

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: LI1			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	Yes, the urban edge is generally well defined in this location. The parcel is partially compromised by ribbon development located to the east of the parcel and on the northern side of Rugeley Road.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	Yes, the parcel comprises one field. The parcel is located between the urban area of Rugeley and the A51 and forms a narrow strip, which is approximately 90m in width, between the urban edge and the A51. The parcel is bound by a woodland strip to the east, mature trees to the south, mature hedgerows to the north and the Rugeley to the west. As a consequence the parcel has a sense of enclosure and has limited visual and physical continuity with the remaining Green Belt.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No.	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	Armitage is located approximately 1.2km from the parcel.	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be	No.	

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	affected by release from Green Belt?		
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	No.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	No. The urban edge of Rugelely is visible from the parcel.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	Yes, the parcel is bound by development to the west and development is located beyond the boundary to the north west and east.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	No	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>minor</b>		

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<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	The parcel prevents ribbon development to the north of Chasley Road, although there is already one residential property in this location. There is no ribbon development on Stafford Brook Road.	If the parcel was released logical boundaries could be established along Chasley Road and Stafford Brook Road. Existing woodland to SW of the parcel could be extended to strengthen these boundaries.
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	No, the parcel contains a small number of residential properties. The remainder of the parcel comprises agricultural land.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A, nearest settlement is over 5km away	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Partially. The parcel comprises agricultural land on the edge of Rugelely, with a small number of individual properties within the parcel. Medium	

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		distance views to the wider countryside are available	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No. The parcel is bound by the edge of Rugelely to the east. There are individual properties within the parcel and to the south and north-west.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	No	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>Minor-Moderate</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R2			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	The parcel is already compromised by ribbon development on Chaseley Road and Stonehouse Road.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	The parcel is free from development and comprises agricultural land. It is enclosed by development on two of three sides, compromising the sense of openness.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A, nearest settlement is over 5km away	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Generally. The parcel comprises agricultural land. Open views to the wider countryside are available to the west. Enclosure by the edge of Rugeley compromises the	

<b>Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R2</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
		openness of the parcel.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	Yes. The parcel is bound by the edge of Rugeley on 2 of the 3 sides of the parcel.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	No	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>Minor</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R3			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	The parcel is partially compromised by ribbon development on Chaseley Road, although prevents further ribbon development on this road. There is no existing ribbon development on remaining adjacent roads, however the parcel does have a role in preventing ribbon development on Penkridge Bank.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	There are a number of individual properties and associated buildings within the parcel, and a cricket pitch to the east of the parcel, although the developed area is small relative to the size of the parcel. The majority of the site comprises agricultural land, with an increasing sense of openness to the west.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	Yes, the parcel separates Rugelely from the village of Slitting Mill.	The parcel forms the key gap between Rugelely and Slitting Mill, in combination with land to the south of Penkridge Bank.
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	Approx. 350m at the closest point. The parcel comprises the entire area between the two settlements.	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	Only Slitting Mill, as set out above.	

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R3			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	Yes, it would lead to Rugelely and Slitting Mill merging.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Generally. The parcel comprises agricultural land, with limited development in the form of individual properties and the cricket pitch. Open views to the wider countryside are available to the west.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No. The parcel is bound by the edge of Rugelely to the north, and partially by the edge of Slitting Mill to the south.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	No	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	<b>Category: +++ - important</b> The category predominantly relates to the importance of the parcel in preventing the settlements of Rugelely and Slitting Mill from merging.		

Rugeley Green Belt site reference: R4			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	Yes. The parcel prevents further ribbon development on Penkridge Bank, between Rugeley and Slitting Mill.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	The parcel is divided by a lane, providing access to a property on the southern edge of the parcel. Relative to the size of the parcel, this a very small area of development which doesn't not compromise the overall openness of the parcel. The remainder of the parcel is agricultural land, bound by a stream to the south-east.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	Yes, the parcel separates Rugeley from the village of Slitting Mill, to the east and south of the village.	The parcel forms part of a key gap between Rugeley and Slitting Mill, in combination with land to the north of Penkridge Bank.
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	Approx. 350m at the closest point. The parcel comprises the entire area between the two settlements to the east, and part of the area separating the settlements to the south of the village.	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	The property at the end of Jones Lane. Releasing the parcel from the green belt could encourage further development	

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R4			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
		on Jones Lane, reducing the separation between the two settlements.	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	Yes, it would lead to Rugelely and Slitting Mill merging.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Yes. The parcel comprises agricultural land, with limited development in the form of The property on Jones Lane. Jones Lane is also a Public Right of Way, and the Heritage Trail is located on the stream adjacent to the south-east of the parcel. The topography of the site allows wider views to the surrounding area.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No. The parcel is bound by the edge of Slitting Mill to the north-west.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	Yes	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic	No	

<b>Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R4</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	landscape that is related to an historic town?		
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: +++ - <b>important</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R5			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	The parcel prevents ribbon development to the north of Chasley Road, although there is already one residential property in this location. There is no ribbon development on Stafford Brook Road.	If the parcel was released logical boundaries could be established along Chasley Road and Stafford Brook Road. Existing woodland to SW of the parcel could be extended to strengthen these boundaries.
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	No, the parcel contains a small number of residential properties. The remainder of the parcel comprises agricultural land.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A, nearest settlement is over 5km away	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Partially. The parcel comprises agricultural land on the edge of Rugelely, with a small number of individual properties within the parcel. Medium	

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R5			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
		distance views to the wider countryside are available	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No. The parcel is bound by the edge of Rugelely to the east. There are individual properties within the parcel and to the south and north-west.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	Yes	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>Minor-Moderate</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R6			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	No, the parcel is surrounded by development to the north, east and west and there are no roads through the parcel.	If the parcel was released logical boundaries could be established along field boundaries lined with mature trees.
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	No, There is a social club located close to the north eastern boundary of the parcel. The parcel is comprised of a number of agricultural fields generally bound by intervening hedgerows and trees. Views across the parcel are available, however views of development to the north, east and west are available from the majority of locations within the parcel. Therefore the parcel has a partial sense of enclosure, particularly the north-eastern part of the parcel. The south-western part of the parcel is only partially affected by the presence of existing development and has a partial sense of openness.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No. However, the parcel forms part of a gap between Sitting Mill and Rugeley.	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A, nearest town is over 5km away.	

<b>Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R6</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No.	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	Yes, the release of the entire parcel would compromise the separation between Sitting Mill and Rugeley.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Partially. The parcel comprises agricultural land and playing fields on the edge of Rugeley. However, views of development to the north, east and west are available from the majority of locations within the parcel.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	Yes. The parcel is bound by the edge of Rugeley to the north, east and west.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	Yes	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is	No	

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R6			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
	related to an historic town?		
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>Minor-moderate</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R7			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	The parcel does play a role in preventing ribbon development. If the parcel was released, it would contribute to ribbon development along the A460.	The parcel has a role in preserving the openness of the countryside.
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	No, there are several agricultural buildings located at the northern boundary of the parcel and a couple of agricultural buildings to the south west of the parcel. There are open views across the parcel and there are long-distance views of the Cannock Chase AONB. It should also be noted that a large part of the site is within the AONB.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A, nearest settlement is over 5km away	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		

<b>Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R7</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Yes, the land is open and has gently rolling topography. There is little intervening vegetation within the parcel and there are long-distance views of the AONB.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No. The parcel is bound by the edge of Rugelely to the north.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	No	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>Moderate</b>		

Rugeley Green Belt site reference: R8			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	No, the urban edge in this area is generally well defined and the pattern of development adjacent to this parcel is not characteristic of ribbon development.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	Yes, however the parcel is bound by development at the north and eastern boundary. The eastern edge of Rugeley is generally well screened by mature trees, however views of the northern edge of Rugeley are only partially screened by intervening vegetation. Notwithstanding this, the parcel has a sense of openness.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A, nearest settlement is over 4km away	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		

<b>Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R8</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Yes, the parcel is comprised of agricultural land and there are open views looking towards the wider Green Belt.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	Yes, the parcel is bound by development to the north and east. However, to the south and west there is very little development.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	No	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>moderate</b>		

Rugeley Green Belt site reference: R9			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	No, the parcel is generally comprised of woodland located to the south of Rugeley. The urban edge at this location is well defined and there is currently no ribbon development within or adjacent to the parcel. Similarly, the release of the parcel would not contribute to ribbon development.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	No, there is one agricultural building at the northern boundary of the parcel. Additionally, the parcel is generally comprised of woodland which screens views of Rugeley to the east. Subsequently, the majority of the parcel is free from development and has a sense of openness.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A, nearest settlement is over 1.5km away	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging	No	

<b>Rugeley Green Belt site reference: R9</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	of a town or compromise the separation of towns physically?		
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Yes, the parcel is generally comprised of woodland, countryside is comprised of agricultural land, open access land and woodland.	The parcel is generally comprised of woodland which can be categorised as woodland. This parcel has an important role in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No. The parcel is bound by the edge of Rugeley to the east. The urban edge of Rugeley is also located approximately 270m to the north of the parcel.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	Yes	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>Moderate</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R10			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	Yes, ribbon development has already occurred on the western side of Colliery Road. This parcel prevents ribbon development on the eastern side of this road.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	No, there is a couple of buildings at the southern boundary of the parcel. There is also an area of hardstanding to the north of the parcel. The parcel is well enclosed by mature vegetation and views across the parcel are limited. However, there open views from within the parcel, and other land beyond the parcel is visible from within the parcel.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A, nearest settlement is over 1.5km away	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of a town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	No	

<b>Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R10</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Yes, from within the parcel there are generally uninterrupted views across the land.	The parcel is generally comprised of woodland which can be categorised as woodland. This parcel has an important role in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No, the parcel is bound by countryside to the east and south. The urban edge of Rugelely bounds the parcel to the north and west.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - <b>important</b> ; ++ - moderate; + - minor		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	Yes	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>Moderate</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R11			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	Yes, the urban edge is generally well defined in this location and is centred on Main Road. The parcel has not currently been compromised by ribbon development however, the release of the parcel would likely contribute to ribbon development.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	No, there is a number of agricultural buildings and some residential buildings within the parcel. However, the majority of these are located within close proximity to the urban edge. Despite these features the parcel has a sense of openness and views of the wider Green Belt to the east and west are available.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No. However the village of Breretonhill is located within close proximity to the southern edge of the parcel.	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	Breretonhill is located approximately 100m away. Upper Longdon is located beyond and is approximately 1.3km to the south of the parcel.	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	The setting of Breretonhill may be affected by the release of the parcel.	

<b>Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R11</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	No. However, the release of the parcel would reduce the gap between Rugelely and Breretonhil.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Yes, the parcel is comprised of agricultural land and there are open views looking towards the wider Green Belt.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No, the parcel is bound by development to the north only.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	Yes	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>important-moderate</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R12			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	Yes, the urban edge is generally well defined in this location and is centred on Main Road. The parcel has not currently been compromised by ribbon development however, the release of the parcel would likely contribute to ribbon development.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	No, there are a couple of within the parcel. However, the majority of these are located within close proximity to the urban edge. This proximity has partially affected the openness of the parcel.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No. However the village of Breretonhill is located within close proximity to the southern edge of the parcel.	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	Breretonhill is located approximately 100m away. Upper Longdon is located beyond and is approximately 1.3km to the south of the parcel.	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No.	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the	No. However, the release of the parcel would reduce the gap between Rugeley and Breretonhil.	

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: R12			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
	separation of towns physically?		
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Partially, the parcel is comprised of agricultural land however due to the proximity of the urban edge, the rural character of the area is partially affected.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No, the parcel is bound by development to the north only.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	No	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - <b>minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>minor-moderate</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: SM1			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	Yes, the parcel is located the west of Sitting Mill. Development in Sitting Mill has already been affected by ribbon development along Sitting Mill Road. The release of the parcel would contribute to further ribbon development to the south of Sitting Mill.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	Yes, the parcel is comprised of plantation woodland. The woodland is free from development and has a sense of openness. In addition, from the northern boundary of the parcel there are open views of the Green Belt to the north.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No.	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A. The nearest town is located approximately 4.5km away.	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads that would be affected by release from Green Belt?	No.	
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of town or compromise the	No.	

<b>Rugelely Green Belt site reference: SM1</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	separation of towns physically?		
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Yes, the parcel is comprised of plantation woodland and there are open views looking towards the wider Green Belt. In addition, the parcel is located within the Cannock Chase AONB which is an area designated for its rural character.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No, the parcel is bound by development to the east only.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	Yes	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	<b>Category: important-moderate</b> <b>This score has been given as this parcel is considered to play an important role in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment and in keeping the countryside permanently open.</b>		

Rugelely Green Belt site reference: SM2			
Criterion	Specific Questions	Assessment	Comments
<b>Purposes of Green Belts</b>			
<b>To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas</b>	Does the parcel play a role in preventing ribbon development and/or has the Green Belt within the parcel already been compromised by ribbon development?	Yes, the parcel is located to the south of Sitting Mill. Development at Sitting Mill can generally be categorised as ribbon development located on the western and eastern side of Sitting Mill Road. The parcel would contribute to ribbon development located to the south of the Sitting Mill on the eastern side of Sitting Mill Road.	
	Is the parcel free from development? Does the parcel have a sense of openness?	No, there is residential development to the north and south of the parcel and there is agricultural development at the centre of the parcel. Owing to the availability of views towards existing development associated with sitting Mill and mature vegetation located along field boundaries, the parcel has a partial sense of openness.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	+++ - important; ++ - <b>moderate</b> ; + - minor		
<b>To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another</b>	Does the parcel lie directly between two towns and form all or part of a gap between them?	No, the parcel is located to the south of Sitting Mill and the nearest town (Rugelely) is located to the east.	
	What distance is the gap between the towns?	N/A, nearest settlement is over 600m away	
	Are there intervening settlements or other development on roads	No	

<b>Rugelely Green Belt site reference: SM2</b>			
<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Specific Questions</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Comments</b>
	that would be affected by release from Green Belt?		
	Would development in the parcel appear to result in the merging of a town or compromise the separation of towns physically?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment</b>	Does the parcel have the character of open countryside? What is the nature of the land use in the parcel?	Yes, the parcel is generally agricultural land. There are open views across the parcel.	
	Is the parcel partially enclosed by a town or village built up area?	No, the parcel is located to the south of Sitting Mill and is surrounded by countryside on all other boundaries.	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns</b>	Does the parcel make a positive contribution to the setting of the historic town?	No	There are no conservation areas within or adjacent to the parcel.
	Can features of the historic town be seen from within the parcel?	No	
	Is the parcel in the foreground of views towards the historic town from public places?	No	
	Is there public access within the parcel?	No	
	Does the parcel form part of an historic landscape that is related to an historic town?	No	
<b>Assessment category</b>	<b>+++ - important; ++ - moderate; + - minor</b>		
<b>Overall Conclusion</b>	Category: <b>Moderate</b>		