Site Assessment Report - Main Report

LP Site Ref LP0949

Site Details							
	Eastings 412984 Northings 428871						
Full Address	Carr House Farm, Shelf, Halifax, HX3 7RJ.						
Ward	Northowram and Shelf Ward Local Plan Area Northowram and Shelf						
Current RCUDP Allocation or Designation Greenbelt							
Land Type	Greenfield Topography Relatively Flat Site Area (ha) 4.20						
Is the site an efficient use of land? RAG Greenfield							
Current Land	Use						
Primary	Agriculture						
Secondary							
Adjacent La	and Use to the:						
North	Residential, Transport						
South	Agriculture						
East	Community Buildings, Scrubland, Woodland						
West	Residential						

Public Consultation

Comments for allocating the site

- The site is within an existing settlement,
- Shelf has a range of local services and community facilities, including primary school, shops, public houses and recreational grounds. Halifax and Bradford are within easy reach to the west and east respectively where a wider range of key services and employment opportunities are available.
- The site forms part of an appropriate extension to meet housing need.

Comments against allocating the site

Many objections to this site and LP0948, LP0947 and LP0946 with identical comments for all sites.

- Highways capacity/severe congestion
- Highways condition
- Pollution due to traffic
- Lack of school places
- Lack of medical facilities
- Lack of shops
- Lack of adequate infrastructure i.e. water, gas, sewerage
- Tree Preservation Orders
- Bats, rabbits, peacocks and moles should be protected.
- Reduction to the number of visitors to the area.

- Popular with walkers - Public rights of way Underground springs - Land provides a soakaway - No frequent bus service - Area houses a myriad of flora - Wide diversity of trees to be - Greenbelt ensures there is cla - Merger of Calderdale and Bra - In agricultural use - Loss of space to walk dogs - Overlooking - Noise - Views would disappear House values. Who is liable to - Drastic change in housing wil - Type of housing proposed? T - Availability of brown field site - Few amenities Robberies, vandalism and dru - No Secondary School	potentially lost. ear definition between adford o compensate. I affect the village life. he equivalent of counci es for redevelopment e	I housing? Isewhere in C					
-		Surface Ma	tor Flooding				
Flooding Zone Coverage			ter Flooding				
Flood Zone 1 (Area %)	100	1 in 30 Year		0			
Flood Zone 2 (Area %)	0	1 in 100 Yea		0.63			
Flood Zone 3a (Area %)	0	1 in 1000 Ye	ear (Area %)	3.7			
Flood Zone 3ai (Area %)	0						
Flood Zone 3b (Area %)	0						
Strategic Recommendation Subject to FRA							
Flooding RAG Flooding issues which can be mitigated							
Highways							
Highways England							
Summary It is suggested that developmed (2015/16 - 2020/21).	ent of the site should no	ot start until c	ompletion of RIS sch	nemes in the current period			
Highways England Site Comme	ents						
Strategic Highway Network St	atus Level of impact						
No significant impact on mainl	<u>_</u>						
Location of primary impact ie	nearest junction		N/A				
Potential impact of non SRN to	raffic passing through t	N/A					

N/A	
Committed mitigation	schemes
N/A	
Is additional mitigation	n likely to be required by 2028? No Ranking
Comments	
Cumulative at M606 J1	1
Strategic Road Networ	rk RAG Impact on the road network requiring mitigation
Highways Developmo	ent Management
Site Access	
Site Observations	and Planning Application
impact on Primar	m frontage on to Halifax Road A6036 would need to be of sufficient standard to mitigate by Route (CAT 2 Road). Access may be justified if sites 0946/0947/0948 and 0949 are ner (this would provide approx. 350 dwellings and would therefore require at least two points
Mitigation	
mitigate impact o	m frontage on to Halifax Road A6036 would need to be of sufficient standard to acceptably on CAT 2 Primary Route. Staggered Junction of Brow Lane / Wade House Road and Meadway /ed upgrading to accommodate the additional traffic.
Conclusion (see m	nethodology)
Developable (B)	
Justification	
Technical Informa	ation Required
	ating a through route to link with sites 0948/0947 & 0946. Provide mitigation schemes at Lane / Wade House Road and Meadway / A6036 to accommodate additional movements.
Site Access RAG	Potential access issues which are resolvable
Impact on Local Road	d Network
Local Road Network RA	AG Impact on the road network requiring mitigation
Ecology	
Ecology RAG	No impact on environmentally sensitive areas
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Open Space	
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Open Space OS Ref OS Typology	
OS Ref	tion

Historic Environment Historic England Comments Suggested Change Historic Conservation Comments Recommendation Mitigation Some impact which could be mitigated **Historic Environmental RAG Housing Services Comments Positive Housing Services RAG Employment Land Study Site Summary** This would be an attractive site for residential development as it is adjacent to the urban area, accessible and fairly unconstrained, apart from being within the Green Belt. The allocation of the site would be dependent on the outcome of the Green Belt review. It is however unsuitable for B-class employment or mixed use development due to its location and adjoining sensitive uses. **Recomendation** | Potential site – do not allocate **Officers Comments** Site rated as Average, but considered more suitable for housing - do not allocate for new employment. **Business and Economy Services Comments** Mitigation Conclusion **Business and Economy RAG Positive Minerals Stone Mineral Safegaurding Area** Within MSA Buffer **Coal Mineral Safeguarding Area** Within MSA

Within MSA

Minerals RAG

Environmental Health

Comments

No major issues. Good acoustic design for site layout and dwellings near road.

Environmental Health RAG

There is no significant detrimental effect that cannot be mitigated against

Other Factors

Physical Constraints RAG Relatively flat

Agricultural Land Classification RAG Lies within 4 or 5 (and urban)

Logical Settlement Boundary RAG Edged on 1-2 sides

Accessibility

Distance to Bus Stop Less than 400m

Distance to Rail Station More than 2km

Distance to Publicly Accessible Open Space

Between 600m and 2km

Journey time to Town Centre Less than 15 mins

Journey time to Shops Selling Day to Day Goods Less than 15 mins

Journey time to Hospital Between 30 and 60 mins

Journey time to General Practitioner Less than 15 mins

Distance to Primary School Less than 15 mins

Journey time to Secondary School Less than 20 mins

Journey time to Further or Higher Education Between 30 and 60 mins

Journey time to Primary Employment Sites Less than 20 mins

Green Belt Review

Green Belt Review (Parcel) Meets 0-2 of the identified purposes

Green Belt Review (Site Specific) Meets 0-2 of the identified purposes

Deliverability

Developable Area (ha) 4.20 Dwellings per Hectare 30 Residential Capacity 126

Site Summary

RAG Score

38 /48

30 /

Overall Assessment Summary

This is a relatively flat and predominantly greenfield site within the Green Belt, and adjacent to the Urban Area on two sides. The site is within the Mineral Safeguarding Area for coal, and within the Mineral Safeguarding Area Buffer for stone.

The site is adjacent to a Category A road, and close to local facilities. It is within 400m of a bus stop with a service at least every 30 minutes, but it is beyond 2km to the nearest railway station.

Regarding the Green Belt designation, the overall parcel within which the site is located performs poorly when assessed against the five green belt purposes, and when assessing the revised boundary of the specific site, it also performs poorly.

Given the size and greenfield status of the site, a Flood Risk Assessment would be required in order to assess any risk of flooding and propose mitigation measures to reduce such risks.

Given the cumulative effect of additional traffic on the strategic highway network, Highways England has suggested that development of the site should not start until completion of Road Investment Strategy schemes in the current period (2015/16 - 2020/21).

Site access is achievable from Halifax Road, however the junction will need to be of sufficient standard to mitigate impact on this route. If the site is developed alongside the adjacent preferred housing sites, then two points of access will be required.

The site has no ecological constraints, and its development will not lead to a loss in open space provision. The site is adjacent to Grade II Listed Carr House Farmhouse. Any development will need to ensure compliance with policies which seek to protect and enhance heritage assets. The design and layout of any development will need to consider the proximity to the main road and be of good acoustic design.

A Public Right of Way runs along the boundary of the site.

The sustainability appraisal recommends that due to the site's greenfield status, and resulting potential to increase run-off, mitigation could be secured through green and blue Infrastructure on site such as SuDS and green roofs to reduce the infiltration rate of precipitation as well as provide storage for storm water run-off.

The site was assessed in the 2017 Employment Land Study, however, it was recommended that the site is not taken forward as an employment allocation in the Local Plan due to its location and adjoining sensitive uses.

Given the lack of significant constraints, the Council's preferred use is New Housing Site, with a capacity of 126 dwellings.

A site specific policy is required to ensure the creation of a strong and defensible boundary between the allocation for housing and the Green Belt.

Outcome

New Housing Site