# Site Assessment Report - Main Report

LP Site Ref

LP1034

Site Details										
					Eastings	112581	Northings	429215		
Full Address	Land off Soaper Lane, Shelf, Halifax, HX3 7PT.									
Ward	Northowram and Shelf Ward  Local Plan Area  Northowram and Shelf							nd Shelf		
Current RCUDP Allocation or Designation  Greenbelt, Mineral area of search										
Greenser, wiin	erar area or sea	1011								
Land Type	Greenfield		Topography	Relatively Fla	t	Site	e Area (ha)	1.97		
Is the site an eff	icient use of la	nd? RAG	Greenfield	d						
Current Land	l Use									
Primary	Agriculture									
Secondary	Scrubland									
Adjacent Land Use to the:										
North	Agriculture									
South	Agriculture, Residential, Scrubland									
East	Residential									
West	Residential									
Public Consultation										
Comments for a	llocating the si	te								
<ul> <li>- Amenities within walking distance.</li> <li>- The site is available for development now.</li> <li>- The site is located within close proximity to key services.</li> <li>- There are no obstacles of a technical, physical or environmental nature to prevent the development of this site.</li> <li>- Development of the site could take place immediately.</li> </ul>										
Comments again	nst allocating t	he site								
- no comments										
Flooding										
Flooding Zone Coverage			:	Surface Water	Flooding					
Flood Zone 1 (Ar	rea %)	100	:	1 in 30 Year (Ar	ea %)	0				
Flood Zone 2 (Ar	rea %)	0	:	1 in 100 Year ( <i>A</i>	rea %)	0				
Flood Zone 3a (A	Area %)	0	;	1 in 1000 Year (	Area %)	0.01				

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								
Highways England Site Comme	ents							
Strategic Highway Network Sta	atus Level of impact							
No significant impact on mainl	ine.							
Location of primary impact ie nearest junction N/A								
Potential impact of non SRN tr	raffic passing through the junct	ion	N/A					
Potential for cumulative impac	it .							
N/A								
Committed mitigation scheme	s							
N/A								
Is additional mitigation likely t	o be required by 2028?	N/A		Ranking 1				
Comments								
Strategic Road Network RAG	No significant impact on the	road	network					
Highways Development Ma	nagement							
Site Access								
Cita Observations and Dis	union Analiantian							

#### **Site Observations and Planning Application**

Forms part of a collection of residential sites within NUE site 1462. Site could be accessed from eastern side of Soaper Lane. Footway would need to be provided on site side of the road.

### Mitigation

Taking into account the potential other sites in this area and NUE site 1462, mitigation at Shelf Moor Road and Burned Road junctions with the A6036 would be needed to accommodate the additional trips. May require traffic signals.

#### Conclusion (see methodology)

Developable (B)

### Justification

#### **Technical Information Required**

Wider masterplan of the NUE site is required which encompasses site 1034. Transport Assessment & Travel Plan and Site access and mitigation proposals would be required. Also note possible cumulative impact on Lightcliffe roundabout (A6036/A644).

#### Site Access RAG

Potential access issues which are resolvable

Impact on Local Road Network					
Local Road Network RAG Impact on the road network requiring mitigation					
Ecology					
Leology					
Recology RAG  No impact on environmentally sensitive areas					
Open Space					
OS Ref					
OS Typology					
OS Recommendation					
Open Space RAG  No loss/No Impact					
Historic Environment					
Historic England					
Comments					
Suggested Change					
Historic Conservation					
Comments					
Recommendation					
Mitigation					
Historic Environmental RAG Some impact which could be mitigated					
Housing Services					
Comments					
Housing Services RAG  Positive					

# **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

Minerals RAG

Within MSA

#### **Environmental Health**

#### Comments

possible concerns if near any working farm.

**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** 

Between 400m and 2km

**Distance to Rail Station** 

**Distance to Publicly Accessible Open Space** 

Between 600m and 2km

**Journey time to Town Centre** 

Less than 15 mins

More than 2km

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** 

Between 20 and 40 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)** 

1.97

**Dwellings per Hectare** 

36

**Residential Capacity** 

**71** 

## **Site Summary**

**RAG Score** 

39 /48

#### **Overall Assessment Summary**

This is a relatively flat, greenfield site within the Green Belt and it adjoins the existing Urban Area at its far south western point. However, sites to the south are also preferred New Housing Sites, and these sites have a stronger relationship with the Urban Area. The site falls within the Mineral Safeguarding Area for coal, and within the Mineral Safeguarding Area Buffer for stone. It is currently in use for agriculture.

The site has good access to services and facilities, although it is further 400m to a bus stop with a service at least every 30 minutes and further than 2km to the nearest railway station.

Regarding the site's 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.

Site access is achievable from the eastern side of Soaper Lane. A footway would need to be provided on the site side of the road. Given the other preferred housing sites in Shelf, mitigation at Shelf Moor Road and Burned Road junctions with the A6036 would be needed to accommodate the additional trips. This may require traffic signals.

There are no known ecological or heritage constraints, and developing the site will not result in a loss of Open Space. If adjacent farms are to remain in operation, stand off between the farm and residential properties will be required.

There are low level overhead power lines within the site and a Public Right of Way crosses the site. The design and layout will need to consider these.

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.

Given the lack of significant constraints, the Council's preferred use is a New Housing Site with a capacity of 71 dwellings.

Outcome

**New Housing Site**