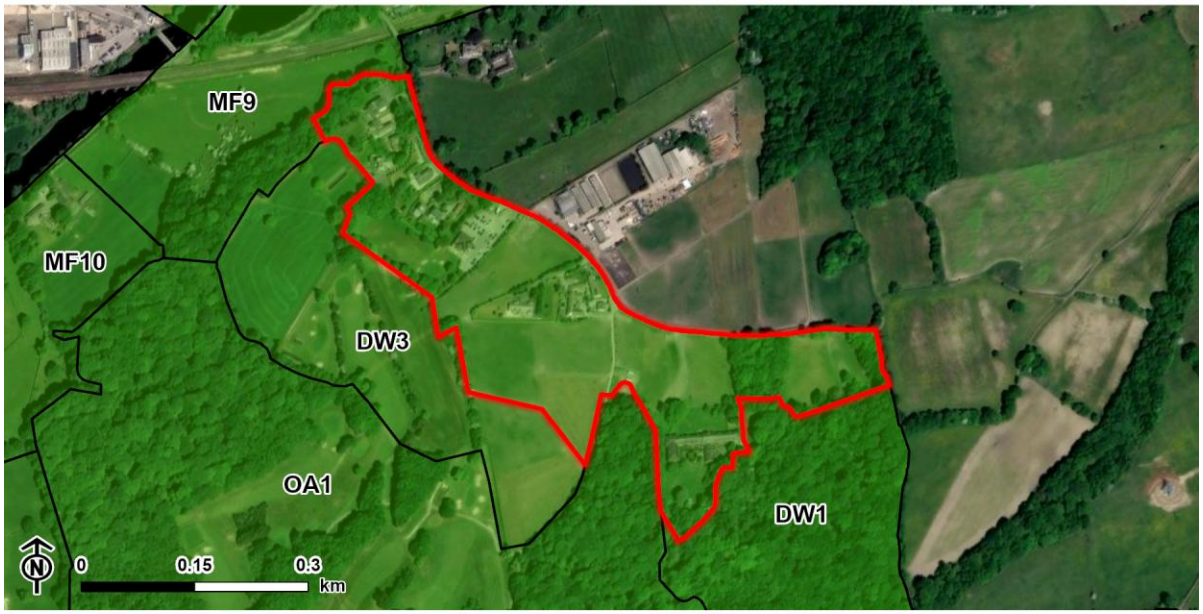
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

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 DW2





Parcel DW2 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Listed building
- Ancient woodland
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel DW2

Contribution of land in Parcel DW2

Parcel DW2 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel DW2 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the southwest of Dewsbury, south of Ravensthorpe and southeast of Mirfield. It includes a number of open fields associated with Calder Farm Reformatory as well as the Dewsbury District Golf Club house, car park, putting practice green and 18th hole, together with multiple residential buildings. The outer boundary to the south in the east of the parcel is formed by Jordan and Oliver Wood while the outer boundary to the southwest follows tree lined and open field boundaries. Parcel size: 13ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. The inner boundary to the north and north-east is formed by Sands Lane and associated hedgerow. 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. Existing development in the Green Belt has some urbanising influence. 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 adjacent to a large built-up area. Dewsbury is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area.
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.
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 woodland areas to the west and south-east along with the existing development in the north form a strong

Parcel DW2

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	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:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a fragile gap between towns. The gap separates the town of Mirfield from Dewsbury and Ravensthorpe. There are limited strong separating features particularly as the A644 establishes a connecting feature. The north-west of the parcel lies within the gap whilst the eastern area is peripheral to 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. The north area of the parcel contains existing development while the hillslope, Hagg Wood and River Calder to the west establish strong separating features in the remainder of the gap.
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:

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 DW2

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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. The extent of existing development in the north area and the containing woodland to the south are such that development in the parcel would not increase urbanising influence on adjacent open land.

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

Weak/No contribution

No settlements in Kirklees are considered to be historic towns to which surrounding Green Belt land contributes special character

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

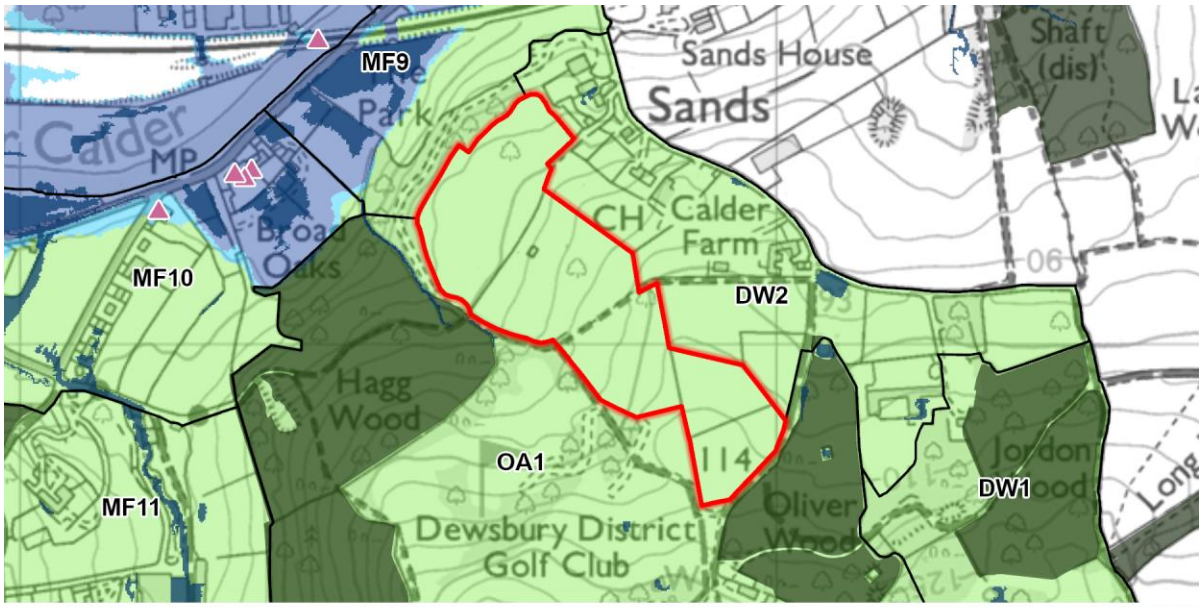
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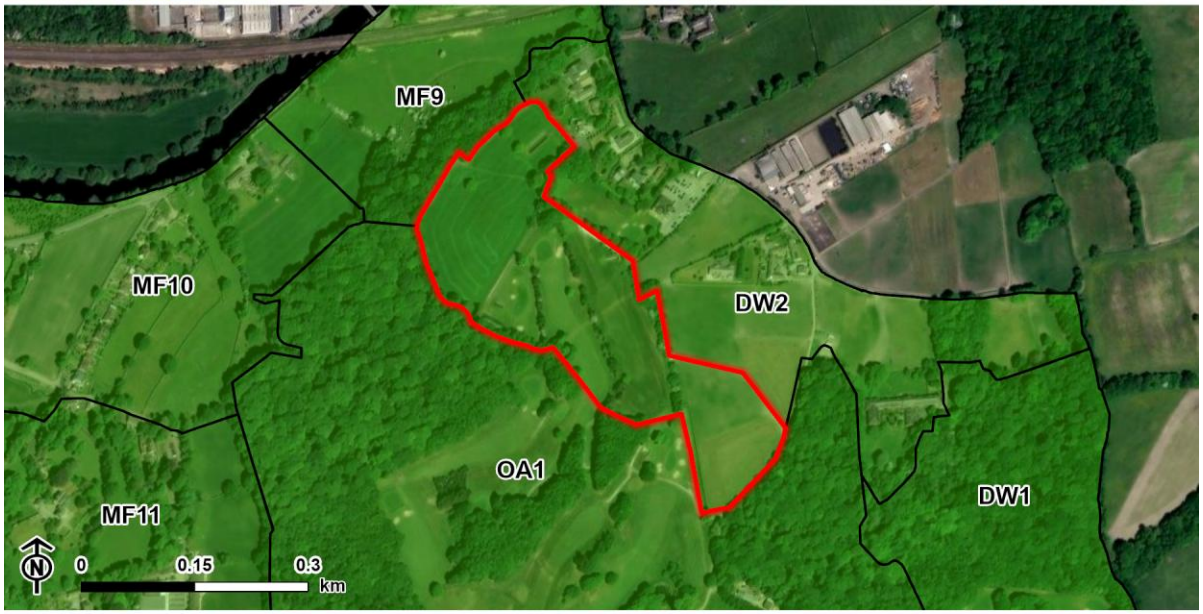
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore has the potential to be grey belt land. NPPF footnote 7 areas and assets within or connected to the parcel may provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development within it. Such locations can only be provisionally defined as grey belt land until further relevant and necessary specialist assessment work has been undertaken.

Parcel DW3





Parcel DW3 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Listed building
- Ancient woodland
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding

Contribution of land in Parcel DW3

Parcel DW3 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel DW3 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the southwest of Dewsbury, south of Ravensthorpe and southeast of Mirfield. It includes land associated with the Dewsbury District Golf Club and is largely contained by surrounding woodland areas such as Hagg Wood to the southwest and Oliver Wood to the east. Parcel size: 9ha. Boundary features within the gap between the settlement and the parcel combine to create moderate separation. This includes tree lines and mature hedgerows to the north and Hagg Wood to the west and Oliver Wood to the north-east. There is some change in landform which creates 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. Natural features limit 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 near to a large built-up area. Dewsbury is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. The parcel has a strong enough relationship with Dewsbury for development here to be associated with 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.
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. Development in the parcel would negate the role of the landform change and distance from the urban edge

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	which currently give 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. Landform change and 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.

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 fragile gap between towns. The gap separates the town of Mirfield from Dewsbury and Ravensthorpe. There are limited strong separating features in the most fragile part of the gap particularly where the A644 establishes a connecting feature.
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 substantial part of the gap. The north-west part of the parcel makes particular contribution to the separation of towns due to its location on the hillslope. Development in this area would minimise the size of the gap, leaving a small part of Hagg Wood as the only visually separating feature.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely significantly impact 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 predominantly free from urbanising development.

Parcel DW3

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 significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Although woodland areas form strong outer boundaries to the east and west, the open sloping golf course land to the south would be subject to increased urbanising impact.

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

Weak/No contribution

No settlements in Kirklees are considered to be historic towns to which surrounding Green Belt land contributes special character

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

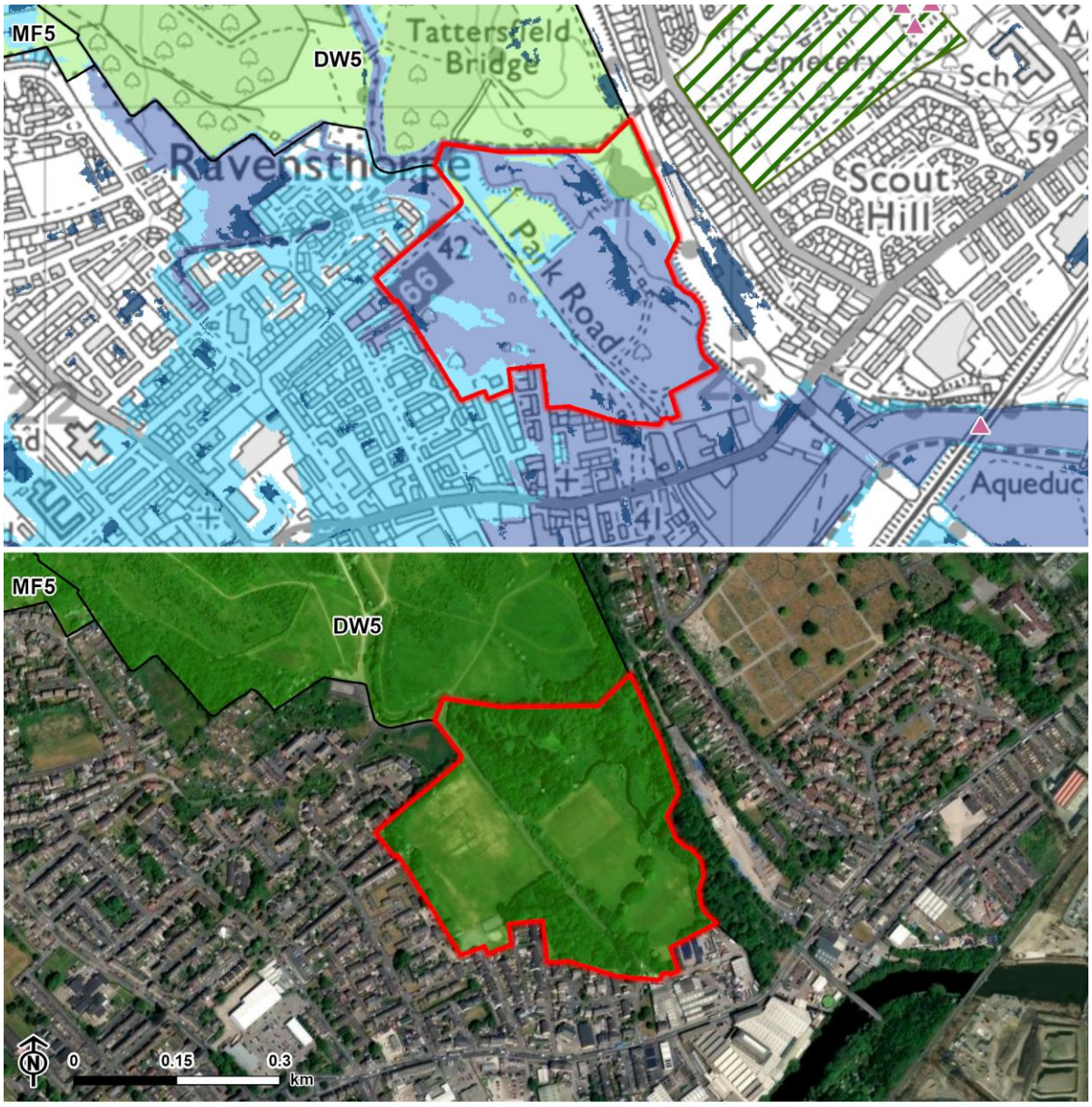
Equal contribution

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 DW4



NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Listed building
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Registered Parks and Gardens

Parcel DW4

Contribution of land in Parcel DW4

Parcel DW4 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel DW4 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
The parcel is located to the west of Dewsbury and east of Ravensthorpe. It contains a range of tree covered areas, the River Spen and some open fields. It is contained by existing development to the west, south and east, while open land associated with Dewsbury Country Park forms the outer parcel boundary to the north. Parcel size: 14ha. A combination of features forms a boundary of moderate strength between the settlement and the parcel. 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. Land use creates some association with the urban area but there is little urbanising activity in the 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:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is adjacent to a large built-up area.
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.
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 extent of existing urban containment and the wooded boundary feature to the north form a strong outer boundary which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Parcel DW4

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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 does not lie in a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring. Raventhorpe and Dewsbury are largely merged, and as a result, this parcel does not contribute to their separation.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

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.
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

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	land. The existing urban containment and the wooded areas 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

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Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

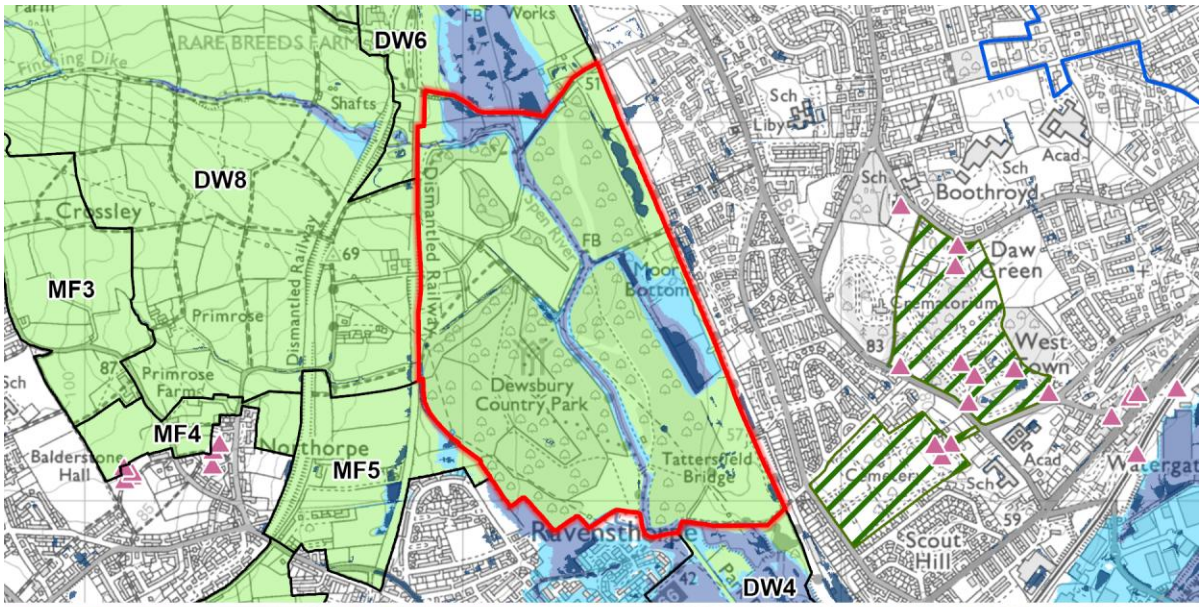
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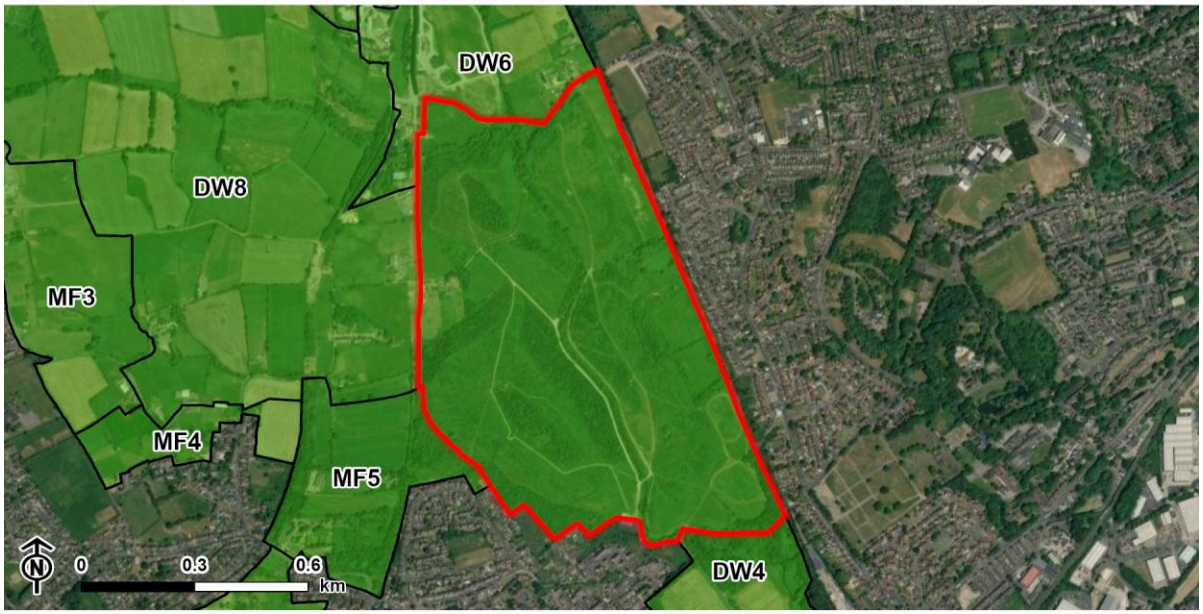
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore has the potential to be grey belt land. NPPF footnote 7 areas and assets within or connected to the parcel may provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development within it. Such locations can only be provisionally defined as grey belt land until further relevant and necessary specialist assessment work has been undertaken.

Parcel DW5





Parcel DW5 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Listed building
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Conservation area
- Registered Parks and Gardens

Parcel DW5

Contribution of land in Parcel DW5

Parcel DW5 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel DW5 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the west of Dewsbury, north of Ravensthorpe and northeast of Mirfield. It primarily contains open, wooded land associated with Dewsbury Country Park. The River Spen runs through the centre of the parcel, from north to south, while a dismantled railway and associated tree lines and wooded areas for the outer parcel boundary to the west and north. Parcel size: 78ha. A combination of features forms a boundary of moderate strength between the settlement and the parcel. This includes Canker Dyke, tree lines and wooded and scrub areas. 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 along the eastern and southern edge of the parcel which decreases in the northwest area. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. There is a strong perception of 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 adjacent to a large built-up area. Ravensthorpe and Dewsbury are towns and so are defined as large built-up areas.
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.

Parcel DW5

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. Development in the parcel would negate the role of the River Spen and the wooded areas which currently give the parcel a strong sense of separation from urbanising influences. Also, the parcel has only weak outer boundaries, so development within it 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. Boundary features 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.

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 gap in this area separates Mirfield from Ravensthorpe and Dewsbury and Liversedge and Heckmondwike. It includes open, sloping fields and woodland associated with Dewsbury Country Park.
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 substantial part of the gap. It contains wooded areas and the River Spen which establish visual separation and development of it would significantly minimise the gap size.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely significantly impact visual separation between towns.

Parcel DW5

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?	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. The parcel does not have strong outer boundary features, 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

No settlements in Kirklees are considered to be historic towns to which surrounding Green Belt land contributes special character

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

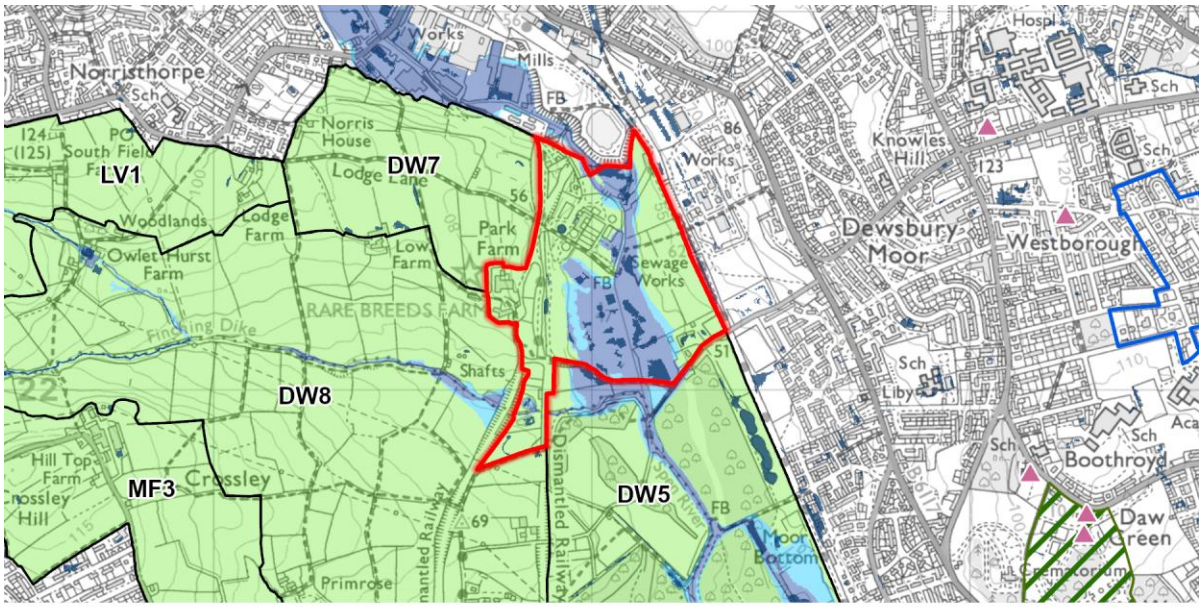
Equal contribution

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 DW6





Parcel DW6 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Listed building
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Conservation area
- Registered Parks and Gardens

Parcel DW6

Contribution of land in Parcel DW6

Parcel DW6 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel DW6 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the northwest of Dewsbury, north of Ravensthorpe, northeast of Mirfield and south of Heckmondwike and Liversedge. It contains a number of open fields, sewage works, construction related hardstanding, and Ponderosa Zoo. The outer boundaries to the south and west are largely formed by wooded areas and low vegetation and hedgerows. Parcel size: 28ha. A combination of features forms a boundary of moderate strength between the settlement and the parcel. This includes tree line and the River Spen. 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 some urbanising activity in the parcel but land use also associates the area with the wider countryside. There is some perception of connectivity with 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 adjacent to a large built-up area. Dewsbury is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area.
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?	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. The parcel does not have a consistent strong outer boundary, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Parcel DW6

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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 lack of features to restrict and contain development mean that, although the parcel is subject to some urbanising influence, development here would have an incongruous impact.

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 gap separates Mirfield from Ravensthorpe and Dewsbury and Liversedge and Heckmondwike. It includes open, sloping fields and woodland associated with Dewsbury Country Park.
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 forms a substantial part of the gap. The parcel includes tree cover and open land that forms an important part of the gap. Development in the parcel would also minimise and weaken the remaining land in the gap.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely significantly impact 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?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.
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 DW6

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Despite the tree lines and vegetated field boundaries, the parcel's outer boundaries do not comprise consistent strong features, 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

No settlements in Kirklees are considered to be historic towns to which surrounding Green Belt land contributes special character

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

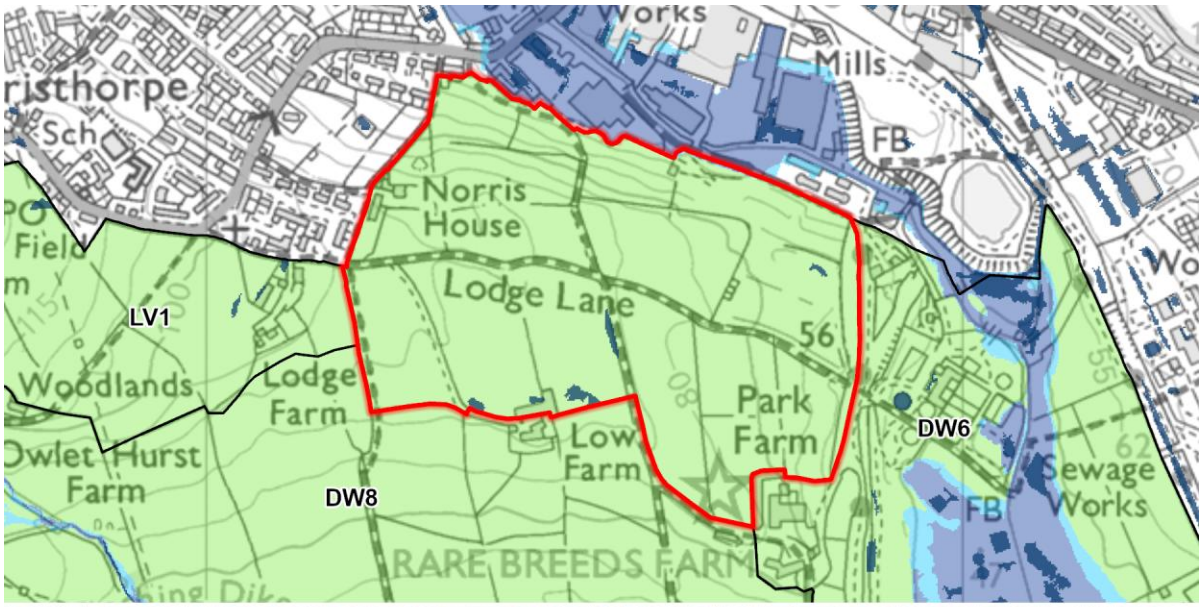
Equal contribution

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 DW7





Parcel DW7 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel DW7

Contribution of land in Parcel DW7

Parcel DW7 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel DW7 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the north of Ravensthorpe; to the south of Heckmondwike; to the north east of Mirfield; south east of Liversedge and north west of Dewsbury. It contains predominantly open fields with small areas of openair storage to south east and residential to west. Lodge Lane passes through the area. The northern part of the parcel is steeply sloping and tree covered. Parcel size: 26ha. There is a boundary feature of moderate strength between the settlement and the parcel. There is some change in landform which creates a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The slope in particular establishes views of the urban area to the north. 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.

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 adjacent to a large built-up area. Dewsbury and Heckmondwike are towns and so are defined as large built-up areas.
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.
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. Development in the parcel would negate the role of landform change and boundary features which currently give the parcel a strong sense of separation

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	from urbanising influences. Also, the parcel has only hedgerow outer boundaries, so development within it 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. Boundary features and landform change 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.

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 gap in this area separates Mirfield from Dewsbury, Liversedge and Heckmondwike. It includes open fields, sloping fields and woodland along northern boundary.
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 substantial part of the gap. Development in the parcel, particularly in the south part, would have an urbanising impact on adjacent land in the gap which would also be visible from the neighbouring town due to the landform.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely significantly impact 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.

Parcel DW7

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 significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The parcel has only hedgerow outer 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

No settlements in Kirklees are considered to be historic towns to which surrounding Green Belt land contributes special character

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

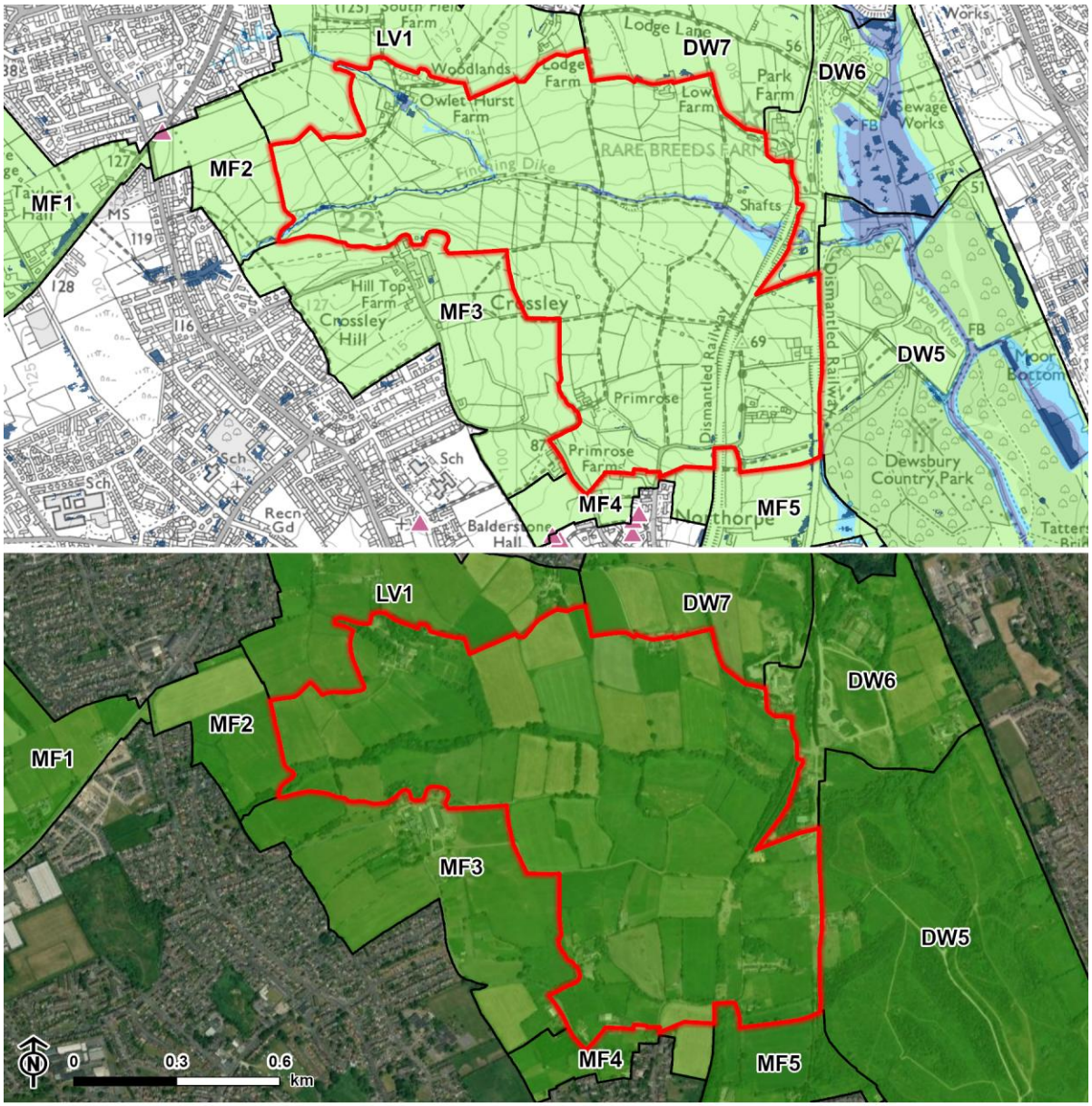
Equal contribution

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 DW8



Parcel DW8 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Listed building
- Flood zone 2
- Flood zone 3
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel DW8

Contribution of land in Parcel DW8

Parcel DW8 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel DW8 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the west of Dewsbury, north of Ravensthorpe, northeast of Mirfield and south of Liversedge and Heckmondwike. It is almost entirely contained within these surrounding urban areas, and contains open fields which slope towards Finching Dike. Parcel size: 117ha. Boundary features within the gap between the settlements and the parcel combine to create moderate separation. There is some change in landform which creates 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 some perception of connectivity with the wider countryside, but the surrounding urban areas prevent this from being stronger.

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. The surrounding areas of Mirfield, Heckmondwike, Dewsbury and Ravensthorpe are all towns and so are defined as large built-up areas.
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.
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 forms the strongest part of the gap between the neighbouring large built-up areas. Any partial

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	development of the parcel would weaken the remainder.
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. Boundary features, landform change and 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. The reduction in separation between the surrounding large built-up areas would also weaken 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 gap in this area separates Mirfield from Dewsbury, Ravensthorpe and Heckmondwike. It includes open, sloping fields and and trees and woodland predominately associated with field boundaries.
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 substantial part of the gap. It includes a large area of the gap with a combination of landform and boundary features meaning that its development would significantly minimise the size of gap and reduce visual separation.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely significantly impact 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.

Parcel DW8

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?	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. It would sever areas of open countryside, reducing the sense of connectivity of the rural landscape.

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

Weak/No contribution

No settlements in Kirklees are considered to be historic towns to which surrounding Green Belt land contributes special character

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.