Assessment	Criteria	Measurement	Commentary Provided – Officer judgement	Core Strategy/National Policy
STAGE 1:Subdivision of Widnes/Hale GB into site parcels	Site should form one land use and exhibit a single character Contain physical features –	Initial site parcel identified Excluded from further stages of	N/A N/A	Policy CS6:Green Belt
	(existing built development)	assessment	IVA	
STAGE 2: (a) Assessment of parcels against constraints				
	Sites entirely within flood risk zones 3a and 3b	Excluded from further assessment	N/A	Policy CS 23: Managing pollution and risk
Prohibitive Constraints	Sites entirely subject to unacceptable risk (Comah/Airport PSZ/PADHI)	Excluded from further assessment	N/A	Policy CS 23: Managing pollution and risk
	Site of Special Scientific Importance (SSSI)	Excluded from further assessment	N/A	Policy CS20: Natural and Historic Environment
	Ancient woodland	Excluded from further assessment	N/A	Policy CS20: Natural and Historic Environment
	Known contamination or remediation issues that would affect the deliverability of a site	Excluded from further assessment	Yes	Policy CS 23: Managing pollution and risk
	Sites of international Nature Conservation	Excluded from further assessment	N/A	Policy CS20: Natural and Historic Environment

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	importance (SPAs, SACs, Ramsar)				
	Land affected by Coastal Erosion	Excluded from further assessment	N/A	Policy CS20: Natural and Historic Environment	
A	Sites within flood risk zone 2	Yes/No	N/A	Policy CS 23: Managing pollution and risk	
entirely ated	Landscape Character Assessment:	Yes/No	Yes	Policy CS20: Natural and Historic Environment	
d not e	Local Wildlife Sites (LWS)	Yes/No	Yes	Policy CS20: Natural and Historic Environment	
woul	Listed Building/ancient monuments	Yes/No	N/A	Policy CS20: Natural and Historic Environment	
s that	Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)	Yes/No	N/A	Policy CS20: Natural and Historic Environment	
int ta	Mineral safeguarding areas	Yes/No	N/A	Policy CS25: Minerals	
nstra	Regionally important geological sites (RIGs)	Yes/No	N/A	Policy CS20: Natural and Historic Environment	
Restrictive/Limiting constraints that would not entirely prohibit new development and could be mitigated	Is the site located within or adjacent to an existing Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)?	Yes/No	Yes	Policy CS 23: Managing pollution and risk	
	Known contamination or remediation issues that would not prevent deliverability	Yes/No	Yes	Policy CS 23: Managing pollution and risk	

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STAGE 2: (b)				
Sustainability/Deliverability				
Assessment of parcels			ı	
	Agricultural land	Grade 1 - Score1	N/A	Policy CS20:Natural and
	Classification	Grade 2 - Score 3		Historic Environment
		Grade 3 - Score 5		
	The parcel contains or is	Yes – Score 5	N/A	
	within 800m of publicly	No – Score 1		
	accessible open space.			
	(Allotments and			
	Community Gardens,			
	Amenity Open Space,			
	Natural and Semi-Natural			
	open space, Outdoor			
	Sports Facilities, Parks and			
	Gardens, Provision for			
	Children and Young			
	People).			
	Is the site within 30 minute		N/A	Policy CS15: Sustainable
	public transport journey			Transport
	time -			
	GP Surgery	Yes - Score 5		
		No - Score 1		
	Employment Site	Yes - Score 5		
		No - Score 1		
	Local/Town Centre	Yes - Score 5		
		No - Score 1		

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	Hospital	Yes - Score 5		
		No - Score 1		
	Primary School	Yes - Score 5		
		No - Score 1		
	Secondary School	Yes - Score 5		
		No - Score 1		
	Further Education -	Yes - Score 5		
	College	No - Score 1		
	Local Road Impact	Significant transport and/or	Yes	Policy CS15: Sustainable
		accessibility problems envisaged		Transport
		with little or no scope for		
		mitigation – Score 1		
		Some transport and/or		
		accessibility problems envisaged		
		that could be addressed by		
		substantial mitigation which		
		would be in the form of Developer		
		Contributions secured through		
		Planning Obligation agreements		
		and/or off-site developer funded		
		transport infrastructure-Score 3		
		No transport or accessibility		
		problems evident from the		
		information provided at the time		

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	Public rights of way	of appraisal/assessment – Score 5 Multiple rights of way crossing the site – Score 1 Single right of way within the site – Score 3 Rights of way within 500m of the site – Score 5	N/A	Policy CS15: Sustainable Transport
	Does the site have any adverse gradients on it? Compatibility with existing or planned adjoining uses	Yes – Score 1 No – Score 5 Poor – Score 1 Medium – Score 3	Yes Yes	Policy CS23: Managing pollution and Risk
	Availability of Mains electricity	Good – Score 5 Poor – Score 1 Medium – Score 3 Good – Score 5	N/A	Policy CS7: Infrastructure Provision
	Availability of Mains Water	Poor – Score 1 Medium – Score 3 Good – Score 5	N/A	Policy CS7: Infrastructure Provision
	Availability of Mains Sewage System	Poor – Score 1 Medium – Score 3 Good – Score 5	N/A	Policy CS7: Infrastructure Provision
	Broadband availability	Poor – Score 1 Medium – Score 3 Good – Score 5	N/A	Policy CS7: Infrastructure Provision
	Land stability issues	Yes – Score 1 No – Score 5	N/A	
	Are there known land	Yes/No	Yes	

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	ownership issues that could prevent development of the site?							
STAGE 3: Assessment of parcels against the purposes of including land	of the site:							
in the Green Belt	See Appendix B						Yes	National Planning Policy Framework
STAGE 4: Assessment of how the parcels remaining at stage 4 contribute to meeting the needs identified in the adopted Core Strategy, together with an indicative capacity of those		Units Net de	<0.4ha <10 <14 100% liverable	0.4- 2.0ha 10- 50 14- 70 90%	2.0- 5.0ha 50- 125 70- 175 75%	>5ha 125+ 175+ 70%	Yes	Policy CS3: Housing supply and locational priorities
parcels to meet the identified need to 2028		Density at 30dph					Yes	Policy CS3: Housing supply and locational priorities