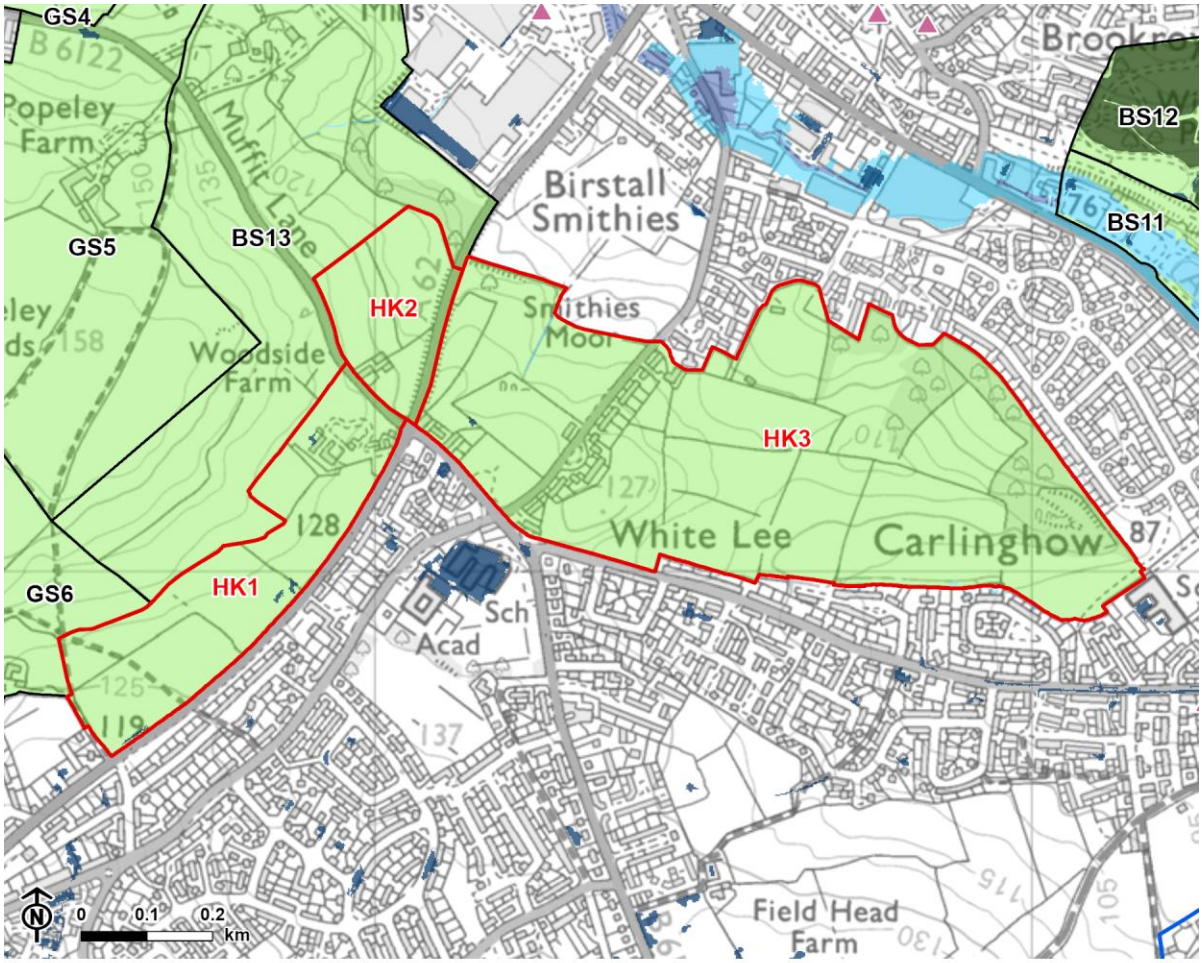
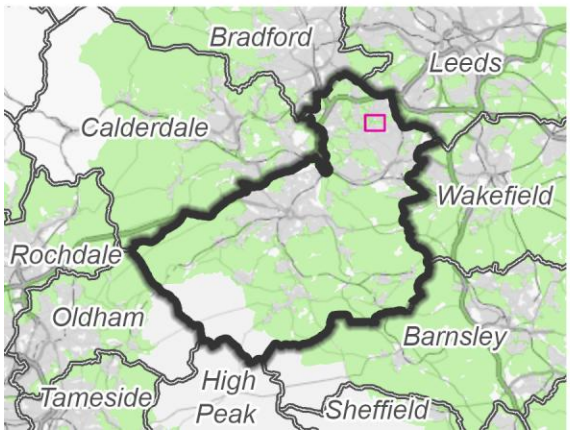
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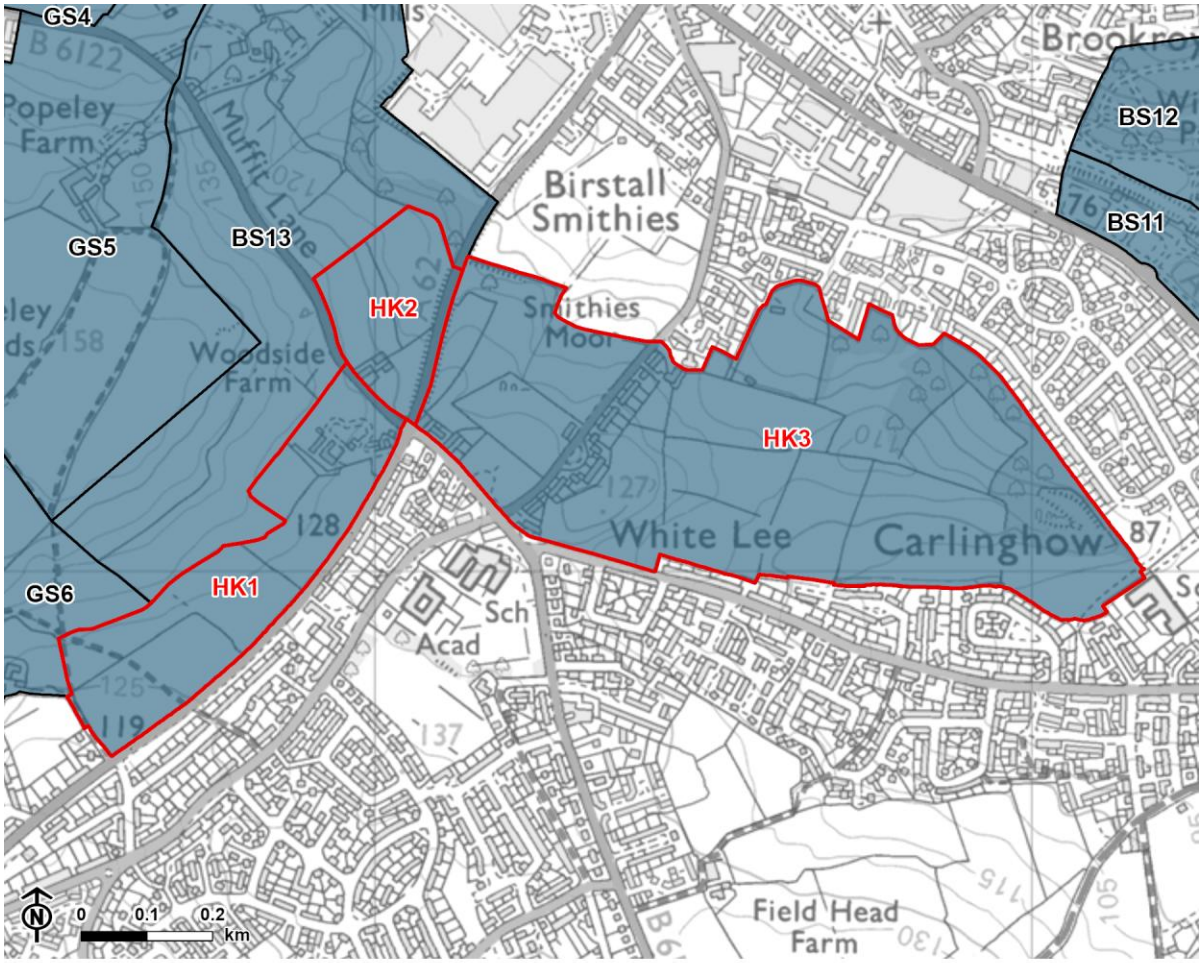
- Heckmondwike parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Kirklees
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NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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



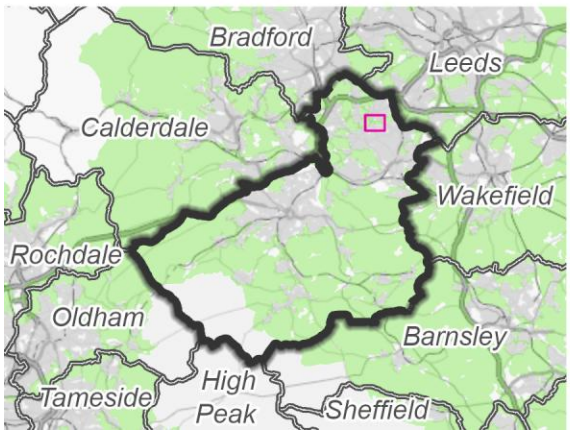
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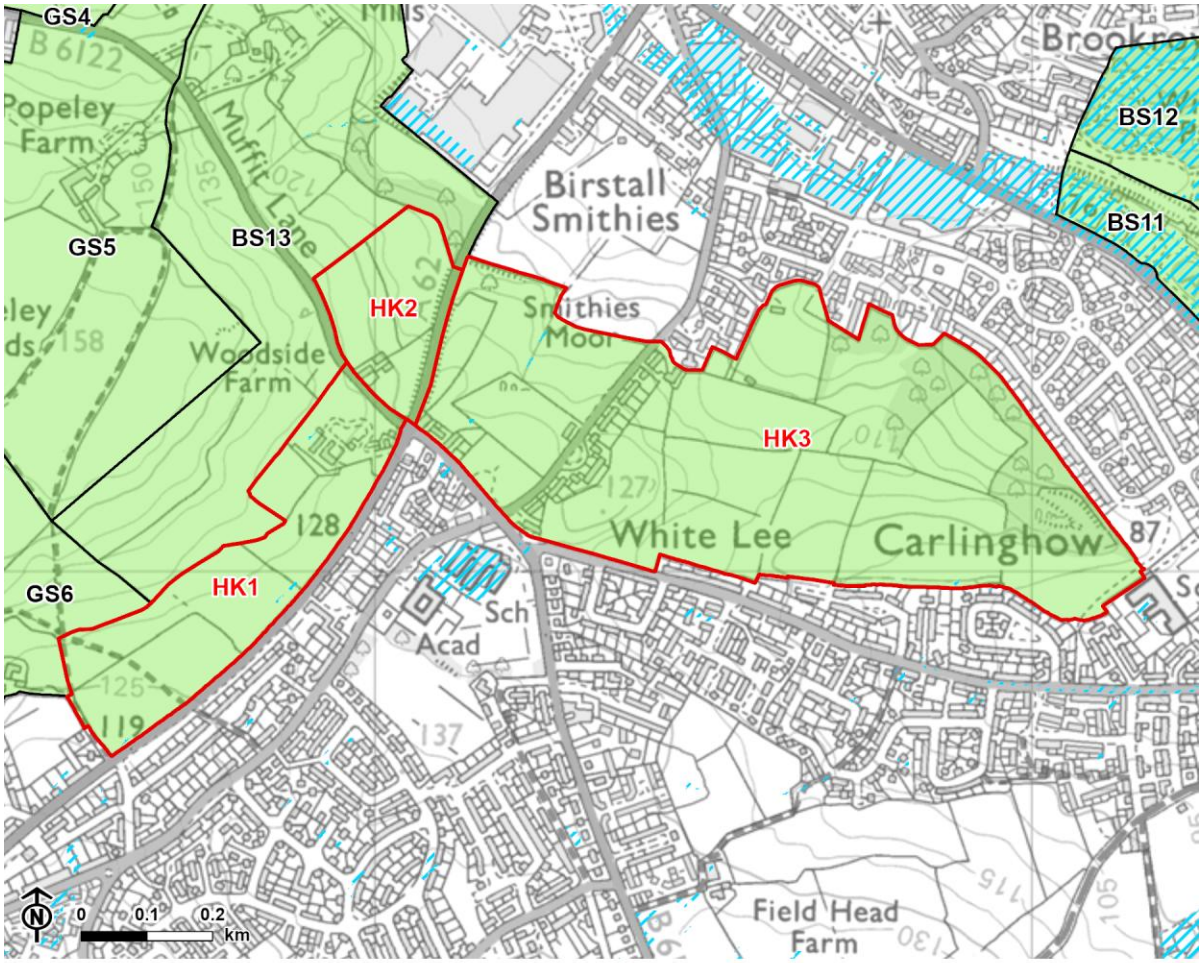
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Highest Contribution to NPPF purposes A, B, C and D

Very Strong
Strong
Moderate
Weak/no



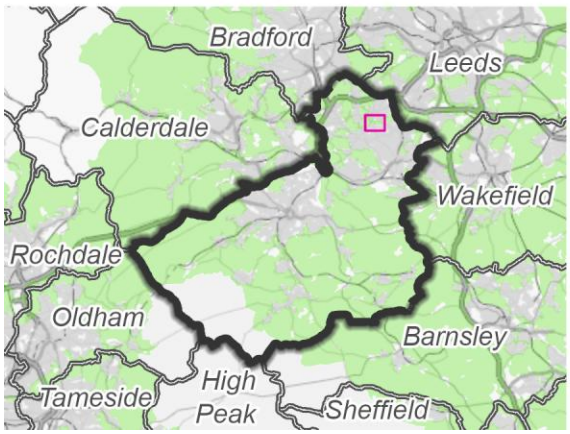
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- Heckmondwike parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Kirklees
- Neighbouring authority
- Green Belt

Potential grey belt

- Potentially suitable for definition as grey belt land in the district
- Footnote 7 designation



Parcel HK1



Parcel HK1 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Parcel HK1

Contribution of land in Parcel HK1

Parcel HK1 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel HK1 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the north-western edge of Heckmondwike which primarily includes open fields. Leeds Road separates the parcel from the urban edge while open sloping field boundaries form the outer edge to the northwest. Parcel size: 10ha. 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 strong 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. The sloping landform to the west limits long ranging views towards Gomersal.

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

Parcel HK1

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 and its position on a higher and rising slope 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.
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 substantial 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 boundary features along its outer northwest edge, so development within

Parcel HK1

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	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:

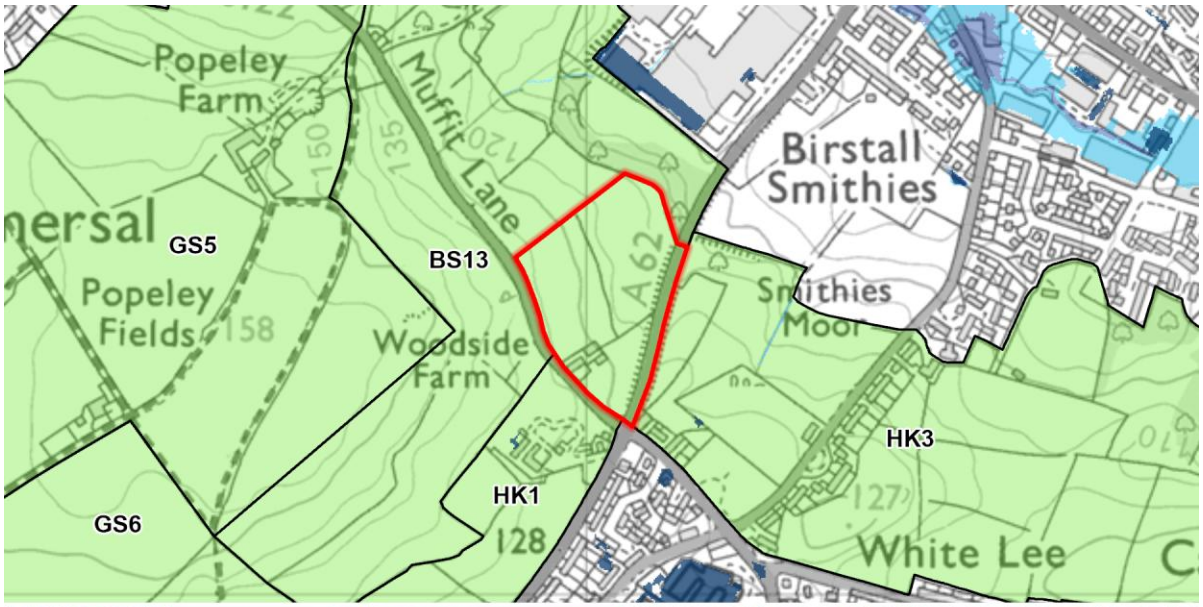
Equal contribution

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 HK2





Parcel HK2 | Neighbouring parcel | Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

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

Contribution of land in Parcel HK2

Parcel HK2 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel HK2 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the northern edge of the Heckmondwike between Muffit Lane and the A62. Parcel size: 4ha. There are a combination of features forming a strong boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. This includes the sloping wooded area, Muffit Lane and the A62. There is some change in landform which creates a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. The majority of the parcel has some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Due to the sloping landform, natural features limit perception of the wider landscape.

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. Heckmondwike and Birstall 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?	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 A62, changing landform and wooded area which currently give the parcel a strong sense of separation from urbanising influences. Furthermore, the narrowness of the gap between Heckmondwike and

Parcel HK2

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	Birstall means that development here would weaken the integrity of Birstall as a settlement distinct from Heckmondwike.
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 loss of separation between Heckmondwike and Birstall would be a significant change to the urban pattern. The openness of this parcel is playing a role in preventing that.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel is peripheral to a fragile gap between towns. The parcel lies to the side of the remnant fragile gap separating the neighbouring towns of Heckmondwike and Birstall. The main gap is narrow and lacks strong separating features, plus, the A62 and Smithies Moor Lane establish connecting features that increase the fragility of the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. This is because the parcel lies to the side of the main remnant part of the gap and has physical features that establish a strong sense of separation from the urban areas.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a minor impact on visual separation between towns.

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

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

Parcel HK2

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.

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:

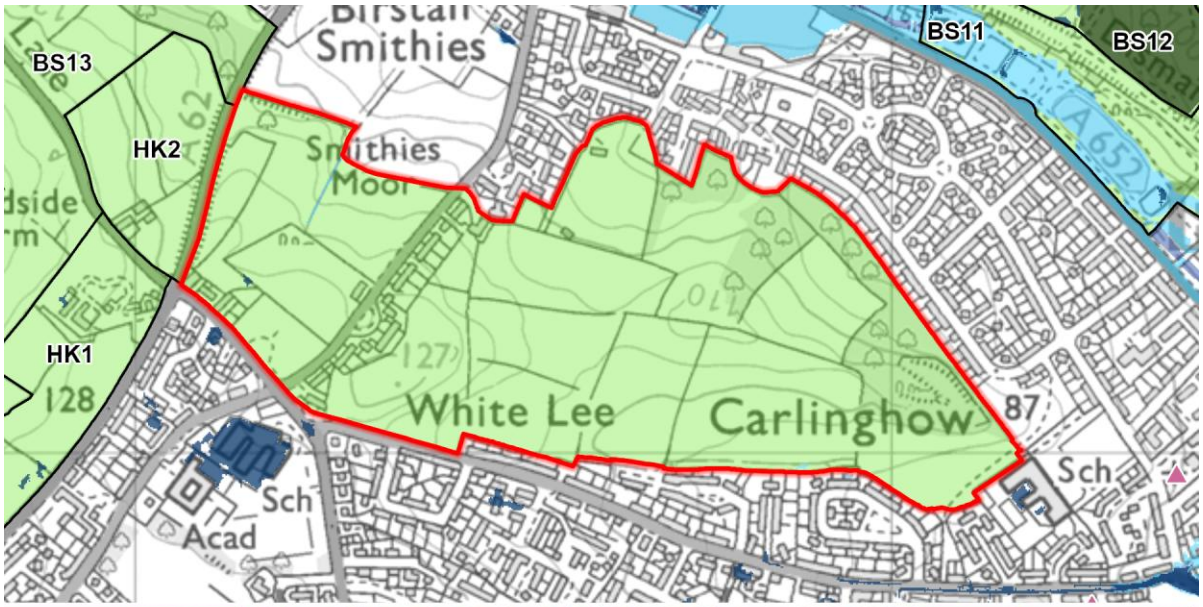
Equal contribution

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 HK3





Parcel HK3 | 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 HK3

Parcel HK3 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel HK3 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the northeastern edge of the Heckmondwike and southern edge of Birstall. The A62 forms the outer border to the west while Smithies Moor Lane runs through the parcel. The land comprises sloping fields with large amounts of tree cover to the west. Parcel size: 36ha. A combination of features forms a boundary of moderate strength between the settlement and the parcel. This includes the wooded areas and mature tree-lined hedgerows within the parcel. There is some change in landform which creates a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. Land slopes from the A62 down toward Carlinghow. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Urban edges largely contain the parcel, but due to the changing topography and areas of tree cover, the extent of direct view of surrounding urban development is limited. Existing development in the Green Belt along Smithies Moor Lane has some urbanising influence. 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. Heckmondwike and Birstall are towns and so are defined as large built-up areas.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel. There is a consistent line of washed over residential development along Smithies Moor Lane.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. The parcel is largely contained by surrounding development.
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 entirety of the remaining gap between Heckmondwike and Birstall. Therefore, any

Parcel HK3

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	partial development of the parcel would weaken the integrity of Birstall as a settlement distinct from Heckmondwike and significantly 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 loss of separation between Heckmondwike and Birstall, causing Birstall to become part of the large built-up area, would be a significant change to the urban pattern. The openness of this parcel is playing a role in preventing that.

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 fragile gap between towns. The parcel comprises the narrow remnant gap separating the neighbouring towns of Birstall and Heckmondwike. The development along Smithies Moor Lane forms a connecting feature which increases the fragility of the gap.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel. There is a consistent line of washed over residential development along Smithies Moor Lane.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap. The gap is very narrow and does not contain strong separating features such that development in the parcel would largely merge the neighbouring towns.
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:

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 HK3

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel. There is a consistent line of washed over residential development along Smithies Moor Lane.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. The parcel is largely contained by surrounding development.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The A62 clearly marks the parcel boundary to the west. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C.

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

Weak/No contribution

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.