

INNER GREEN BELT AREA ASSESSMENT TABLES

SECTOR 1

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3
CHARACTER TYPE	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features
DEFINING/SUPPORTING	Part is defining	Defining	Defining
PROXIMITY TO HISTORIC CORE	3.5 km	2.5km	2.5km
HEIGHT	Generally between 10 and 15m OD rising to the west	Generally between 15 and 20m OD	Generally between 15 and 20m OD
VEGETATION	Hedgerows and hedgerow trees significant.	Some hedge and tree cover	Some hedge and tree cover
IMPORTANT VIEWS	View of setting to Cambridge. Vegetation interrupts views.	Views restricted by vegetation and built form.	Views setting restricted by vegetation.
EDGE TYPE	Soft green edges with isolated properties	Soft green edges between city and Girton.	Soft green edges with isolated properties
PREVALENT LOCAL BUILT FORM	2-storey, low density residential.	2-storey, low density residential.	2-storey, low density residential.
PROXIMITY TO GREEN CORRIDOR	N/a	N/a	N/a
IMPORTANCE TO SETTING	HIGH / MEDIUM Area very visible from the A14. Views through to arable/pasture land in places curtailed by hedge and tree cover. Important to Cambridge in its setting	LOW	MEDIUM
IMPORTANCE TO CHARACTER OF CITY	LOW	HIGH	LOW
IMPORTANCE TO PHYSICAL SEPARATION, DISTRIBUTION, SETTING, SCALE AND CHARACTER OF GREENBELT VILLAGES	HIGH – has contribution to setting of Girton village	VERY HIGH Gap between Girton village and City.	MEDIUM / HIGH
IMPORTANCE TO RURAL CHARACTER	HIGH - Important for maintenance of the rural foreground to the City and village	HIGH - Important for maintenance of the rural foreground of Girton and the City and village	MEDIUM / HIGH - Important for maintenance of the rural foreground of Girton and the City and village
IMPORTANCE TO GREEN BELT	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH	MEDIUM / HIGH
SIGNIFICANCE OF DEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT*	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH	MEDIUM / HIGH
POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE EDGE	Enhance hedgerows	Enhance hedgerows	Enhance hedgerows, woodland

SECTOR 2

	AREA 1
CHARACTER TYPE/AREA	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features
DEFINING/SUPPORTING	Defining
PROXIMITY TO HISTORIC CORE	3.5 km
HEIGHT	Generally between 10 and 15m OD generally rising to the east of the M11
VEGETATION	Hedgerows, copses brookside vegetation are significant
IMPORTANT VIEWS	Views from west over the brook and up hillside are significant as are views out to surrounding higher ground to the west. Views to Girton College tower.
EDGE TYPE	Abrupt soft edge at present time.
PREVALENT BUILT FORM	2-storey, low density residential
PROXIMITY TO GREEN CORRIDOR	N/a
IMPORTANCE TO SETTING	VERY HIGH Area very visible from the M11 and elevated areas to the west. Views through to arable/pasture land bounded by hedges and small copses. Important to Cambridge and its setting
IMPORTANCE TO CHARACTER	VERY HIGH
IMPORTANCE TO PHYSICAL SEPARATION, DISTRIBUTION, SETTING, SCALE AND CHARACTER OF GREEN BELT VILLAGES	NEGLIGIBLE
IMPORTANCE TO RURAL CHARACTER	HIGH - Significant in presenting City in rural context.
IMPORTANCE TO GREEN BELT	VERY HIGH
SIGNIFICANCE OF DEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT*	VERY HIGH
POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE EDGE	Yes – strengthen existing vegetation type and form.

* Conclusion from Significance Matrix

SECTOR 3

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4
CHARACTER TYPE/AREA	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features
DEFINING/SUPPORTING	Part Defining	Part Defining	Part defining	Part defining
PROXIMITY TO HISTORIC CORE	2.5 km	2.5 km	2 km	2 km
HEIGHT	Mostly between 10m and 15m OD dropping down to valley of Bin Brook	Mostly over 10m dropping down to below 10 to Bin Brook valley	Around 10m	Mostly over 10m dropping below 10 to Bin Brook valley
VEGETATION	Important, strongly defined hedgerow field boundaries.	Important, high and strongly defined hedgerow field boundaries. Woodland shelterbelt conceals area.	Important, well defined hedgerows	Small, discrete area with important hedgerows
IMPORTANT VIEWS	Views from higher ground to west to historic core. Views out to rural hinterland	To historic core and some out to rural hinterland	To historic core and some out to rural hinterland	Views screened by vegetation.
EDGE TYPE	Abuts West Cambridge, Barton Road and M11. Soft green edge.	Soft green edge with high hedges and woodland belts.	Soft green edge of managed hedgerows.	Soft green edge of managed hedgerows.
PREVALENT LOCAL BUILT FORM	2-storey, low density residential, farm houses and research. Large buildings of West Cambridge beginning to be significant.	Low density, mixed use residential/sports	2-storey, low density residential, farm houses and research .	Sports facility and student accommodation.
PROXIMITY TO GREEN CORRIDOR	N/a	Some parts important to green corridor up to Grange Road	N/a	Important to green corridor up to Grange Road
IMPORTANCE TO SETTING	VERY HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH	MEDIUM
IMPORTANCE TO CHARACTER	HIGH	LOW	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
IMPORTANCE TO PHYSICAL SEPARATION, DISTRIBUTION, SETTING, SCALE AND CHARACTER OF GREEN BELT VILLAGES	Area contributes to the separation between the city and Coton and gives an important green foreground for the setting of the City	N/a	N/a	N/a
IMPORTANCE TO RURAL CHARACTER	Significant in presenting City in rural context.	Significant in presenting City in rural context.	Significant in presenting City in rural context.	Significant in presenting City in rural context.
IMPORTANCE TO GREEN BELT	VERY HIGH	MEDIUM/LOW	HIGH	HIGH
SIGNIFICANCE OF DEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT*	VERY HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH	VERY HIGH
POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE EDGE	Potential to enhance hedgerows	Woodland management	Potential to enhance hedgerows	Potential to enhance hedgerows

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SECTOR 4

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5
CHARACTER AREA/TYPE	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features
DEFINING/SUPPORTING	Adjacent to and with views over Defining Character	Adjacent to and with views over Defining Character	Defining veivs	Defining views	
PROXIMITY TO HISTORIC CORE	2.5km	2.2 km	2.7 km	3 km	3.4 km
HEIGHT	Rising from flood plain below 10m to west to 15m OD	Between 10m and 15m OD	Between 10m rising to above 15m OD towards Grantchester	Between 10m and 15m OD	Between 15m OD and 25m OD
VEGETATION	Hedges and trees	Hedges and trees	Hedges and trees	Hedges and trees	
IMPORTANT VIEWS	Across river to the east and open views to west	Views out to west and south	Views to historic core	Views to historic core	
EDGE TYPE	Soft green edge	Soft green edge	Soft green edge	Soft green edge	Soft green edge
PREVALENT LOCAL BUILT FORM	Abuts 2-storey, low density residential	Abuts 2-storey, low density residential and sports facility	2-storey, low density residential	N/a	N/a
PROXIMITY TO GREEN CORRIDOR	Immediate	600m	300m	900M	900m
IMPORTANCE TO SETTING	VERY HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH	MEDIUM
IMPORTANCE TO CHARACTER	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
IMPORTANCE TO PHYSICAL SEPARATION, SETTING, SCALE AND CHARACTER OF GREEN BELT VILLAGES	MEDIUM	NEGLIGIBLE	HIGH/MEDIUM	HIGH	LOW
IMPORTANCE TO RURAL CHARACTER	HIGH	MEDIUM	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
IMPORTANCE TO GREEN BELT	VERY HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH	HIGH
SIGNIFICANCE OF DEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT*	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH
POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE EDGE	Possibly strengthen edge vegetation	Strengthen hedge boundaries	--	Enhancements to hedges	Enhancements to hedges

* Conclusion from Significance Matrix

SECTOR 5

	AREA 1	AREA 2
CHARACTER AREA/TYPE	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features
DEFINING/SUPPORTING	Defining character – river corridor	Defining character – river corridor
PROXIMITY TO GREEN CORRIDOR	Part adjoining	Adjoining
PROXIMITY TO HISTORIC CORE	4 km	4.4 km
HEIGHT	Between 15m and 25m OD	Mostly between 5 and 10m OD in river valley
IMPORTANT VIEWS	Slightly elevated views from the west to Grantchester	Slightly elevated views from the west to Grantchester
VEGETATION	Field boundary trees and hedges	River side trees, copses, plantation
EDGE TYPE	Soft green and residential	Soft green and residential
PREVALENT LOCAL BUILT FORM	2 storey, low density edge to village	2 storey, low density edge to village
IMPORTANCE TO SETTING	HIGH	HIGH
IMPORTANCE TO CHARACTER	HIGH	HIGH
IMPORTANCE TO PHYSICAL SEPARATION, DEISTRIBUTION, SETTING, SCALE AND CHARACTER OF GREEN BELT VILLAGES	HIGH (Grantchester) – importance for separation and setting of village and City.	HIGH (Grantchester) – importance for separation and setting of village and City.
IMPORTANCE TO RURAL CHARACTER	HIGH (Grantchester) – important to maintain rural character of village.	HIGH (Grantchester) – important to maintain rural character of village.
IMPORTANCE TO GREEN BELT	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH
SIGNIFICANCE OF DEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT*	VERY HIGH	VERY HIGH
POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE EDGE	Enhancements to hedgerows	Enhancements to hedgerows

SECTOR 6

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3
CHARACTER AREA/TYPE	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features	West Claylands. Parts of this Character Area are 'Defining Character'. Setting, Views, Green corridor, Environmental features
DEFINING/SUPPORTING	Adjacent to Conservation Area	Adjacent to Conservation Area	Abuts Defining Character (river corridor)
PROXIMITY TO HISTORIC CORE	2 km	2 km	2.6 km
HEIGHT	Between 10m and 15m OD	Between 10m and 15m OD	Mostly above 10m OD rising to a ridge which cuts off views from the valley
IMPORTANT VIEWS	Views restricted in/out by tree belts	Views restricted in/out by tree belts	Views in/out of area to west across the valley
VEGETATION	Recently established planting encloses area	Recently established planting encloses area	Mature woodland belt along Trumpington Road and other scattered plantations.
EDGE TYPE	Soft green edge	Soft green edge	Soft green edge
PREVALENT LOCAL BUILT FORM	Low density, 2 storey	Low density, 2 storey	Low density, 2 storey
PROXIMITY TO GREEN CORRIDOR	700m	700m	Abuts green corridor (River)
IMPORTANCE TO SETTING	LOW	LOW	VERY HIGH
IMPORTANCE TO CHARACTER	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
IMPORTANCE TO PHYSICAL SEPARATION, DISTRIBUTION, SETTING, SCALE AND CHARACTER OF GREEN BELT VILLAGES	NEGLIGIBLE	NEGLIGIBLE	MEDIUM
IMPORTANCE TO RURAL CHARACTER	LOW	LOW	HIGH
IMPORTANCE TO GREEN BELT	HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH
SIGNIFICANCE OF DEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT*	HIGH	HIGH	VERY HIGH
POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE EDGE	Enhancement and management of woodland edge	Enhancement and management of woodland edge	Enhancement and management of woodland edge

* Conclusion from Significance Matrix

SECTOR 7

	AREA 1
CHARACTER AREA/TYPE	River corridor. Defining Character for setting, separation, views, green corridor, environmental features
DEFINING/SUPPORTING	Defining Character
PROXIMITY TO HISTORIC CORE	4.6 - 5 Km
HEIGHT	Between 10m and 20m
VEGETATION	Woodland, hedges, copses, trees
IMPORTANT VIEWS	Significant views to and from areas south and west. Important view to Trumpington Church.
EDGE TYPE	Soft green edge
PREVALENT LOCAL BUILT FORM	2-storey, low density residential with new development being built at 3/4 storeys
PROXIMITY TO GREEN CORRIDOR	Abuts new country park.
IMPORTANCE TO SETTING	VERY HIGH
IMPORTANCE TO CHARACTER	High - Presents City in rural setting on important approach road.
IMPORTANCE TO PHYSICAL SEPARATION, DISTRIBUTION, SETTING, SCALE AND CHARACTER OF GREENBELT VILLAGES	High – Abuts river corridor
IMPORTANCE TO RURAL CHARACTER	HIGH – important to the rural character of the City
IMPORTANCE TO GREEN BELT	VERY HIGH
SIGNIFICANCE OF DEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT*	VERY HIGH
POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE EDGE	Enhance further planting to new development edge

SECTOR 8

	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4
CHARACTER AREA/TYPE	Parts are Defining Character Setting, Views	Parts are Defining Character Setting, Views	Parts are Defining Character Setting, Views	Parts are Defining Character Setting, Views
DEFINING/SUPPORTING	Parts	Parts	Parts	Parts
PROXIMITY TO HISTORIC CORE	5 Km	5 Km	5.5 Km	5.5 Km
HEIGHT	Between 15 and 20m OD falling to M11 and river	Between 15 and 20m OD	Between 15 and 20m OD	Mostly between 15 and 20m
IMPORTANT VIEWS	Significant views to and from areas to south and west.	Views from west partially screened by ridge. Views out to surrounding hills.	Views in and out screened by sports facility and other built form.	Views from west partially screened by ridge. Views out to surrounding hills.
VEGETATION	Well defined, managed hedgerows	Some hedgerows	Some hedgerows	Some hedgerows
EDGE TYPE	Soft green edge	Soft green edge	Soft green edge	Soft green edge
PREVALENT LOCAL BUILT FORM	2-storey, low density residential with new high density development	2-storey, low density residential	2-storey, low density residential and sports facility	2-storey, low density residential
PROXIMITY TO GREEN CORRIDOR	Abuts river corridor. 800m to new Clay Farm green corridor.	800m to new Clay Farm green corridor	800m to new Clay Farm green corridor	800m to new Clay Farm green corridor
IMPORTANCE TO SETTING	HIGH	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE	LOW
IMPORTANCE TO CHARACTER	MEDIUM	LOW	NEGLIGIBLE	LOW
IMPORTANCE TO PHYSICAL SEPARATION, DEISTRIBUTION, SETTING, SCALE AND CHANRACTER OF GREEN BELT VILLAGES				
IMPORTANCE TO RURAL CHARACTER	Significant in presenting City in rural context.	LOW	LOW	LOW
IMPORTANCE TO GREEN BELT	VERY HIGH	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM
SIGNIFICANCE OF DEVELOPMENT ON GREEN BELT*	VERY HIGH	HIGH	NEGLIGIBLE	HIGH
POTENTIAL TO IMPROVE EDGE	Enhance existing hedges and edges	Enhance existing hedges and edges	Enhance existing hedges and edges	Enhance existing hedges and edges

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