

**Strength of NPPF functions of Greenbelt Site Assessment Proforma**

Function		Criteria		Assessment Commentary
1	To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas:	How well contained by the urban area is the parcel?	<b>Not Contained:-</b> The majority of the parcel is detached from the urban area and no more than one side is adjacent to urban concentration	
			<b>Partly Contained:-</b> Approximately 50% of the parcel is adjacent to an urban area	
			<b>Well Contained:-</b> The majority of the parcel or 75% or more is enclosed by urban area	
	Boundary Strength Assessment:	<b>Strong Durable Features:</b>  <b>1) Landform_</b> valley ridge river stream depression. <b>2) Vegetation _</b> protected	<b>Strong and robust:</b> Combination of more than one feature some of which are substantial features, intact, well developed and durable, the boundary is a prominent feature within the landscape	
			<b>Moderate:</b> Comprised of one feature some	

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		woodland, copse <b>3) Constructed_</b> motorway main road railway canal buildings with long established line	features not intact leading to gaps within the boundary. Features lack durability, some condition issues, and few prominent features	
		<b>Features lacking durability:</b>  <b>1) Field boundary</b> – hedge, fence, line of trees <b>2) Constructed_</b> ditch, tracks, private roads, buildings with weak intermittent line.	<b>Weak:</b> One minor infrequent feature, large gaps between features, little or no durability, poor condition and no prominent features.	
2	To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	The width of the strategic open gap between urban areas	Removal of the parcel from Green Belt would leave a gap of <1km	
			Removal of the parcel from Green Belt would leave a gap of 1-2km	
			Removal of the parcel from Green Belt would leave a gap of >2km	

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3	To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	(a) What percentage of the parcel is covered in development?	Less than 10%	
			10%-25%	
			Greater than 25%	
		(b) Building use (and age included as text note to establish pre or post Green Belt designation)	Countryside use	
			Partial Countryside use	
			Non countryside use	
4	To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns.	Whether the parcel helps preserve the setting of an historic town village or park.	The parcel contributes significantly to the setting of an historic town, village or park	
			The parcel has limited contribution to the setting of an historic town, village or park	
			The parcel has no impact on the setting of an historic town, village or park	
5	To assist in urban regeneration by encouraging	Individual sites cannot be assessed as no measurable criteria have been identified for this function.		

**APPENDIX B**

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the recycling of derelict and other urban land.		