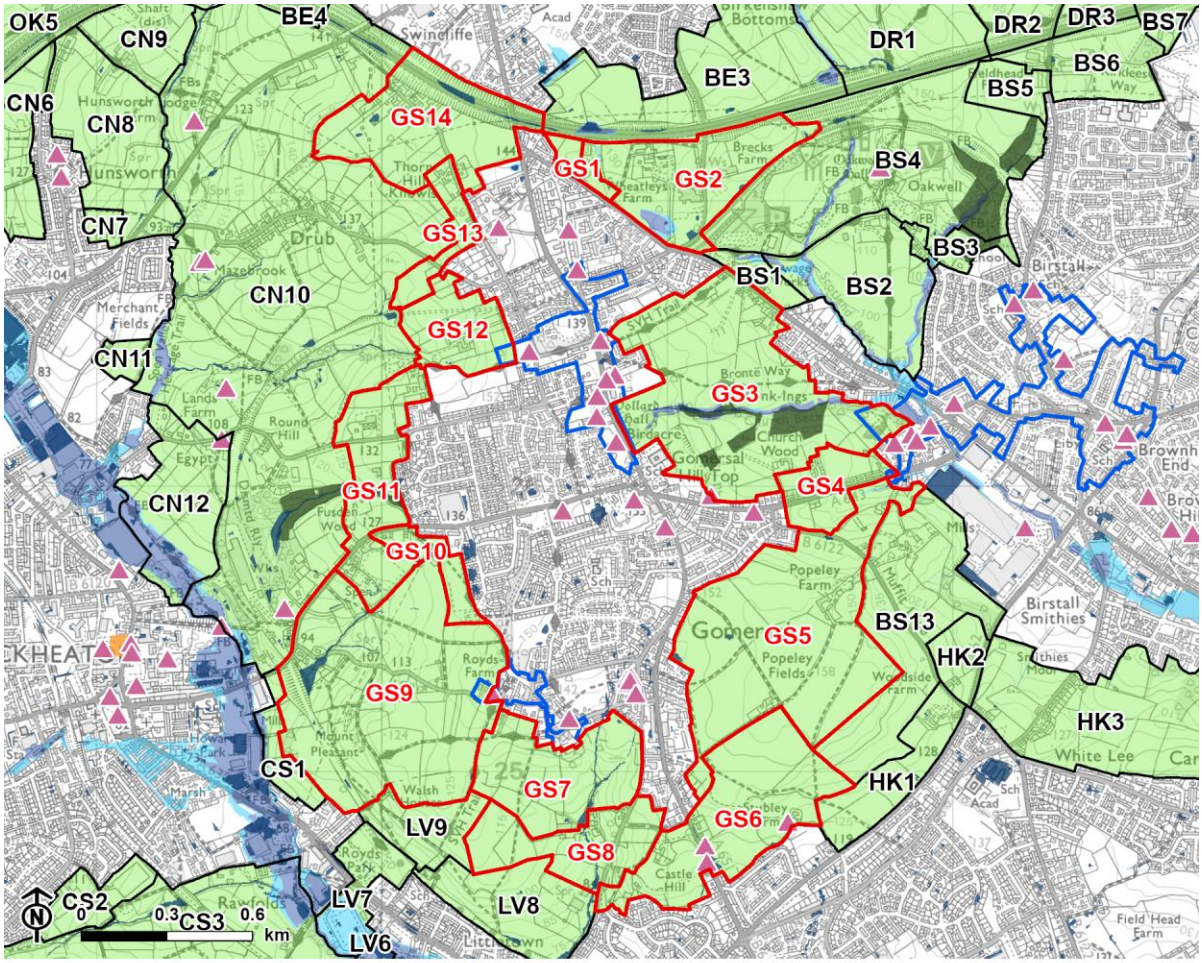
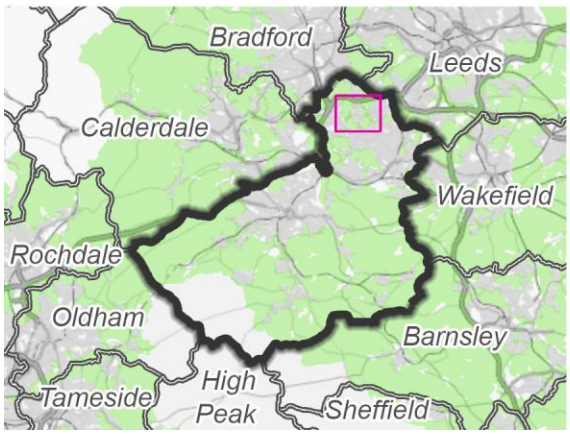
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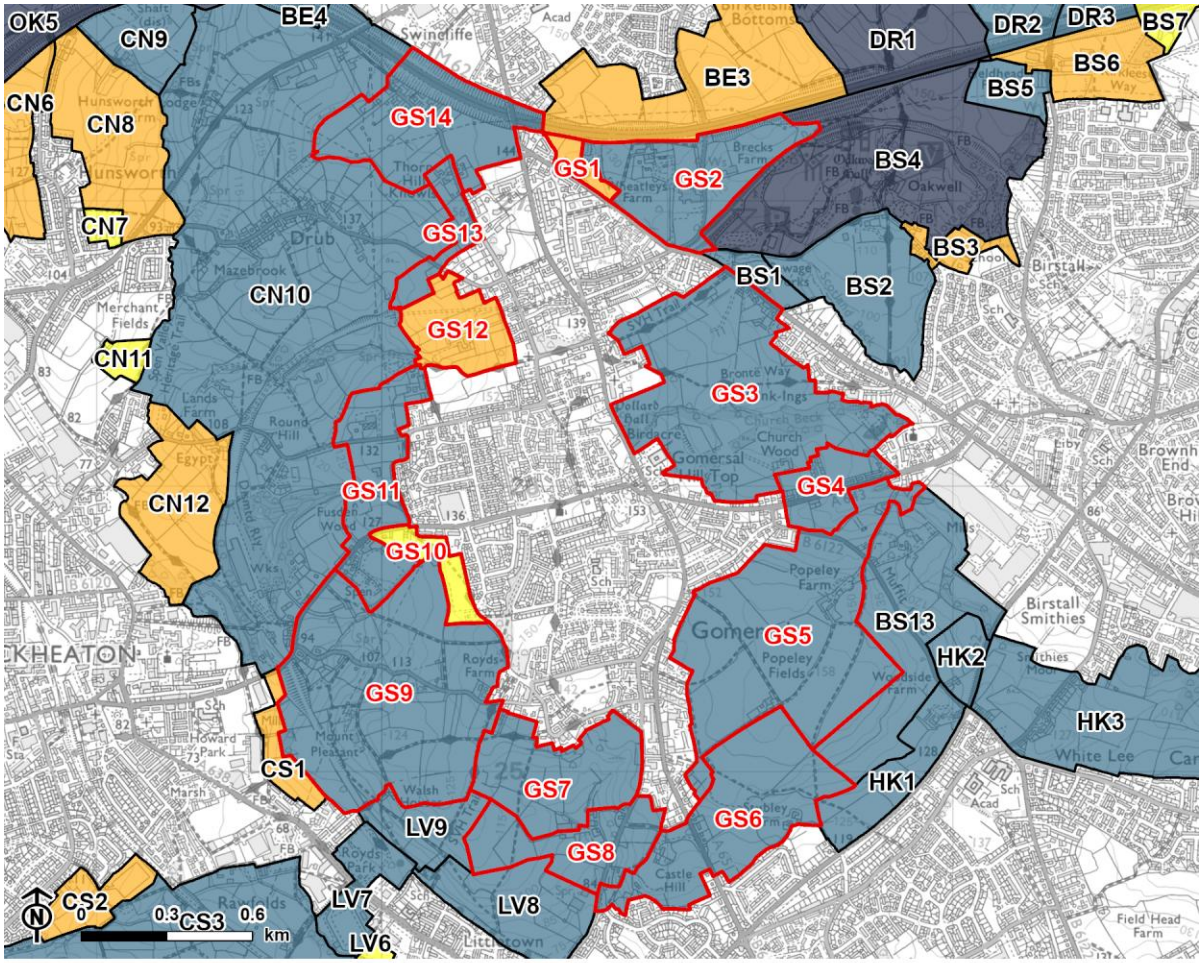
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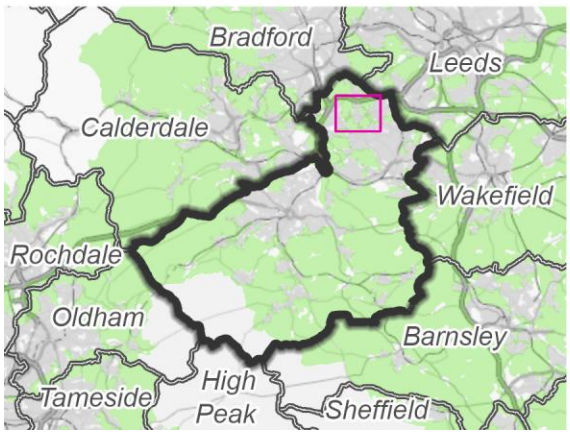
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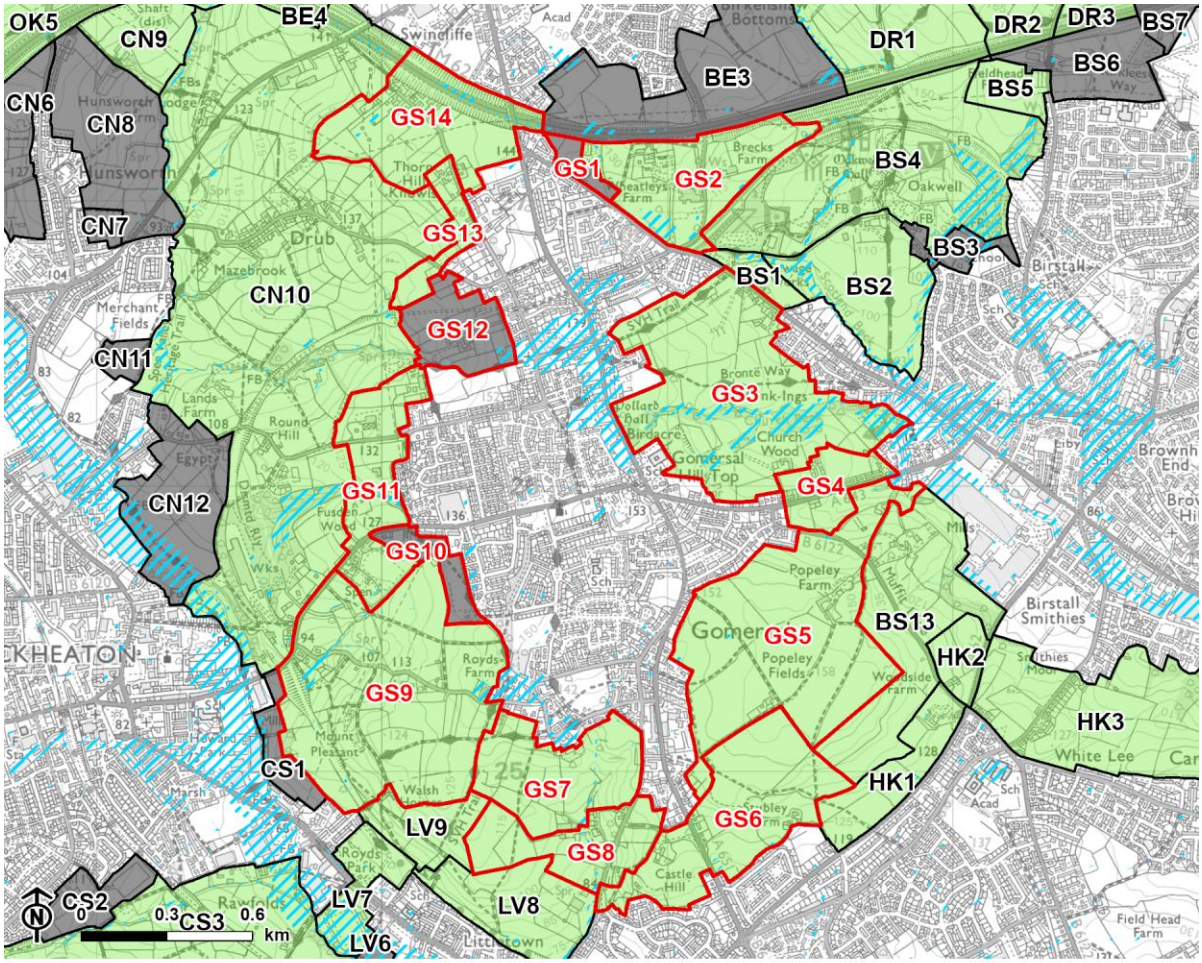
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Highest Contribution to NPPF purposes A, B, C and D

Very Strong
Strong
Moderate
Weak/no



Gomersal



Gomersal parcel

Neighbouring parcel

Kirklees

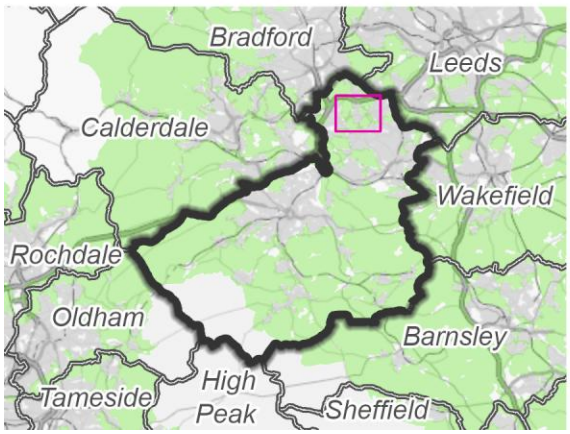
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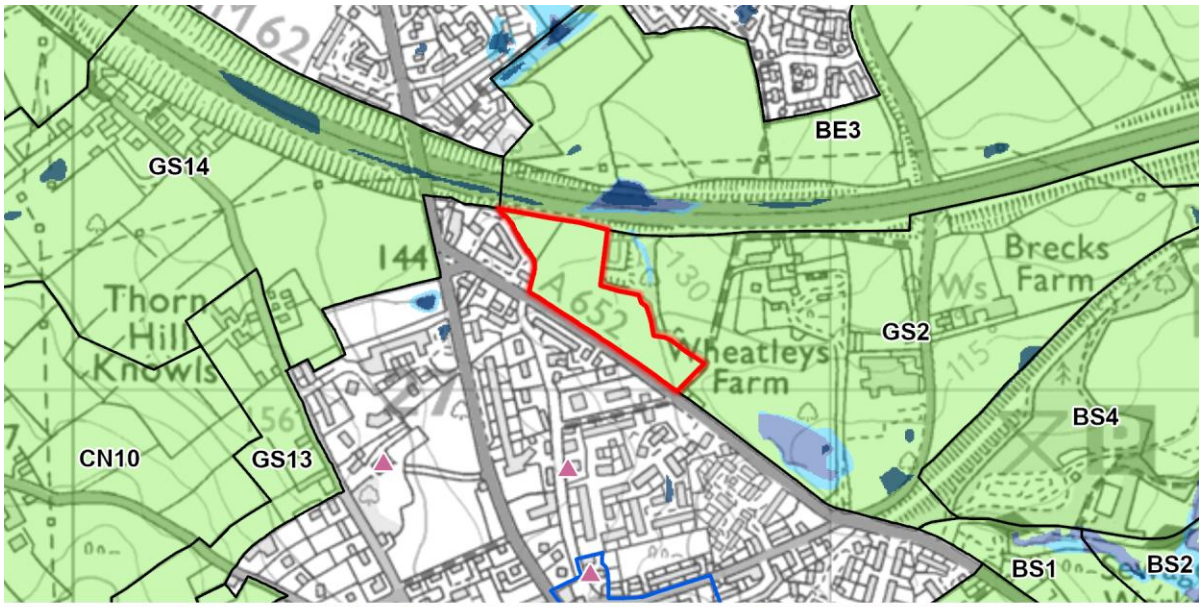
Potential grey belt

Potentially suitable for definition as grey belt land in the district

Footnote 7 designation



Parcel GS1





Parcel GS1 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Contribution of land in Parcel GS1

Parcel GS1 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS1 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the north of Gomersal and south of Birkenshaw, with the M62 bordering to the north. It includes open fields with a small brook, pond and wooded area bordering the outer east boundary. Parcel size: 2ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. Although the A652 separates the land from the urban area, the urban development to the west and south is entirely open to the Green Belt. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a strong perception of urban development outside of the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Appropriate development including Wheatleys Farm and the M62 limits 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 near to a large built-up area. Gomersal does not have very strong separation from Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton and Birstall which therefore means the land is near to these large built-up areas.
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.
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. This includes the M62 to the north and the wooded area to the east.

Parcel GS1

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike and Birstall and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Gomersal and Birkenshaw in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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 free from urbanising development.

Parcel GS1

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.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The wooded areas and M62 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

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:

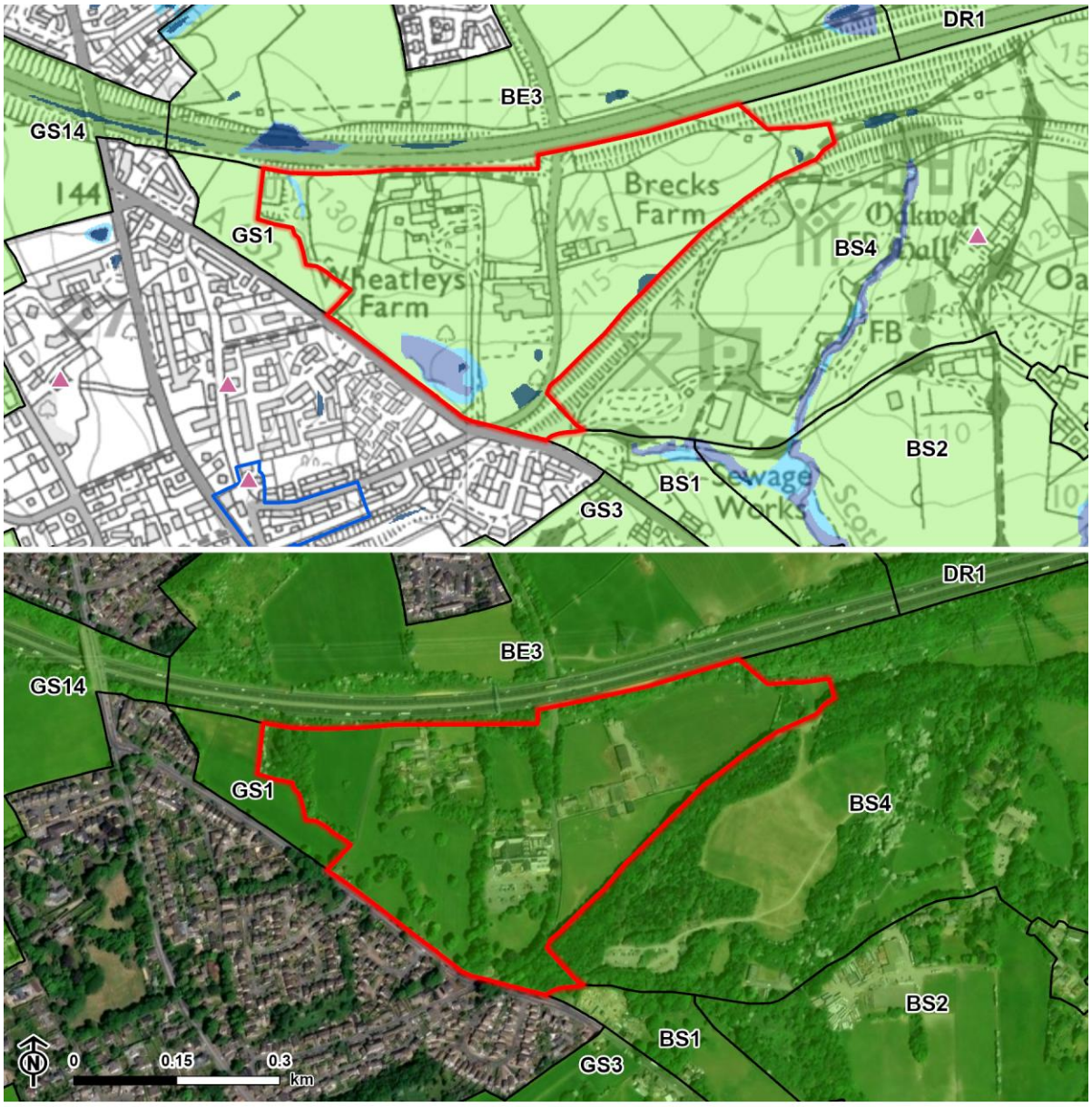
Equal contribution

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

Grey Belt

The parcel 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 GS2



Parcel GS2 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Contribution of land in Parcel GS2

Parcel GS2 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS2 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the north of Gomersal and south of Birkenshaw, including the M62 along the northern edge, Gomersal Park Hotel, Wheatleys Farm and Brecks Farm. The A652 borders to the south and a disused railway and associated woodland borders to the east. Parcel size: 19ha. There is a combination of features creating a strong boundary 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 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. However, the hotel building and its associated car park does have some impact in the centre of the 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. Gomersal does not have very strong separation from Heckmondwike, Birstall, and Cleckheaton which therefore means the land is near to these 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. Development in the parcel would negate the role of the landform change, the A632 and the areas of tree cover

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. The 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:

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between the surrounding towns of Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Gomersal and Birkenshaw in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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:

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 GS2

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 not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The M62 and woodland area to the east 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

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:

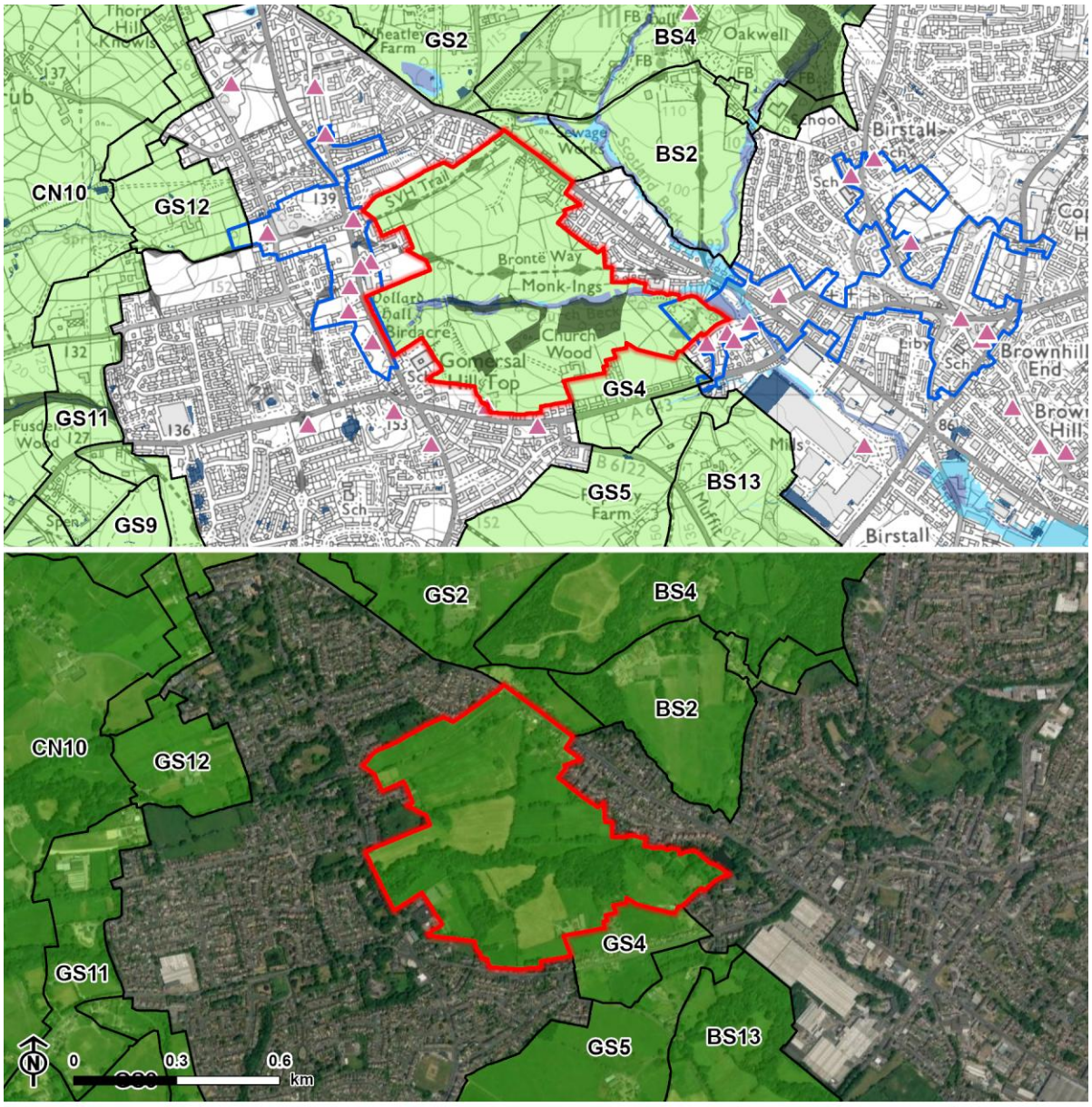
Equal contribution

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 GS3



NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Parcel GS3

Contribution of land in Parcel GS3

Parcel GS3 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS3 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the east of Gomersal and west of Birstall which includes open fields which slope to the east. It also includes Church Beck which flows through the parcel west to east and has woodland areas adjacent to it. The surrounding urban edges comprise a mix of commercial, educational and residential uses that follow the A652, A651 and A643. Parcel size: 44ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. 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. 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. Birstall 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 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. While the surrounding urban edges that follow the A652, A651 and A643 establish a strong boundary around the parcel, the narrowness of the gap between Gomersal and Birstall means that development here would still weaken the integrity of Birstall as a settlement distinct from Gomersal.

Parcel GS3

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. It would significantly weaken the separation between currently distinct urban areas, increasing their combined sprawling influence on the wider Green Belt.

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Birstall and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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 forms part of an area which, although it retains rural land uses, is entirely contained by urban edges, limiting the extent to which it can be considered part of the countryside.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.

Parcel GS3

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.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The surrounding urban edges and A roads 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

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:

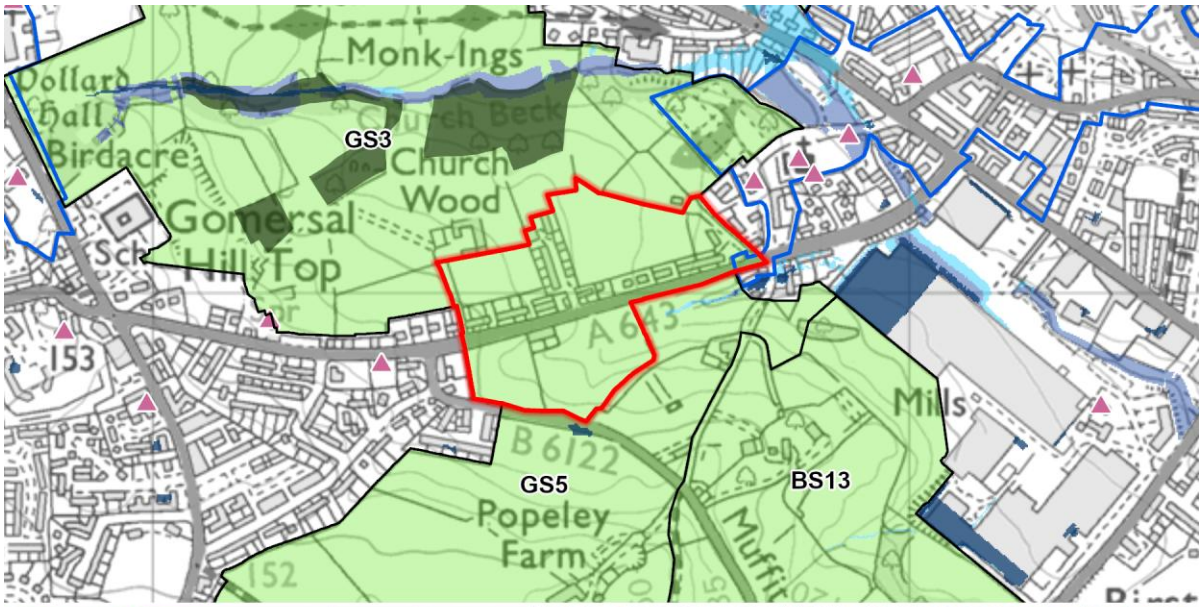
Equal contribution

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 GS4





Parcel GS4 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Contribution of land in Parcel GS4

Parcel GS4 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS4 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the east of Gomersal and west of Birstall. It includes the A643 and washed over residential development along it. Parcel size: 7ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel 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 strong 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. Urbanising development limits 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. Birstall 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 substantial 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. The parcel has only weak 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 parcel is subject to significant urbanising influence along the A643 effectively merging Gomersal and Birstall and

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	strengthening their connecting with the large built-up areas to the south.

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between the surrounding towns, Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Gomersal and Birstall in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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 has uses associated with the urban area which limit the extent to which it is perceived as being part of the countryside.
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 substantial urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.

Parcel GS4

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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 weak boundaries, so development within the parcel and in particular to the south of the A643 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:

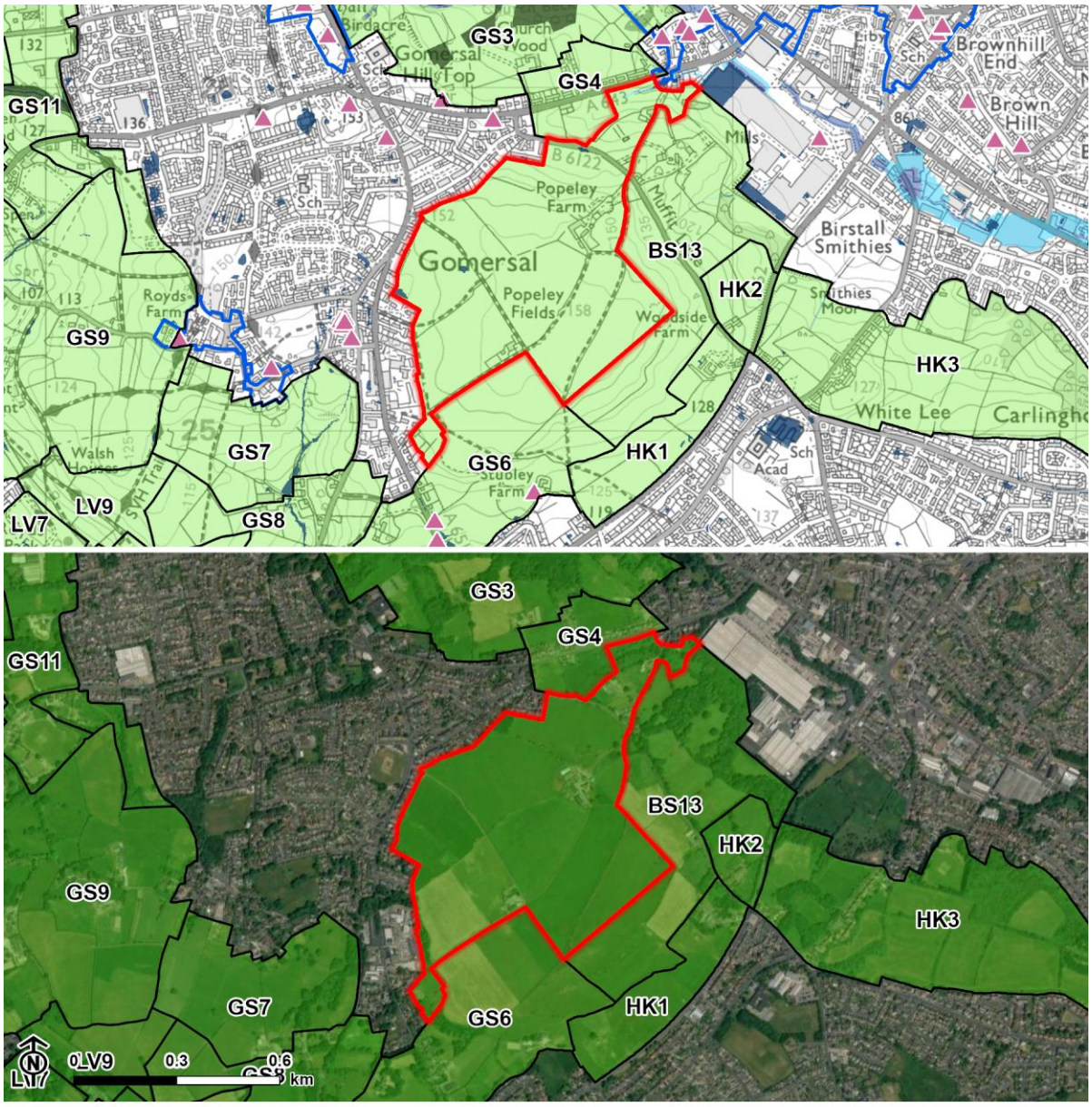
Equal contribution

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

Grey Belt

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

Parcel GS5



NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Parcel GS5

Contribution of land in Parcel GS5

Parcel GS5 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS5 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the east of Gomersal and west of Birstall. It primarily includes open fields associated with Popeley Farm. Parcel size: 45ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. 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. 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 near to a large built-up area. Birstall 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 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. The parcel has only weak outer boundaries, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land to the south and east.
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

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	influence, development here would have an incongruous impact.

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between the surrounding towns, Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Gomersal and Birstall in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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:

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.

Parcel GS5

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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 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:

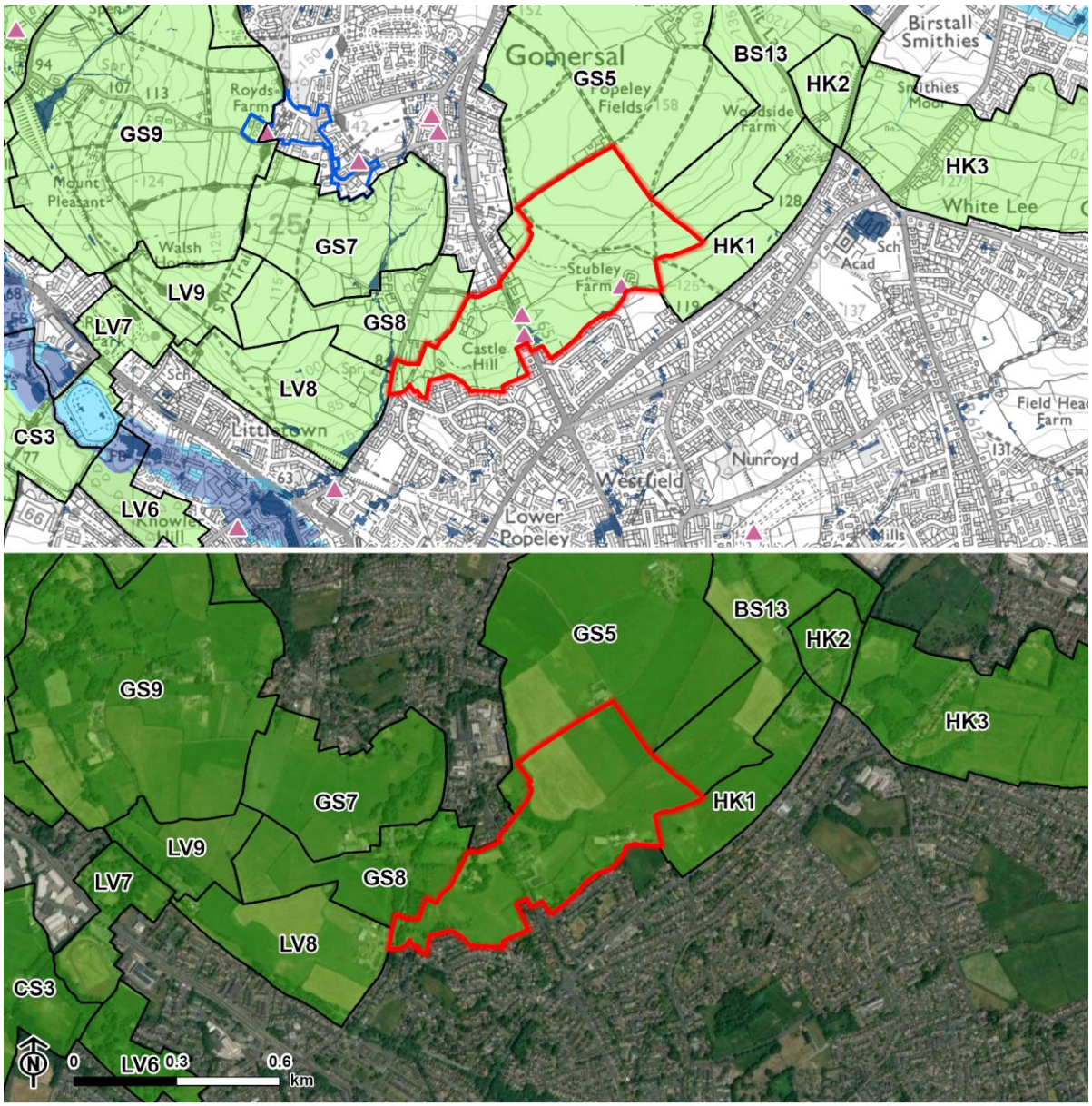
Equal contribution

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

Grey Belt

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

Parcel GS6



Parcel GS6 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Contribution of land in Parcel GS6

Parcel GS6 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS6 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the south of Gomersal and north of Heckmondwike. It includes the A651, Stubley Farm and its associated open fields and Castle Hill. Parcel size: 25ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. 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. 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. Heckmondwike to the south 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 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. The parcel has only weak boundary features to the west and east outer edges, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land. Furthermore, the narrowness of the gap between Gomersal and Heckmondwike means that development here would weaken the integrity of Heckmondwike as a settlement

Parcel GS6

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	distinct from Gomersal, increasing their combined sprawling influence on the wider Green Belt.
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:

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between the surrounding towns Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Heckmondwike and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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:

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 GS6

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 weak hedgerow boundaries to the east, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land to the east.

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:

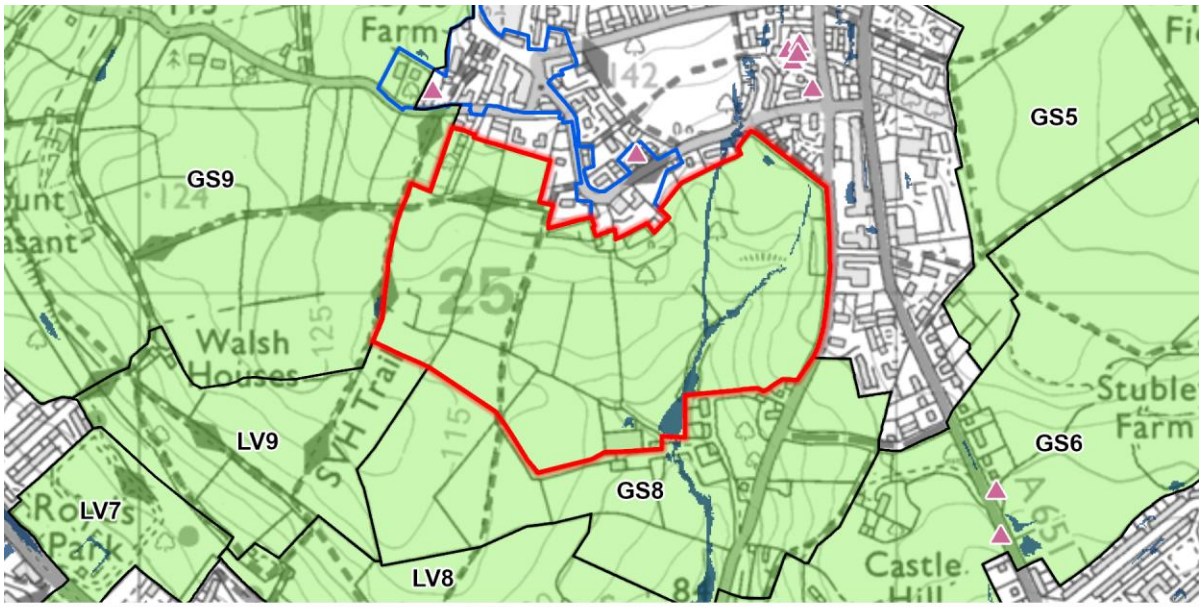
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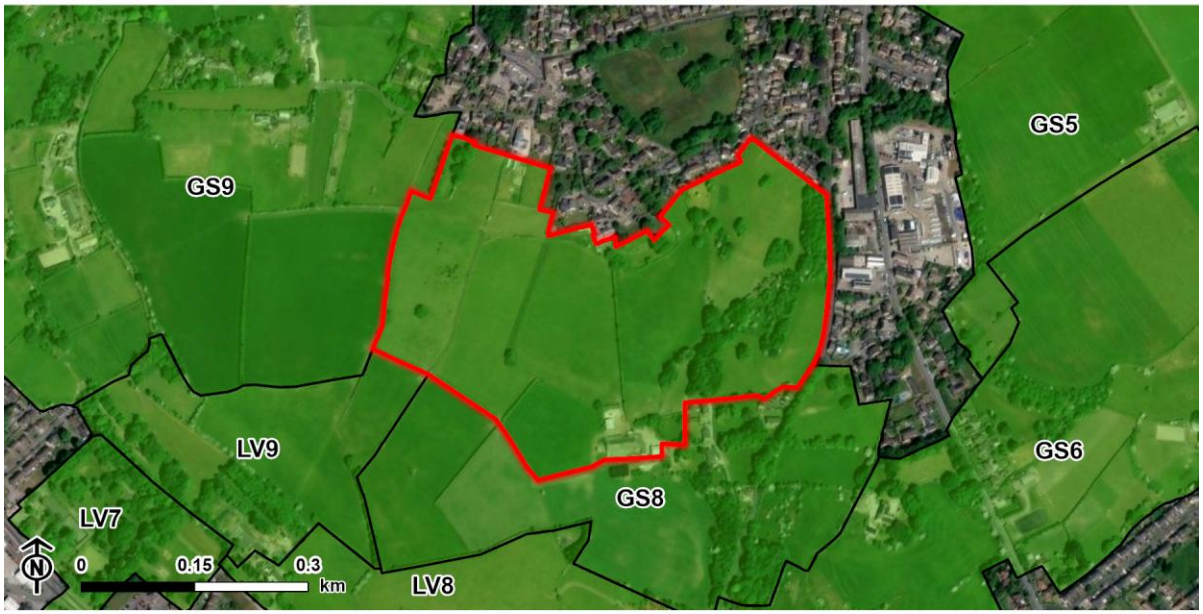
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

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 GS7





Parcel GS7 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Parcel GS7

Contribution of land in Parcel GS7

Parcel GS7 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS7 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the south of Gomersal and north of Liversedge and Heckmondwike. It primarily includes open fields with steeply sloping land. Parcel size: 18ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. 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. 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. Gomersal does not have very strong separation from Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton and Liversedge which therefore means the parcel is near to these 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. The parcel has only weak hedgerow boundaries at its outer edges, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Parcel GS7

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:

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike, Liversedge, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Cleckheaton and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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:

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 GS7

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.
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 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:

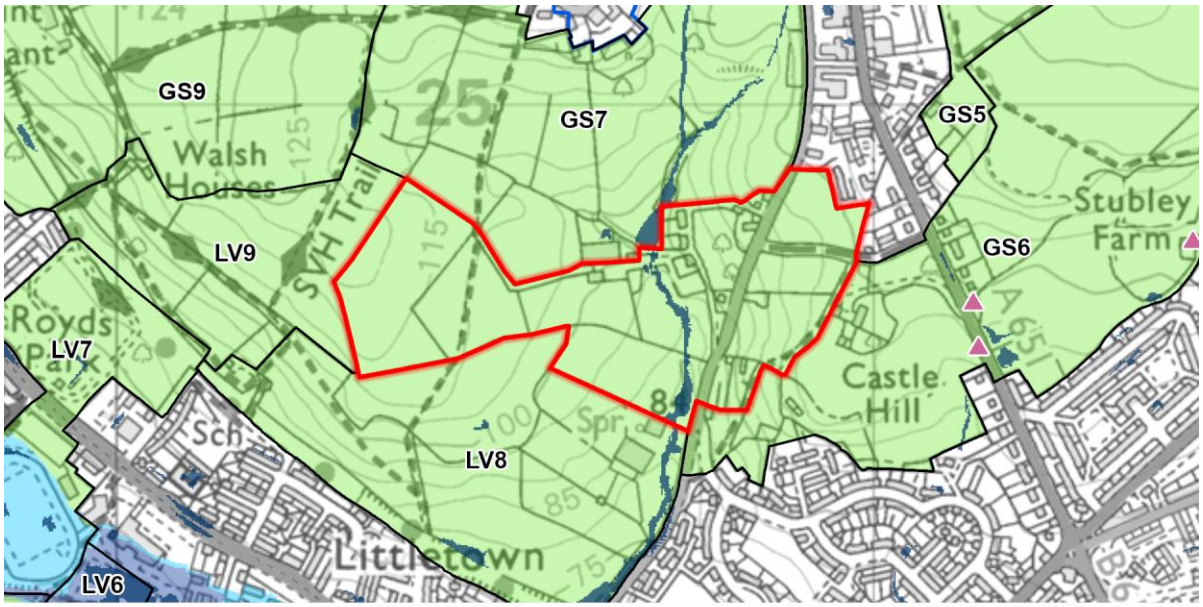
Equal contribution

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

Grey Belt

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

Parcel GS8





Parcel GS8 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Contribution of land in Parcel GS8

Parcel GS8 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS8 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the south of Gomersal and north of Heckmondwike and Liversedge. It primarily includes open fields with some wooded areas along Listing Lane. Parcel size: 13ha. There is a moderate boundary feature 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. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Urbanising development limits 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. Gomersal does not have very strong separation from Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton and Liversedge which therefore means the parcel is near to these 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. The parcel has only weak hedgerow boundaries at its outer edges, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land. Furthermore, the narrowness of the gap between Gomersal and Heckmondwike means

Parcel GS8

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	that development here would weaken the integrity of Heckmondwike as a settlement distinct from Gomersal, increasing their combined sprawling influence on the wider Green Belt.
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:

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike, Liversedge, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Cleckheaton and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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

Parcel GS8

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 eastern part of the parcel has only 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

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:

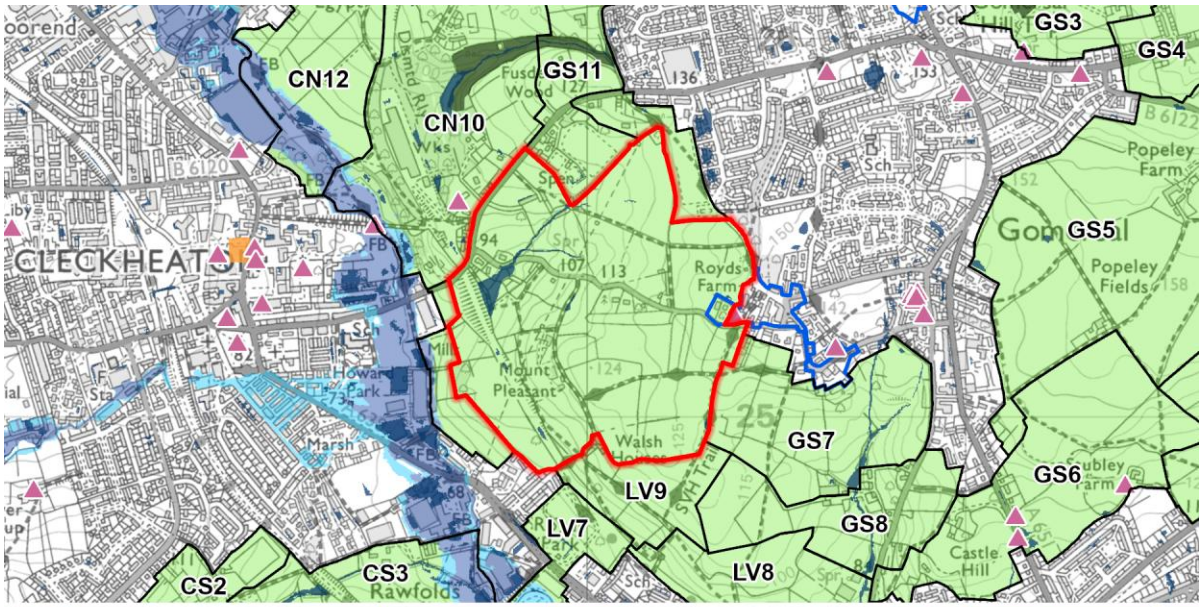
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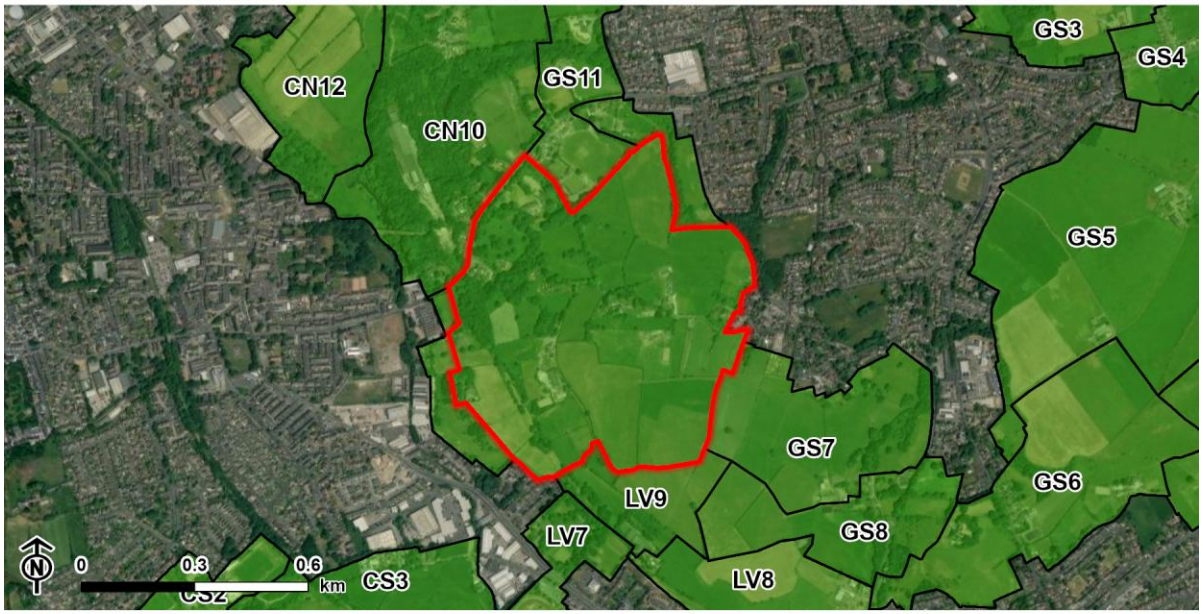
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

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 GS9





Parcel GS9 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Listed building
- Ancient woodland
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Conservation area
- Local Green Space

Contribution of land in Parcel GS9

Parcel GS9 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS9 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the west of Gomersal, east of Cleckheaton and north of Liversedge. It primarily includes open fields and their associated farms such as Mount Pleasant Farm. Gomersal Lane and a dismantled railway cut across the parcel while Spen Lane borders the parcel to the northwest. Parcel size: 51ha. A combination of features forms a boundary of moderate strength between the settlement and the parcel. This includes the multiple wooded areas and mature tree-lined hedgerows in the parcel that are largely concentrated in the west part of the parcel. There is some change in landform which creates a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel that gradually steepens in the western part of the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Few houses visible. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. There are a number of detached residential dwellings along Gomersal Lane but these do not have a significant urbanising impact. 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. Cleckheaton is a town and so is defined as a 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. Development in the parcel would negate the role of

Parcel GS9

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	physical features 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. The wooded boundary features and landform change between the parcel and the urban edges 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 does not lie in a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike, Liversedge, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Cleckheaton and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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:

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.

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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. Development within the parcel would negate the separating influence of the boundary features in turn increasing 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:

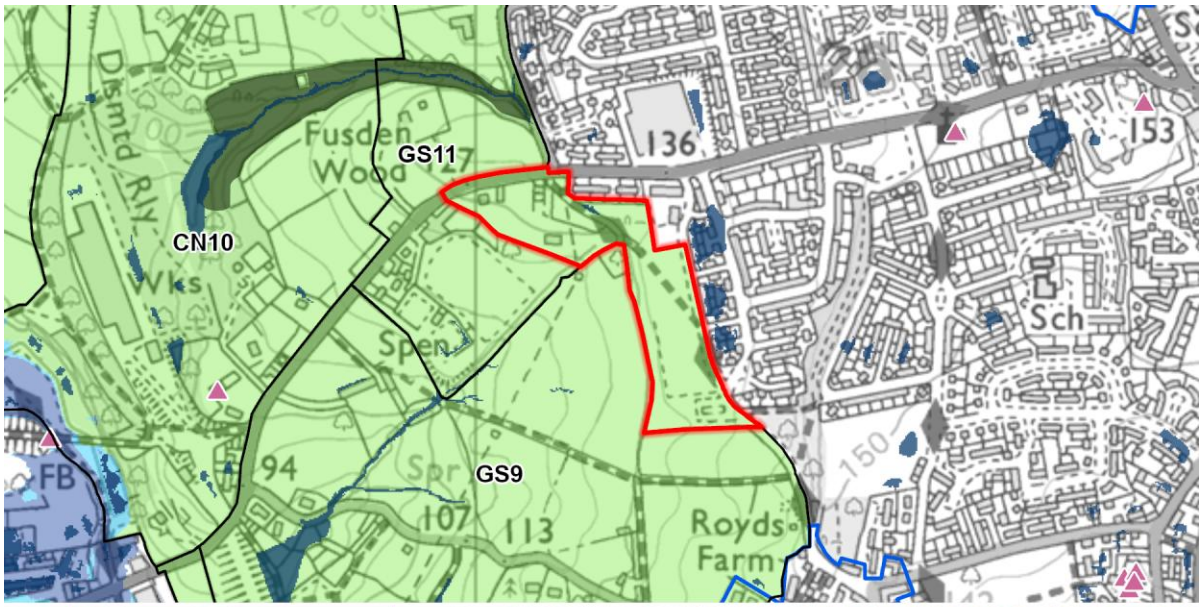
Equal contribution

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

Grey Belt

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

Parcel GS10





Parcel GS10 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Parcel GS10

Contribution of land in Parcel GS10

Parcel GS10 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS10 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the west of Gomersal and east of Cleckheaton. It primarily includes open fields which are bordered by the A463 to the north and Nibshaw Lane to the East. Parcel size: 4ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel 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 strong 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:

Weak/No 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. Gomersal does not have very strong separation from Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton and Liversedge which therefore means the parcel is near to these large built-up areas.
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 substantial 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 wooded boundary forms a strong outer boundary which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Parcel GS10

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 existing urbanising influence and is restricted and contained, 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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike, Liversedge and Cleckheaton and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Liversedge and Cleckheaton and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel has uses associated with the urban area which limit the extent to which it is perceived as being part of the countryside.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.

Parcel GS10

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is substantial 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 mature tree line along the west boundary 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

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:

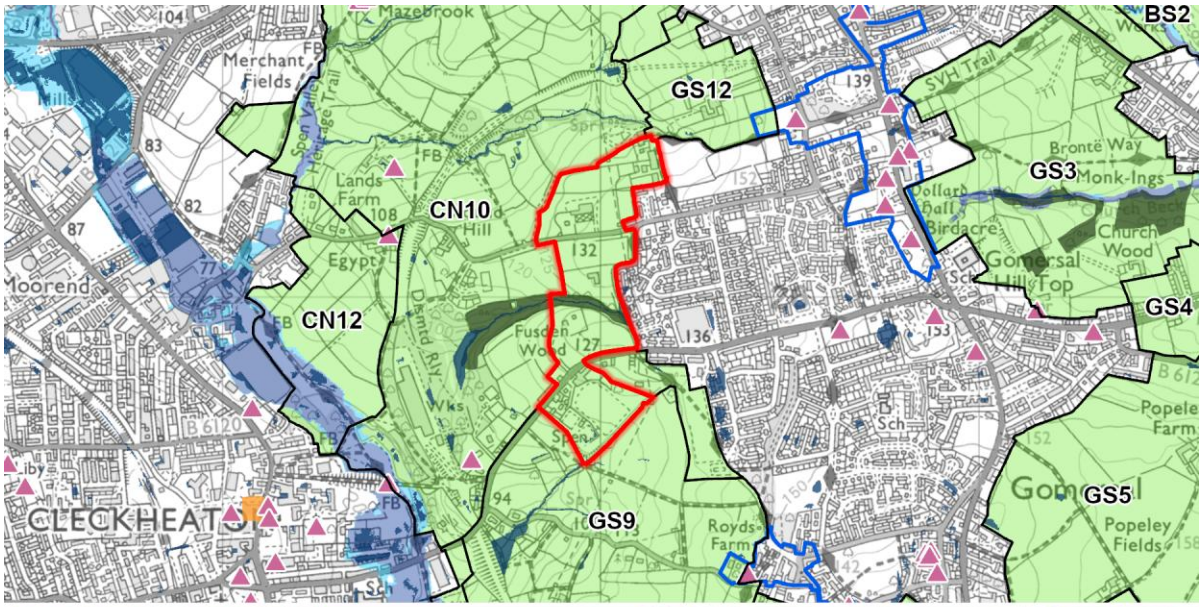
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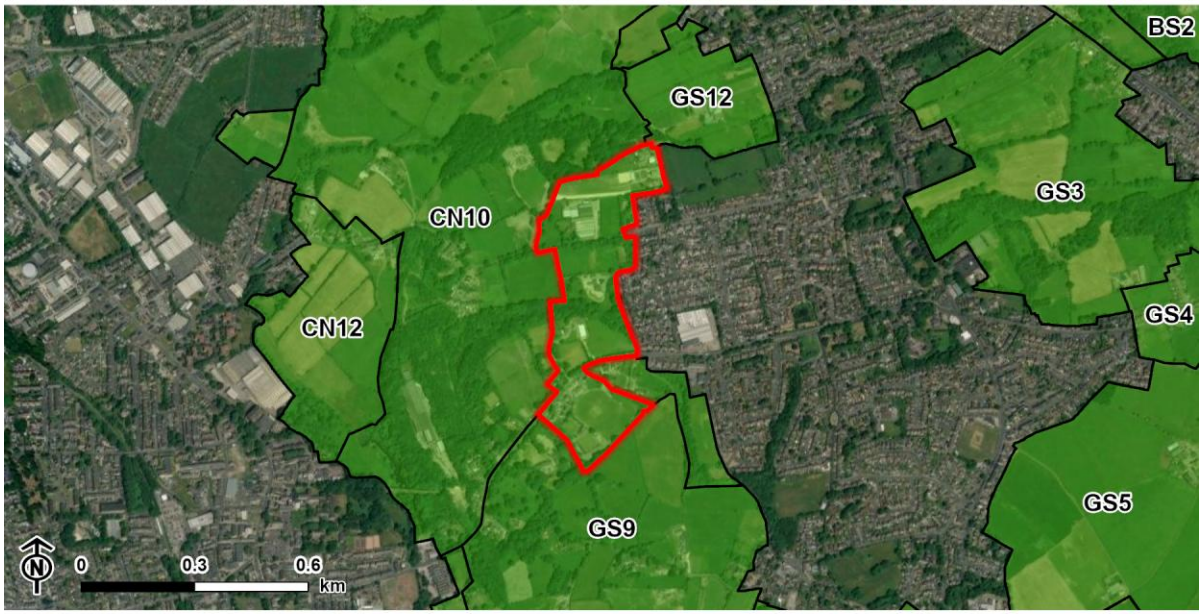
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

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 GS11





Parcel GS11 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Listed building
- Ancient woodland
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Conservation area
- Local Green Space

Contribution of land in Parcel GS11

Parcel GS11 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS11 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the west of Gomersal and east of Cleckheaton. It includes existing urban development associated with Spen along Spen Lane, Fusden Wood and stream, and washed over development in the north along Cliffe Lane. Parcel size: 16ha. A combination of features forms a boundary 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. Existing development in the Green Belt has some urbanising influence. There is some perception of connectivity with the wider countryside. However, the mature tree lines restrict clear and wide views.

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. Gomersal does not have very strong separation from Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton and Liversedge which therefore means the parcel is near to these large built-up areas.
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 no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. The parcel has only moderate boundary features which are inconsistent in places, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Parcel GS11

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:

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Cleckheaton and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel has uses associated with the urban area which limit the extent to which it is perceived as being part of the countryside.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.

Parcel GS11

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.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The parcel boundaries do not form a strong outer boundary, 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:

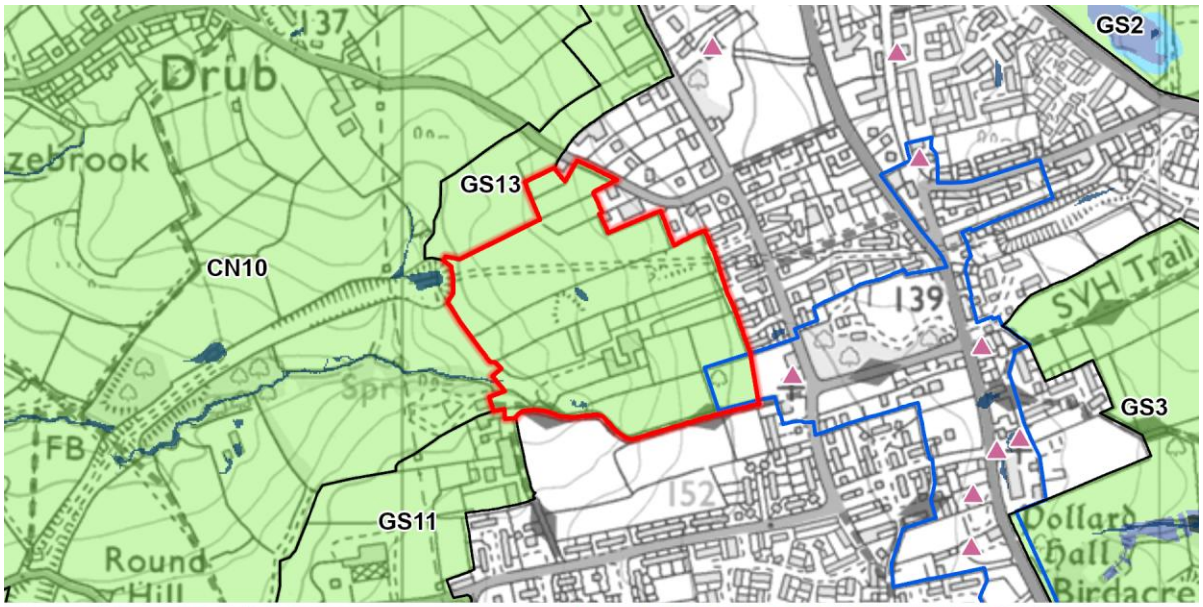
Equal contribution

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

Grey Belt

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

Parcel GS12





Parcel GS12 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Parcel GS12

Contribution of land in Parcel GS12

Parcel GS12 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS12 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the northwest of Gomersal and northeast of Cleckheaton. It primarily includes open fields and has Ferrand Lane to the south and Drub Lane to the north. Parcel size: 9ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. 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. 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:

Moderate 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. Gomersal does not have very strong separation from Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton and Liversedge which therefore means the parcel is near to these 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 physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. The wooded area to the west and surrounding urban edges form a strong outer boundary which would limit the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Parcel GS12

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike, Liversedge, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Cleckheaton and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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.

Parcel GS12

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.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The wooded area to the west 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

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:

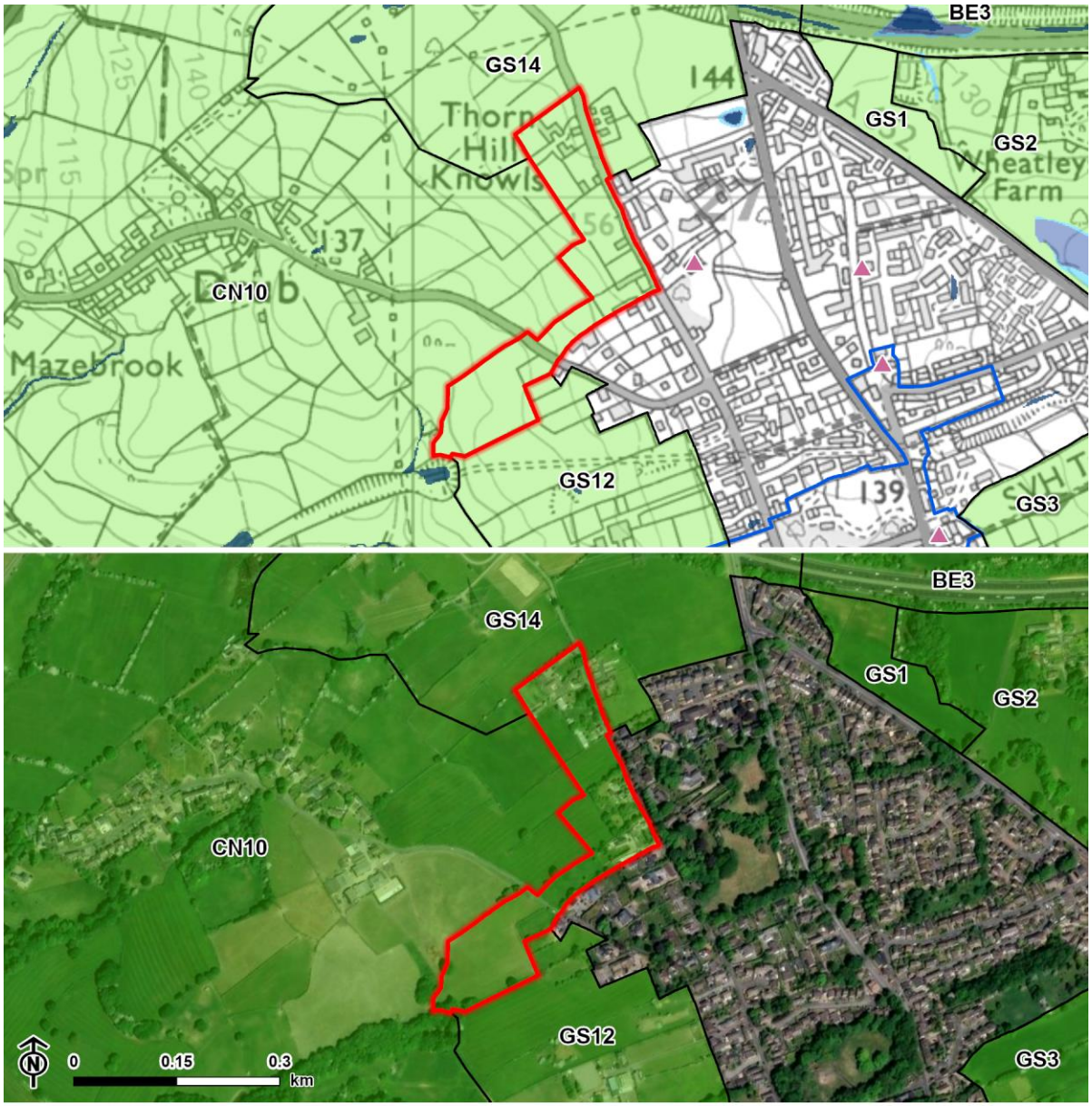
Equal contribution

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

Grey Belt

The parcel 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 GS13



Parcel GS13 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Contribution of land in Parcel GS13

Parcel GS13 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS13 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the north west of Gomersal and northeast of Cleckheaton. It primarily includes open fields but also some existing urban development along Latham Lane. Parcel size: 5ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. 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. 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, downslope to the west.

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. Gomersal does not have very strong separation from Heckmondwike, Cleckheaton and Liversedge which therefore means the parcel is near to these large built-up areas.
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 no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. The parcel has only weak boundary features, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land to the west.

Parcel GS13

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:

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. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike, Liversedge, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Cleckheaton and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel has uses associated with the urban area which limit the extent to which it is perceived as being part of the countryside.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.

Parcel GS13

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.
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 boundaries, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land to the west.

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:

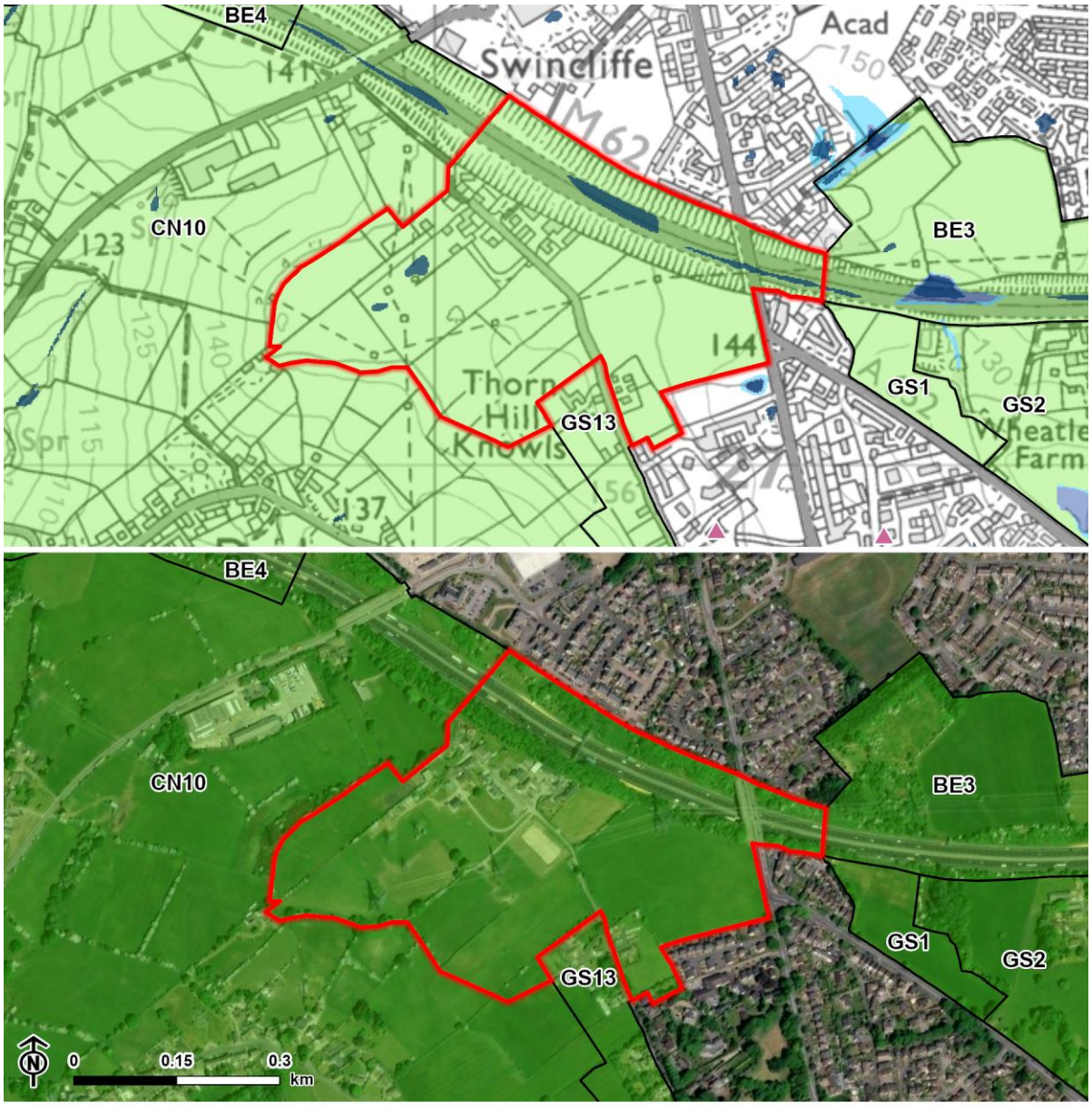
Equal contribution

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 GS14



Parcel GS14 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Parcel GS14

Contribution of land in Parcel GS14

Parcel GS14 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel GS14 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the north of Gomersal and south of Birkenshaw. It primarily comprises open fields but also includes the M62 in the north part of the parcel and washed over development along Latham Lane. Parcel size: 22ha. A combination of features forms a boundary of moderate strength between the settlement and the parcel. This includes the M62 and its associated wooded border, the A651 to the east and some tree lined hedgerows within 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. 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 to the west.

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. Gomersal does not have very strong separation from Heckmondwike and Cleckheaton which therefore means the parcel is near to these large built-up areas.
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 no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. The parcel has only hedgerow boundaries to the west of Latham Lane so development within this half of the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land to the west.

Parcel GS14

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 to the west mean that, although the parcel is subject to some urbanising influence and containment in the east part, 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 does not lie in a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring. Although there is limited open Green Belt land along connecting routes between Heckmondwike, Liversedge, Cleckheaton, Birstall, Batley and Bradford via Gomersal and Birkenshaw, the scale of intervening development means that in this area they are not considered 'neighbouring towns'. The role of Green Belt land between Cleckheaton and Gomersal in preventing coalescence is addressed through Purpose A.
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:

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 GS14

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 significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The parcel has only hedgerow boundaries to the west, 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 Purpose A and therefore does not meet the definition of grey belt land.