

YourLocale Sileby 5 – Rear of Herrick Close (SHLAA site –PSH179)

1. Overview

This Strategic Sustainability Assessment (SSA) is a comparison of housing supply options to be used for plan-making purposes. This confidential draft is subject to local ratification and needs to be checked and validated before it is made public. The level of information provided is appropriate to this purpose and proportionate to the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). The SSA is not a substitute for the detailed professional assessments of site viability and other legal or regulatory matters that will be required as part of the process of submitting a residential planning application. The SSA is a community led process and does not contain detailed professional site investigations and the SSA should be read and understood in this context.

Through undertaking the SSA the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will seek to ensure that the least environmentally damaging and most sustainable locations are prioritised for potential residential development. The approach uses publicly available data and a site visit has been undertaken to determine the locational context but the site itself will not be accessed in professional detail during the SSA.

Locally important factors have been considered and it is recommended that the wider community comment on the SSA's to help develop a ranking of sustainability. The SSA's are only a part of any potential development site selection, it is a useful tool to rank potential sites in a NP and the methodology is accepted by developers, land owners, Local Authorities and Planning Inspectors as being robust and proportionate for this task.

The draft documents are shared with landowners and Charnwood Borough Council (CBC) to enable a positive SSA process that meets firstly, the housing target and secondly, the affordable housing requirements in CBC's emerging Local Plan.

2. Site Selection Criteria

A scoring system for the residential sites based on a traffic light (i.e. Red, Amber or Green - RAG) score has been used. Twenty eight indicators are considered and the site with the highest green rating score is the one which is most sustainable.

- Red is scored for a negative assessment where significant mitigation is required;

A red scoring site will not be developed if higher scoring sites are available.

- Amber is scored where there are negative elements to the site and costly/disruptive mitigation measures will be required;

An amber scoring site will require remediation works to allow development, it may be developed at a future date.

- Green is scored for a positive assessment with no major constraints on residential development.

A green scoring site can be developed subject to owner and community support, market demands, full planning consent and financial viability.

Within the different scoring categories sites will be ranked on their individual score - effectively green minus red scores.

Occasionally a site is ranked as "undevelopable" if it is a current major employment site or if it is in flood zone 3 or above – for example.

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Site - Details	
Site reference :	SHLAA Ref PSH179, CBC suitable location for development.
Site name and address:	Land rear of Herrick Close.

Site – Sustainability criteria relating to Location, Surroundings & Constraints		RAG Rating
Site area and capacity:	1.21HA – in total, approximately 0.5HA developable. About 10 new build units SHLAA states 16 (3 bed houses)	Green
Current Use:	Two small fields used for grazing, this farm use needs to be relocated.	Amber
Adjoining Uses:	The site is on the boundary of the current built form at the rear of Herrick Close. Residential units to two elevations with open fields to the remaining two elevations.	Amber
Topography:	An undulating site with minor mitigation measures required.	Amber
Greenfield or Previously Developed Land?	A greenfield site.	Red
Good Quality Agricultural Land?	The site is classified as grade 3 agricultural land by Natural England, this is agricultural land of a good to moderate quality.	Amber
Site availability - Single ownership or multiple ownership?	Single owner.	Green
Landscape & Visual Impact Assessment (LVIA)	The site overlooks the functional flood plain to the rear with wide open views across the countryside, the location is of a very rural character and is of a high LVIA quality. The site is bounded on two sides with hedgerow with open vistas to two aspects. Development would cause substantial harm to the quality and amenity of adjoining residents and would extend Sibley further in to the countryside.	Red

Site – Sustainability criteria relating to Location, Surroundings & Constraints		RAG Rating
Important Trees, Woodlands & Hedgerows?	A few mature trees are dotted around the site but significant sections of hedgerow would have to be grubbed out to allow development to proceed, these features cannot be protected.	Red
Relationship with existing pattern of built development?	On the boundary of the existing built up area so extends the built form in to the countryside further.	Red
Local Wildlife considerations?	Nesting birds, small mammals, badgers, butterflies and moths.	Red
Listed Building or important built assets?	No local landmarks are within view of the site.	Green
Impact on the Conservation Area or its setting?	The site is wholly outside of the conservation area and given its distance from it, development would cause less than substantial harm.	Amber
Safe pedestrian access to and from the site?	Existing provision on Barrow Road bounding the site so access already provided for pedestrians but with very poor connectivity to the village centre.	Green
Safe vehicular access to and from the site?	Inadequate for ten units at present although appears straightforward to provide access in to the site with additional works.	Amber
Impact on existing vehicular traffic?	A minor impact from this small number of units, although given the distance to the village centre this is amplified.	Amber
Safe access to public transport?	Yes, a bus stop is found very nearby on Barrow Road.	Green
Distance to designated village centre, the village hall.	A walking distance of more than 900m.	Red
Distance to GP/Health Centre.	A walking distance of more than 800m to the Sileby medical centre (Storer Close).	Red
Distance to Primary school.	Sileby Redlands Community Primary school is about a 350m walk from the centre of the site.	Green
Current existing informal/formal recreational opportunities on site?	None identified in this private location.	Green
Ancient monuments or archaeological remains?	None found on the site, given its location an archaeological survey will probably not be required.	Green

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Any public rights of ways/bridle paths?	None identified.	Green
Gas, oil, pipelines and networks & electricity transmission network?	A telephone cable will require resiting.	Amber
Any nuisance issues?	No issues identified.	Green
Any contamination issues?	Small tips identified on site, further investigations required but no major issues apparent.	Amber
Any known flooding issues?	The site is adjacent to flood zone 3b (the functional flood plain) and is nearly all in flood zone 3a, so further investigations and a hydrology survey are required. The site may not pass the “sequential test” for development.	Red
Any drainage issues?	Severe issues with drainage due to the flood category.	Red
Issues related to planning history on the site?	CBC SHLAA states medium term potential in 6-10 years' time.	
	<p>Red - 9</p> <p>Amber - 9</p> <p>Green – 10</p>	A GREEN SITE SCORING OF 1.