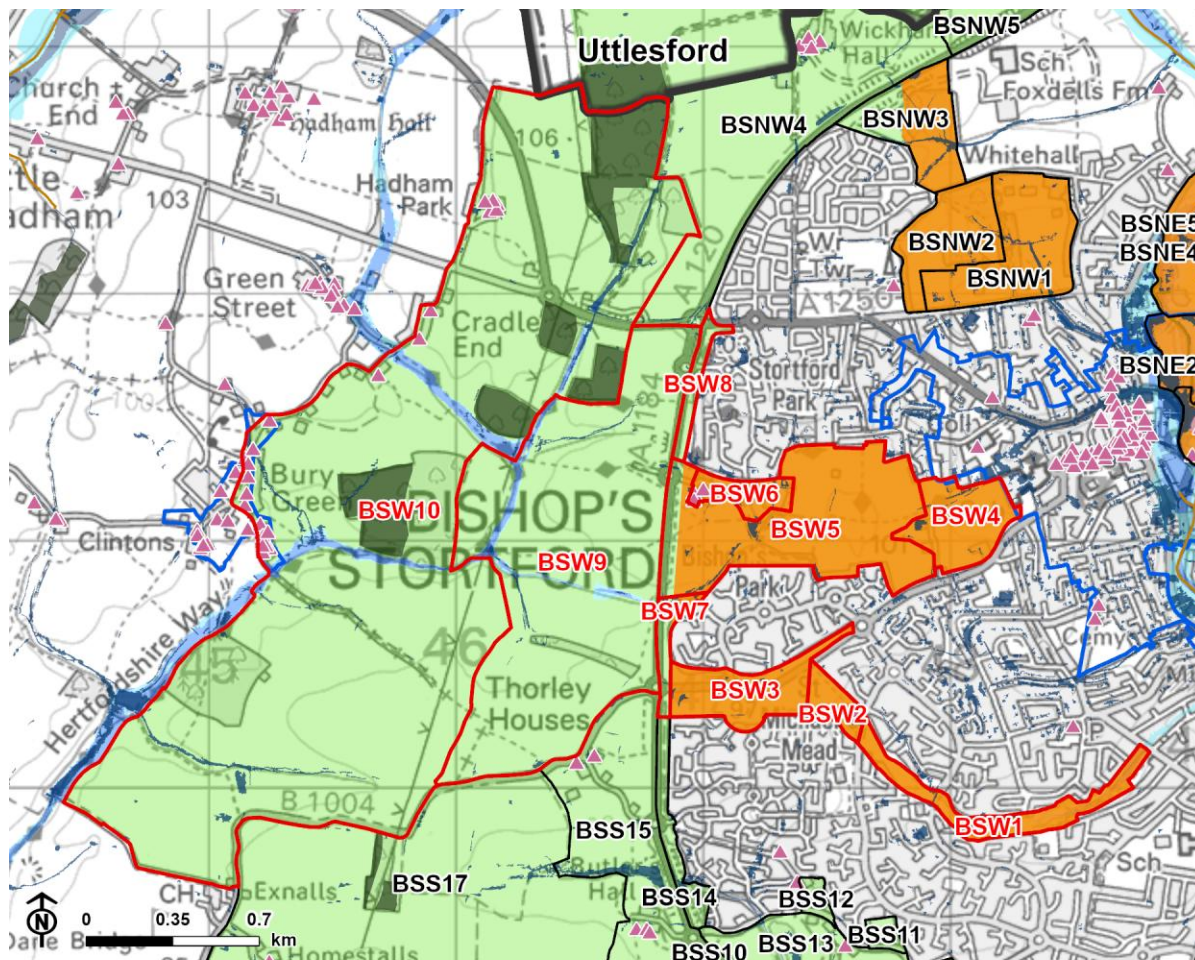


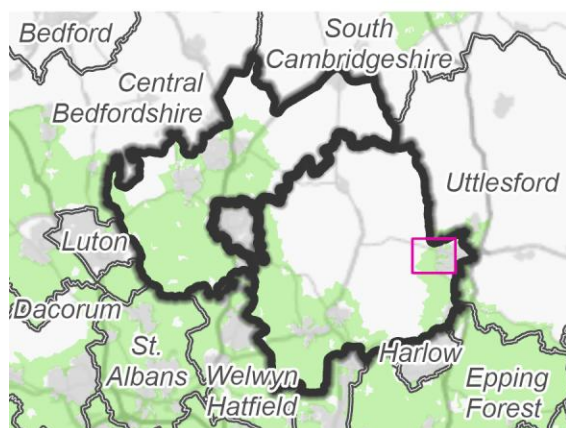
Designations in Bishop's Stortford West



- Bishop's Stortford West parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local authority
- Neighbouring authority
- Green Belt

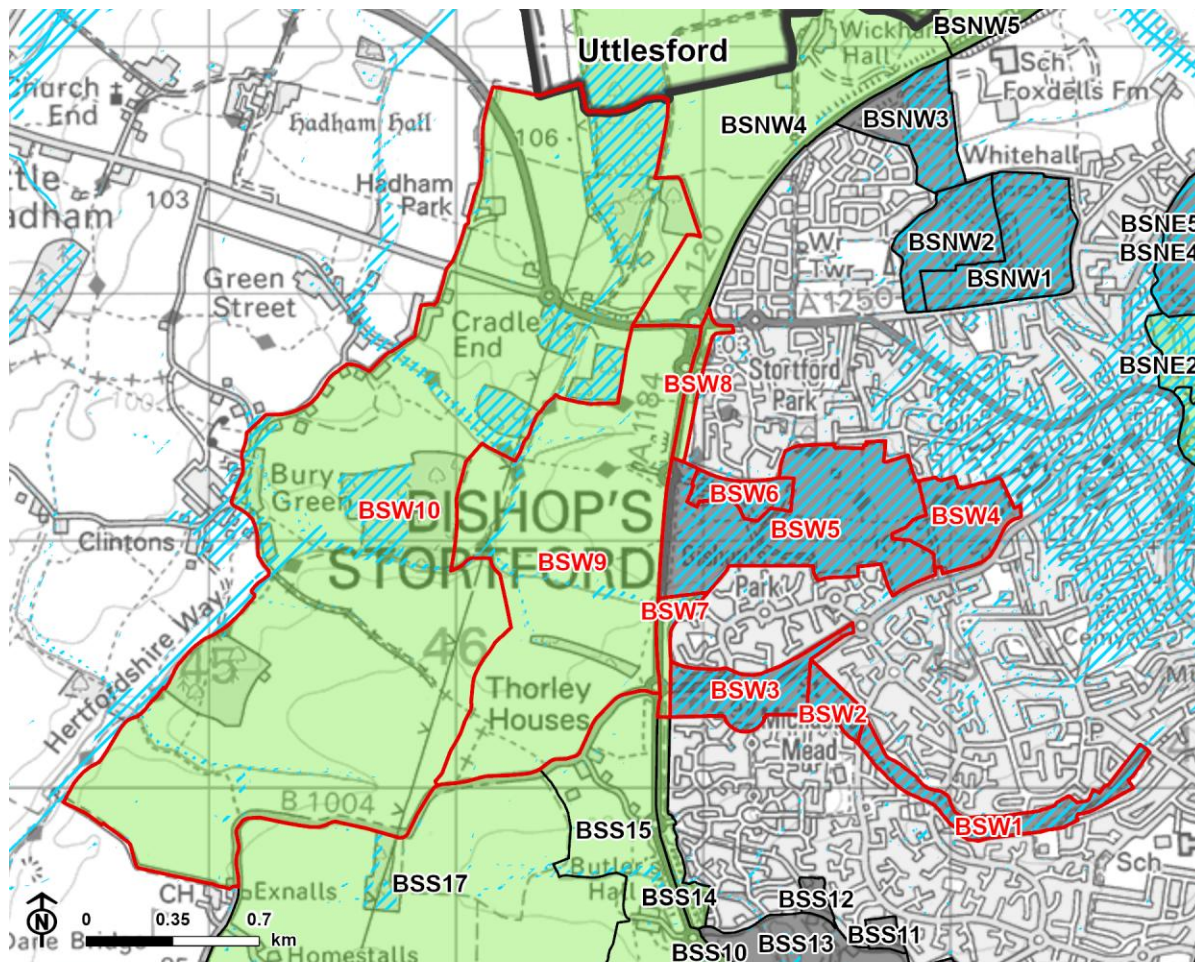
NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- ▲ Listed building
- Chalk river
- Ancient woodland
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Conservation area
- Local Green Space
- Scheduled monument



Bishop's Stortford West

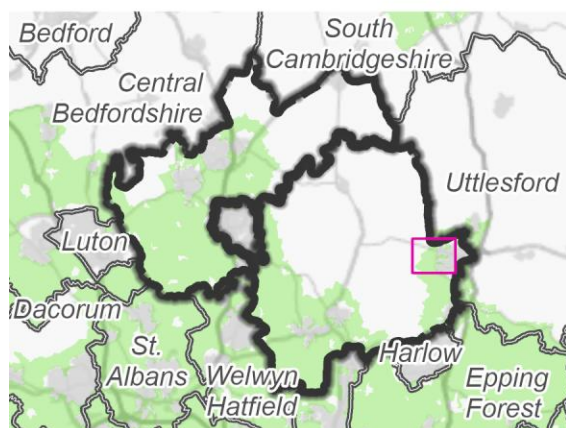
Potential grey belt in Bishop's Stortford West



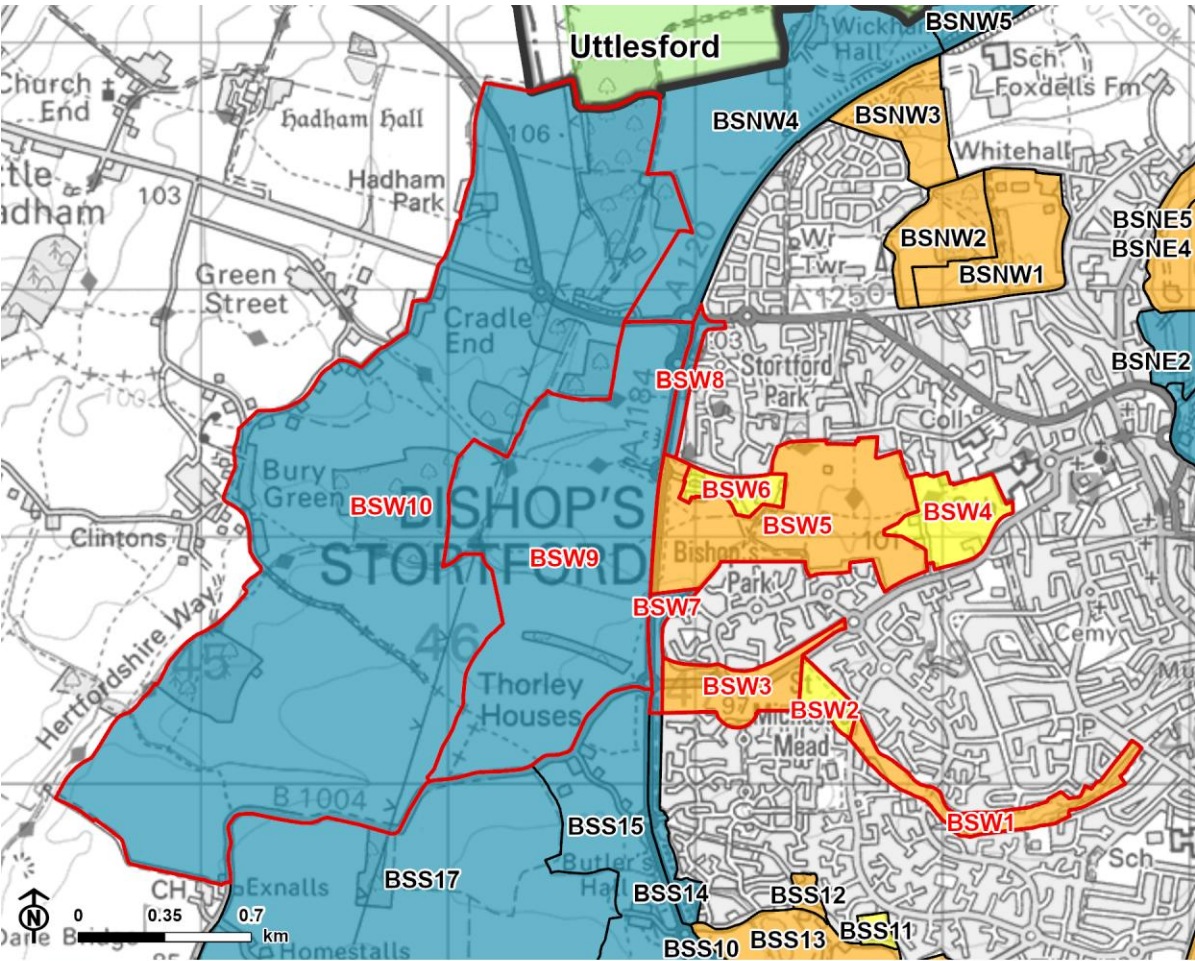
- Bishop's Stortford West parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local authority
- Neighbouring authority
- Green Belt

Potential grey belt

- Potentially suitable for definition as grey belt land in the borough
- Footnote 7 designation



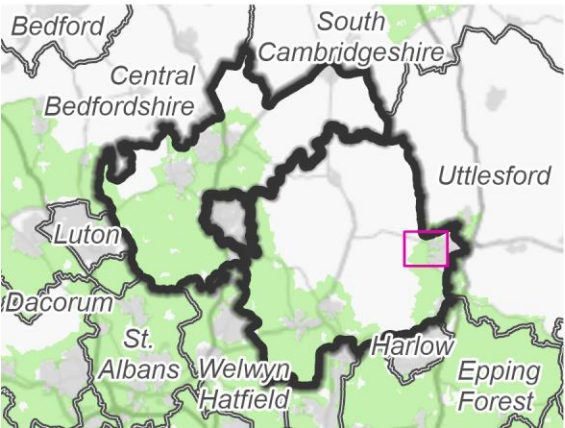
Highest rating in Bishop's Stortford West



- Bishop's Stortford West parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local authority
- Neighbouring authority
- Green Belt

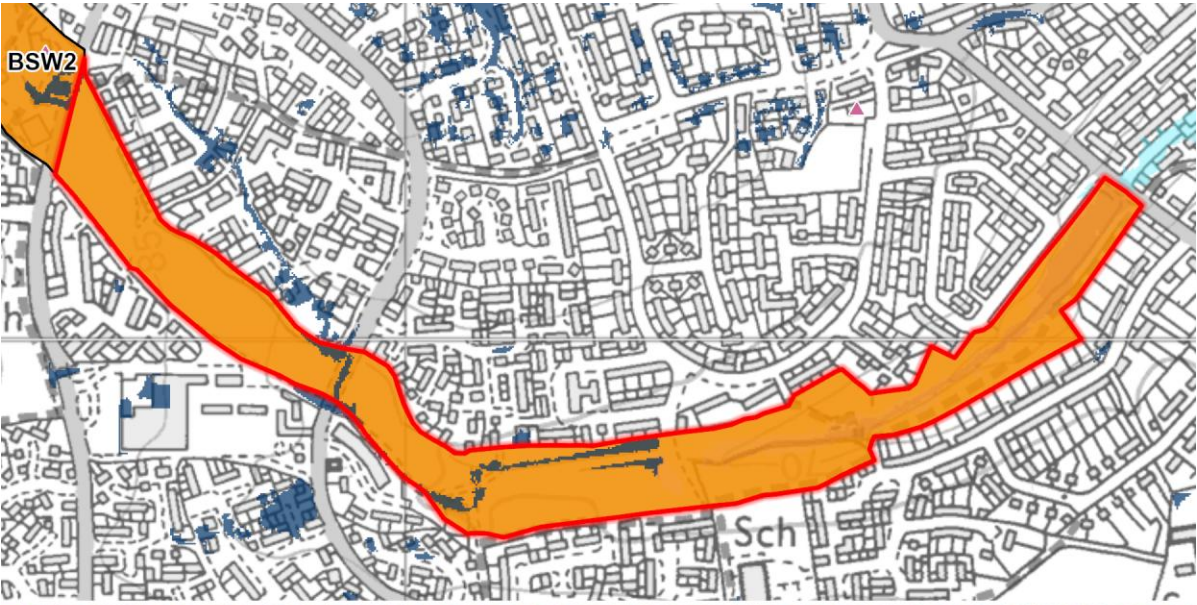
Highest Contribution to NPPF purposes A, B, C and D

- Strong
- Moderate
- Weak/no



Parcel BSW1

Parcel BSW1



 Parcel BSW1  Neighbouring parcel  Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Listed building |  Local Green Space |
|  Flood zone 3 |  High risk of surface water flooding |
|  Flood zone 2 | |

Parcel BSW1

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW1

Parcel BSW1 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Weak/No	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel BSW1 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land contained by Bishop's Stortford. Parcel size: 10ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. Only property boundaries separate the parcel from the settlement to the north side. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a strong perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Lower level urban development will be visible on more than 2 sides. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Urbanising development limits perception of the wider countryside. The parcel is contained by urban edges.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is adjacent to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a larger built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is substantial urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. The parcel forms the entirety of the gap between two distinct areas. Any partial development of the parcel would weaken the remainder.

Parcel BSW1

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. The loss of separation between two distinct areas, causing the two to become a single area, would be a significant change to the urban pattern. The openness of this parcel is playing a role in preventing that.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is substantial urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.

Parcel BSW1

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Development in the parcel would not increase urbanising influence on any land which is not already subject to at least as much urbanising influence as this parcel.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel comprises a thin area of green space through modern residential developments in the south of Bishop's Stortford, but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

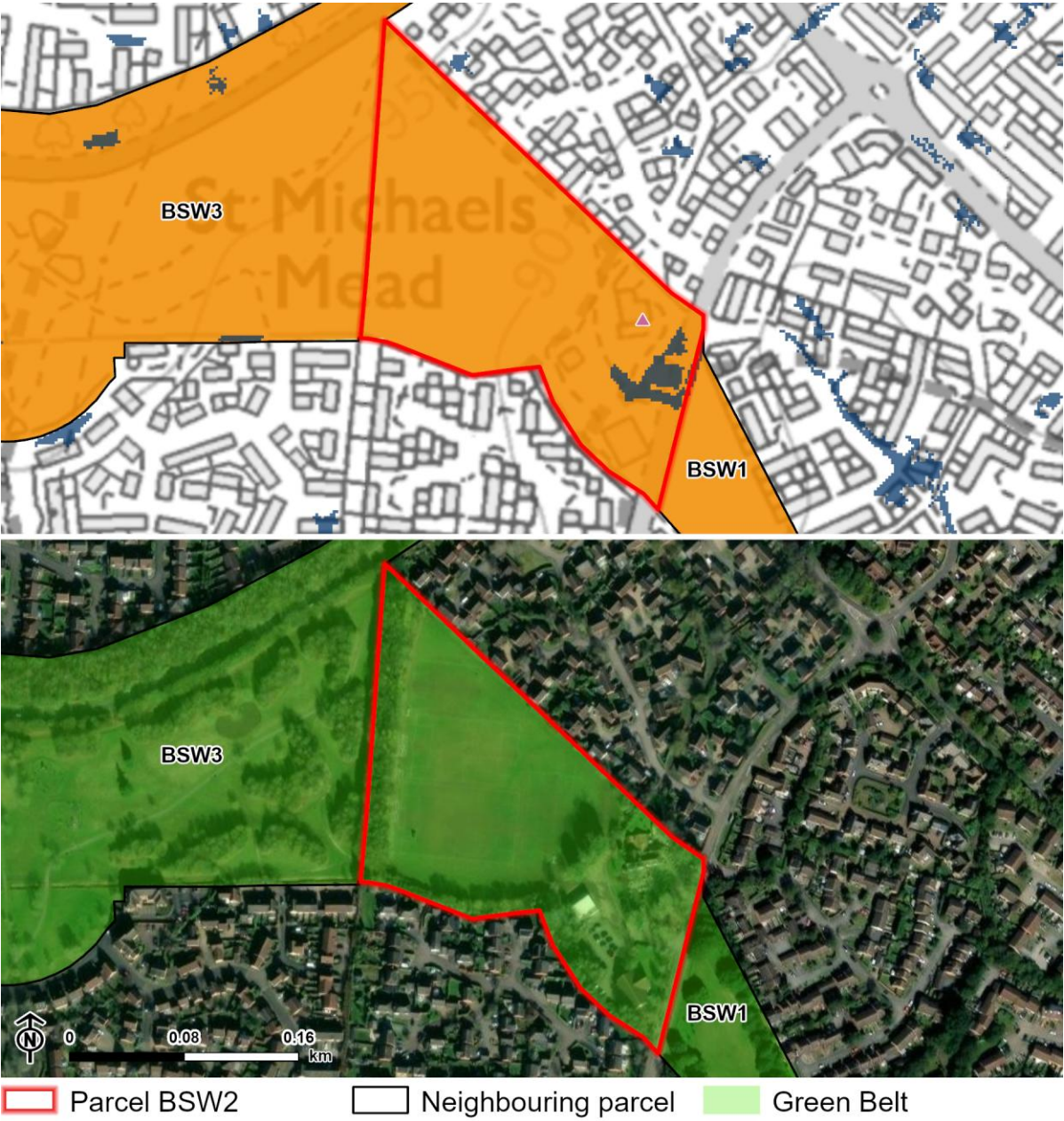
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore has the potential to be grey belt land. NPPF footnote 7 areas and assets within or connected to the parcel may provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development within it. Such locations can only be provisionally defined as grey belt land until further relevant and necessary specialist assessment work has been undertaken.

Parcel BSW2



NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- ▲ Listed building
- Local Green Space
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel BSW2

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW2

Parcel BSW2 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Weak/No	Weak/No	Weak/No	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel BSW2 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land contained by Bishop's Stortford. Parcel size: 4ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. Property boundaries separate the parcel from the settlement. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a strong perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel is contained by existing development to the north and south. Land use creates some association with the urban area but there is little urbanising activity in the parcel. Parcel contains playing fields and car parking. Urbanising development limits perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is adjacent to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is substantial urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. Containment by existing development has a significant influence on the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. A narrow woodland clearly marks the parcel boundary to the west. Development in the parcel could have some urbanising impact on land beyond but would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose A.

Parcel BSW2

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would create an incongruous pattern of development by significantly weakening the separation between currently distinct urban areas, increasing their combined sprawling influence on the wider Green Belt.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is substantial urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. Containment by existing development has a significant influence on the parcel.

Parcel BSW2

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. A linear woodland clearly marks the parcel boundary to the west. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel comprises a thin area of green space through modern residential developments in the south of Bishop's Stortford, but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

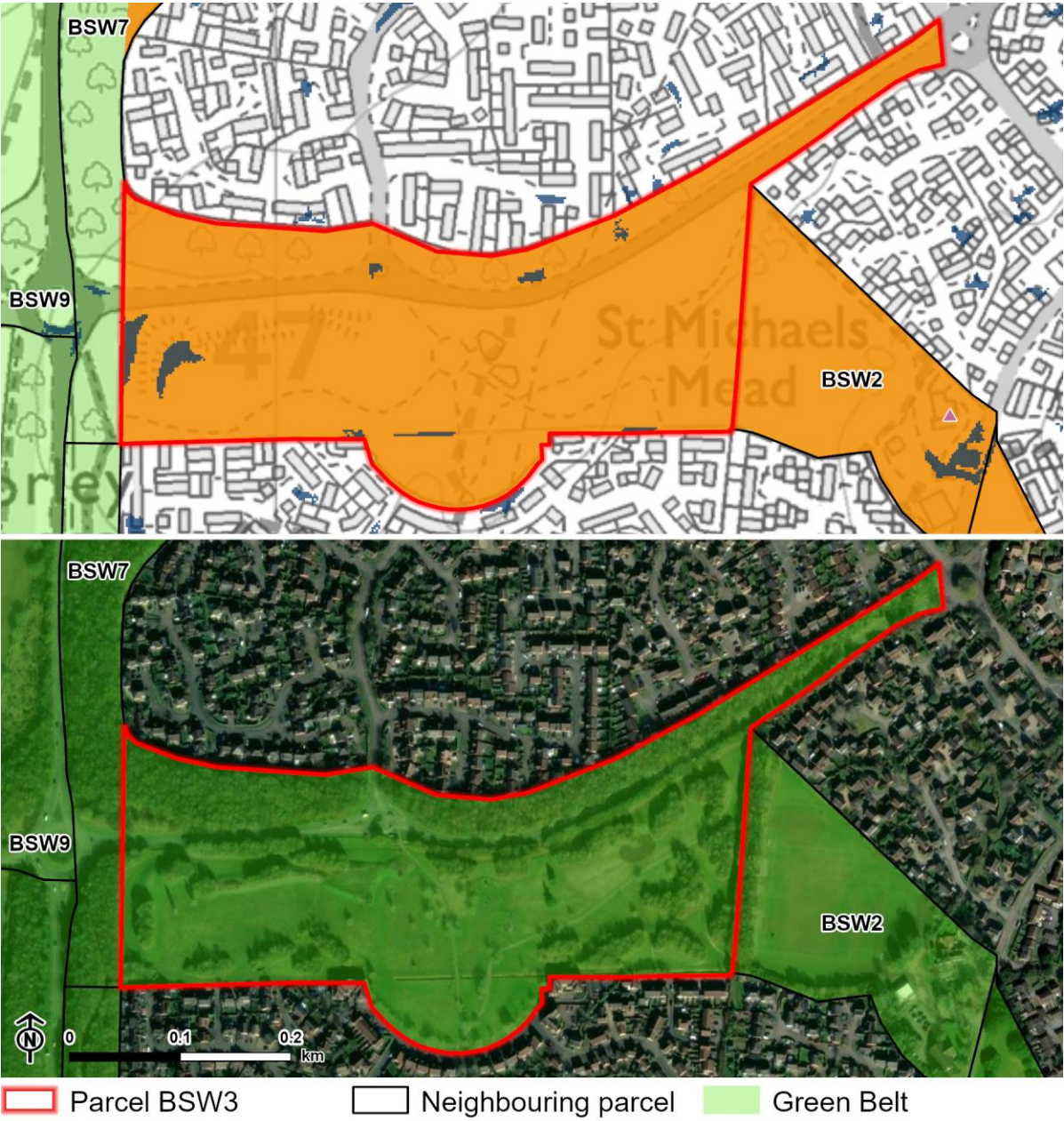
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore has the potential to be grey belt land. NPPF footnote 7 areas and assets within or connected to the parcel may provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development within it. Such locations can only be provisionally defined as grey belt land until further relevant and necessary specialist assessment work has been undertaken.

Parcel BSW3



NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- ▲ Listed building
- Local Green Space
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel BSW3

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW3

Parcel BSW3 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel BSW3 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land contained in the wets of Bishop's Stortford. Parcel size: 12ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. Property boundaries separate the parcel and the settlement. To the north, a B road and small woodland provide separation but this is weaker to the south. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel is adjacent to a 'typical' urban development where there isn't a strong year-round boundary feature or significant landform change to reduce perception. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. There is some perception of connectivity with the wider countryside, limiting the impact of any existing urbanising influence.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is adjacent to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a large built up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. Vegetation associated with the A1184 clearly marks the parcel boundary. Development in the parcel could have some urbanising impact on land beyond but would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose A.

Parcel BSW3

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would create an incongruous pattern of development by significantly weakening the separation between currently distinct urban areas, increasing their combined sprawling influence on the wider Green Belt.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.

Parcel BSW3

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Vegetation associated with the A1184 clearly marks the parcel boundary to the west. Although development in the parcel would have some urbanising impact on land beyond, it would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose C.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel comprises a thin area of green space through modern residential developments in the south of Bishop's Stortford, but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

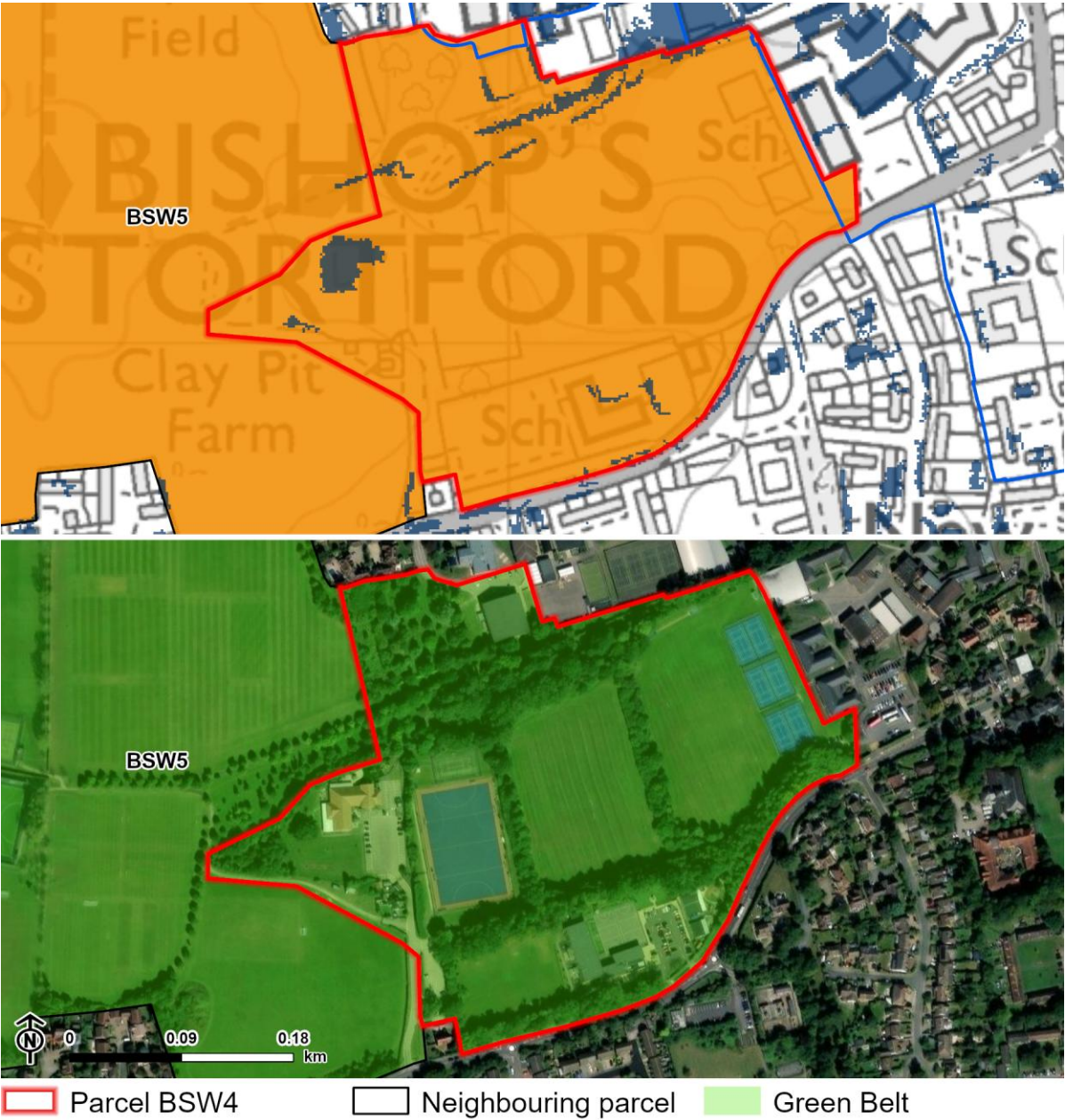
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore has the potential to be grey belt land. NPPF footnote 7 areas and assets within or connected to the parcel may provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development within it. Such locations can only be provisionally defined as grey belt land until further relevant and necessary specialist assessment work has been undertaken.

Parcel BSW4



NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Local Green Space
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Conservation area

Parcel BSW4

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW4

Parcel BSW4 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Weak/No	Weak/No	Weak/No	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel BSW4 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land largely contained by Bishop's Stortford. Parcel size: 12ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. Sometimes open boundary with some stronger areas along Great Hadham Road. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Perception increases in areas where boundary is weakest. Land use creates some association with the urban area but there is little urbanising activity in the parcel. Playing fields associated with school out of the Green Belt. Urbanising development limits perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is adjacent to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Land use in the parcel has some association with the urban area.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. Varying levels of urban influence depending on strength of boundary features. More influence from the east.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. A mature tree line clearly marks the parcel boundary. Development in the parcel could have some urbanising impact on land beyond but would not significantly weaken its contribution to Purpose A.

Parcel BSW4

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would not represent an incongruous pattern of development because of its existing containment by the urban area.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel has uses associated with the urban area which limit the extent to which it is perceived as being part of the countryside.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Land use in the parcel has some association with the urban area.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. Varying levels of urban influence depending on strength of boundary features. More influence from the east.

Parcel BSW4

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Development in the parcel would not increase urbanising influence on any land which is not already subject to at least as much urbanising influence as this parcel.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Land use in the parcel has some association with the urban area.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel contains several modern school buildings. While the parcel is located immediately west of the Bishop's Stortford Conservation Area, the modern development currently occupying this area means it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its special character.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

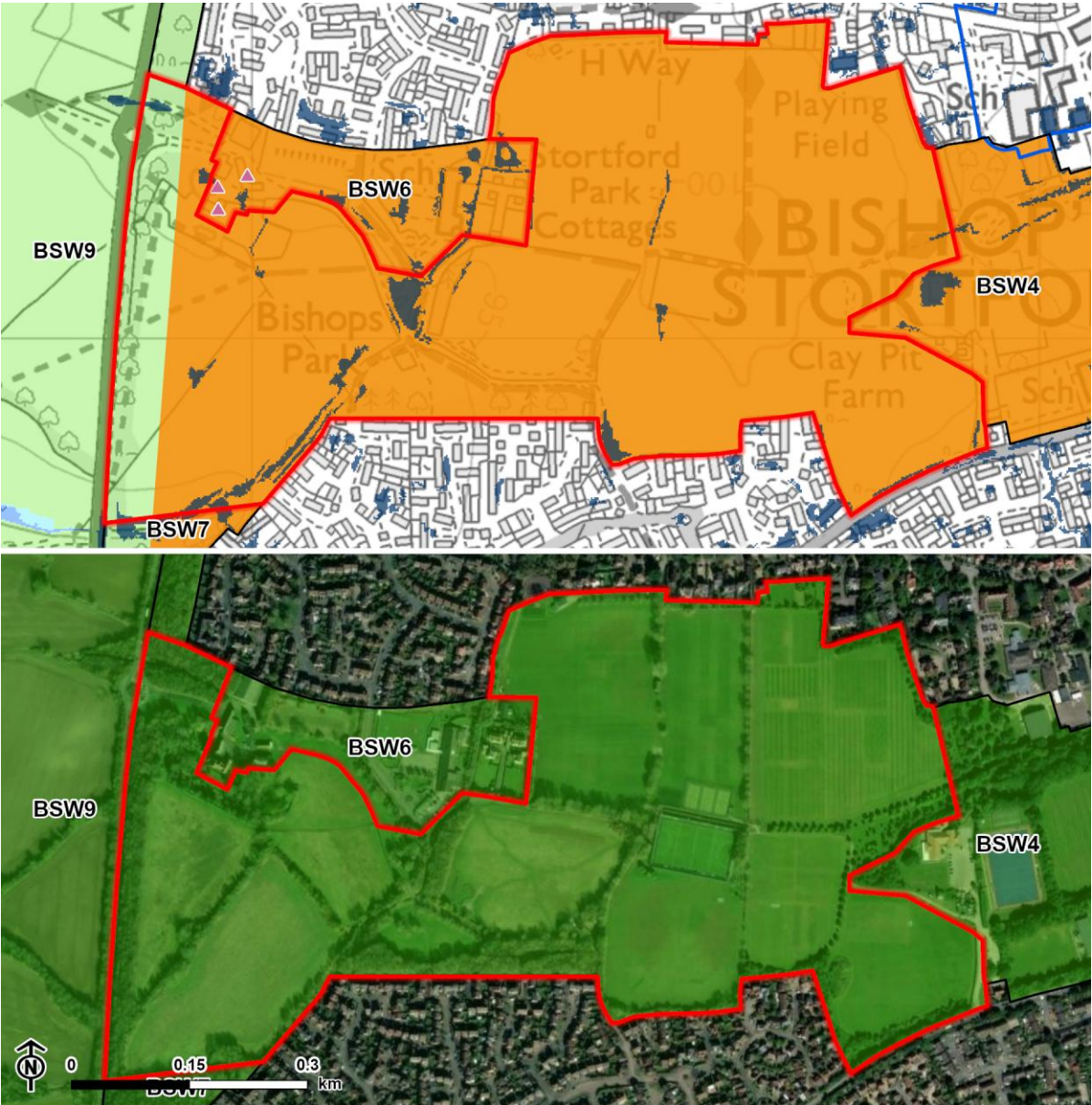
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore has the potential to be grey belt land. NPPF footnote 7 areas and assets within or connected to the parcel may provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development within it. Such locations can only be provisionally defined as grey belt land until further relevant and necessary specialist assessment work has been undertaken.

Parcel BSW5



Parcel BSW5 Neighbouring parcel Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Listed building | Local Green Space |
| Flood zone 3 | High risk of surface water flooding |
| Flood zone 2 | Conservation area |

Parcel BSW5

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW5

Parcel BSW5 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Moderate	Weak/No	Moderate	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel BSW5 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land largely contained by Bishop's Stortford. Parcel size: 44ha. A combination of features forms a boundary of moderate strength between the settlement and the parcel. Property boundaries and hedgerows combine to form a boundary of moderate strength. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel is adjacent to urban development, where there isn't a strong year-round boundary feature or significant landform change to reduce perception. Land use creates some association with the urban area but there is little urbanising activity in the parcel. The east of the parcel has recreational uses, including grass and artificial surfaces. The west of the parcel has a park and agricultural uses. Urbanising development limits perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is adjacent to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. The level of urban containment and the lack of a strong boundary feature allows for some influence from the residential areas to the north and south.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is predominantly contained by existing development to the north and south.

Parcel BSW5

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development of land in the parcel would not have an incongruous impact on the urban pattern. The parcel is subject to some urbanising influence and has features that would restrict and contain development, preventing any incongruous impact on the wider countryside.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel has uses associated with the urban area which limit the extent to which it is perceived as being part of the countryside.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. The level of urban containment and the lack of a strong boundary feature allows for some influence from the residential areas to the north and south.

Parcel BSW5

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Development in the parcel would not increase urbanising influence on any land which is not already subject to at least as much urbanising influence as this parcel.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel contains several sports pitches. While the parcel is located in close proximity to the Bishop's Stortford Conservation Area it does not currently not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to special character of the historic town.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore has the potential to be grey belt land. NPPF footnote 7 areas and assets within or connected to the parcel may provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development within it. Such locations can only be provisionally defined as grey belt land until further relevant and necessary specialist assessment work has been undertaken.

Parcel BSW6



Parcel BSW6 Neighbouring parcel Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- Listed building
- Local Green Space
- High risk of surface water flooding

Parcel BSW6

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW6

Parcel BSW6 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Weak/No	Weak/No	Weak/No	Weak/No	Equal	Yes

Parcel BSW6 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land largely contained by Bishop's Stortford. Parcel size: 5ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. Property boundaries separate the parcel from the settlement. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is some perception of urban development outside of the parcel. The parcel is adjacent to urban development, where there isn't a strong year-round boundary feature or significant landform change to reduce perception. Existing development in the Green Belt has some urbanising influence. Primary school and residential/possibly commercial uses within the parcel. Urbanising development limits perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is adjacent to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is substantial urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. The proximity of the urban area and the lack of a strong boundary feature allows for a significant influence from the urban area.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development. The parcel is already developed to the extent that further development would not significantly increase urbanising influence on adjacent open land.

Parcel BSW6

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would not represent an incongruous pattern of development because of its existing containment by the urban area. The parcel is subject to significant urbanising influence.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel lacks openness and so is part of an urban area rather than part of the countryside.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	N/A
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	N/A

Parcel BSW6

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is some urbanising development in the parcel.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel contains Willmead Primary School and forms part of the wider surroundings of Bishop's Stortford, but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel does not make a strong contribution to the Green Belt purposes A, B or D and therefore has the potential to be grey belt land. NPPF footnote 7 areas and assets within or connected to the parcel may provide a strong reason for refusing or restricting development within it. Such locations can only be provisionally defined as grey belt land until further relevant and necessary specialist assessment work has been undertaken.

Parcel BSW7



NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Flood zone 3 | Local Green Space |
| Flood zone 2 | High risk of surface water flooding |

Parcel BSW7

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW7

Parcel BSW7 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Strong	Weak/No	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	No

Parcel BSW7 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the west of Bishop's Stortford. Parcel size: 3ha. There is a strong and consistent boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. Woodland forms a consistent strong boundary feature to the west of Bishop's Stortford. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Woodland tree cover limits perception of the urban area. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Vegetation associated with the A1184 limit perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is adjacent to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	The parcel lies beyond physical features which are restricting and containing urban development. Therefore its weakening or loss would have an adverse impact on this purpose. Development in the parcel would negate the role of woodland which currently gives the parcel a strong sense of separation from urbanising influences.

Parcel BSW7

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would create an incongruous pattern of development by breaching strong physical features currently restricting and containing an urban area.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The A1184 and associated vegetation forms a strong boundary feature, limiting the urbanising impact on land beyond.

Parcel BSW7

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel forms part of the wider agricultural landscape which surrounds Bishop's Stortford, but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

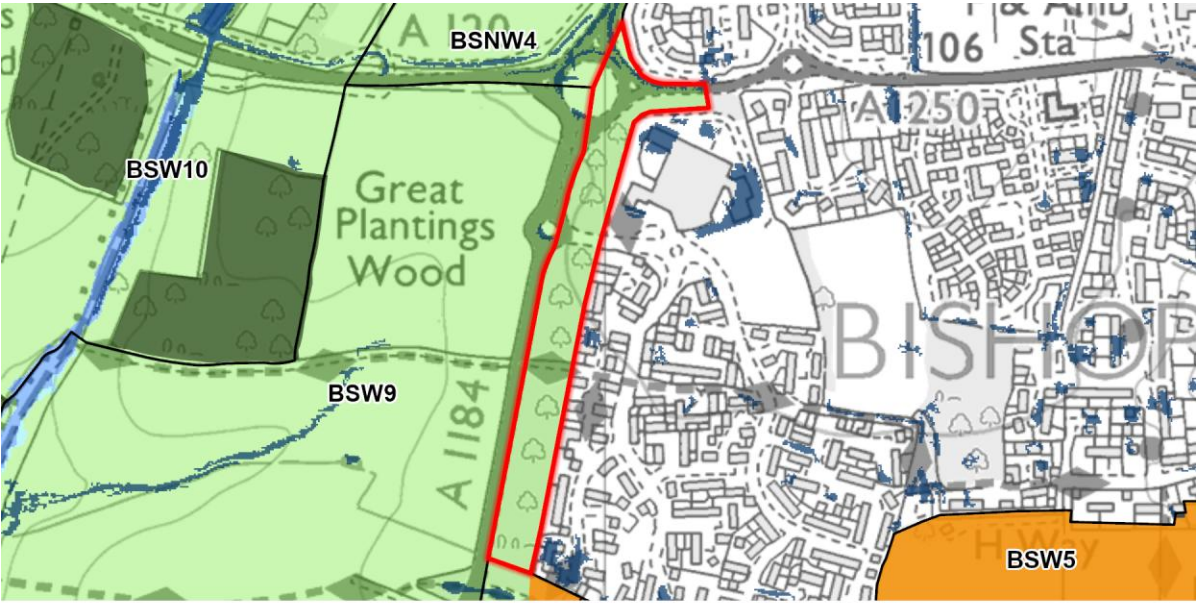
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel makes a strong contribution to Green Belt Purpose A and therefore does not meet the definition of grey belt land.

Parcel BSW8



 Parcel BSW8  Neighbouring parcel  Green Belt

NPPF Footnote 7 designations

 Ancient woodland	 Local Green Space
 Flood zone 3	 High risk of surface water flooding
 Flood zone 2	

Parcel BSW8

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW8

Parcel BSW8 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Strong	Weak/No	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	No

Parcel BSW8 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land located to the west of Bishop's Stortford. Parcel size: 3ha. There is a strong and consistent boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. Woodland forms a consistent strong boundary feature to the west of Bishop's Stortford. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Woodland limits perception of the urban area. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Natural features limit perception of the wider countryside. Vegetation associated with the A1184 limit perception of the wider countryside.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is adjacent to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. Development in the parcel would negate the role of woodland which currently gives the parcel a strong sense of separation from urbanising influences.

Parcel BSW8

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would create an incongruous pattern of development by breaching strong physical features currently restricting and containing an urban area.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The A1184 and associated vegetation forms a strong boundary feature, limiting the urbanising impact on land beyond.

Parcel BSW8

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel contains a thin wooded area between the edge of Bishop's Stortford and the A1184. While the parcel forms part of the wider surroundings Bishop's Stortford, it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

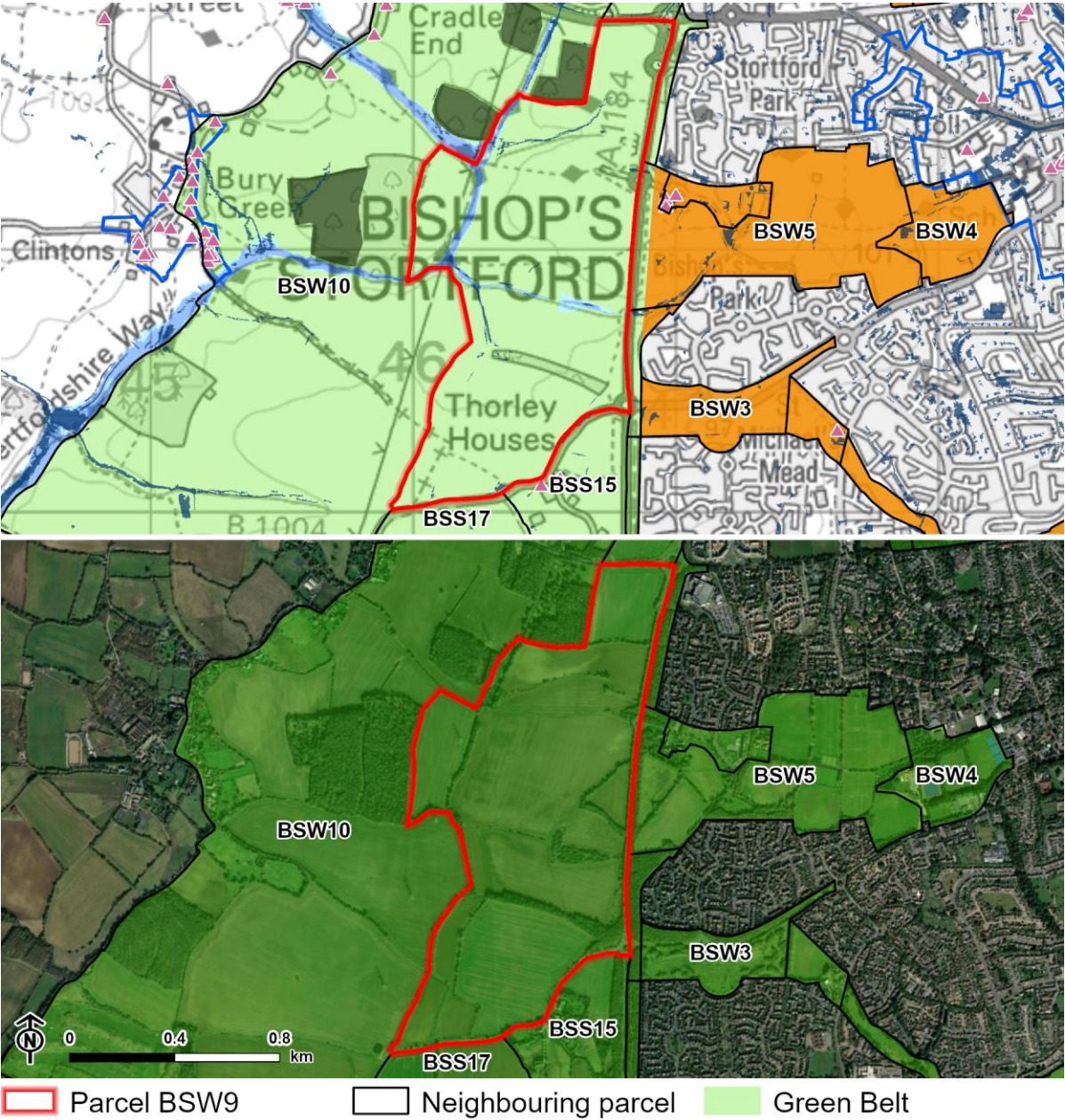
Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel makes a strong contribution to Green Belt Purpose A and therefore does not meet the definition of grey belt land.

Parcel BSW9



Parcel BSW9

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW9

Parcel BSW9 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Strong	Weak/No	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	No

Parcel BSW9 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the west of Bishop's Stortford. Parcel size: 110ha. A combination of features forms a boundary of moderate strength between the settlement and the parcel. A road, mature tree lines, property boundaries. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Boundaries and distance combine to limit perception. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. There is a strong perception of the wider countryside, limiting the impact of any existing urbanising influence.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is near to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. The parcel has a strong enough relationship with Bishop's Stortford for development here to be associated with it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. Development in the parcel would negate the role of woodland and the A1184 which currently gives the parcel a strong sense of separation from urbanising influences.

Parcel BSW9

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would create an incongruous pattern of development by breaching strong physical features currently restricting and containing an urban area.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The parcel has only hedgerow boundaries in the south and south-west, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Parcel BSW9

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel forms part of the wider agricultural landscape which surrounds Bishop's Stortford, but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

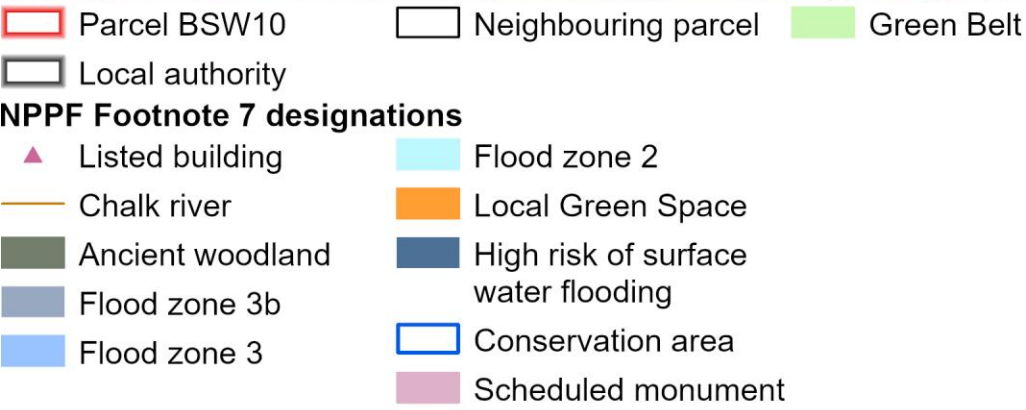
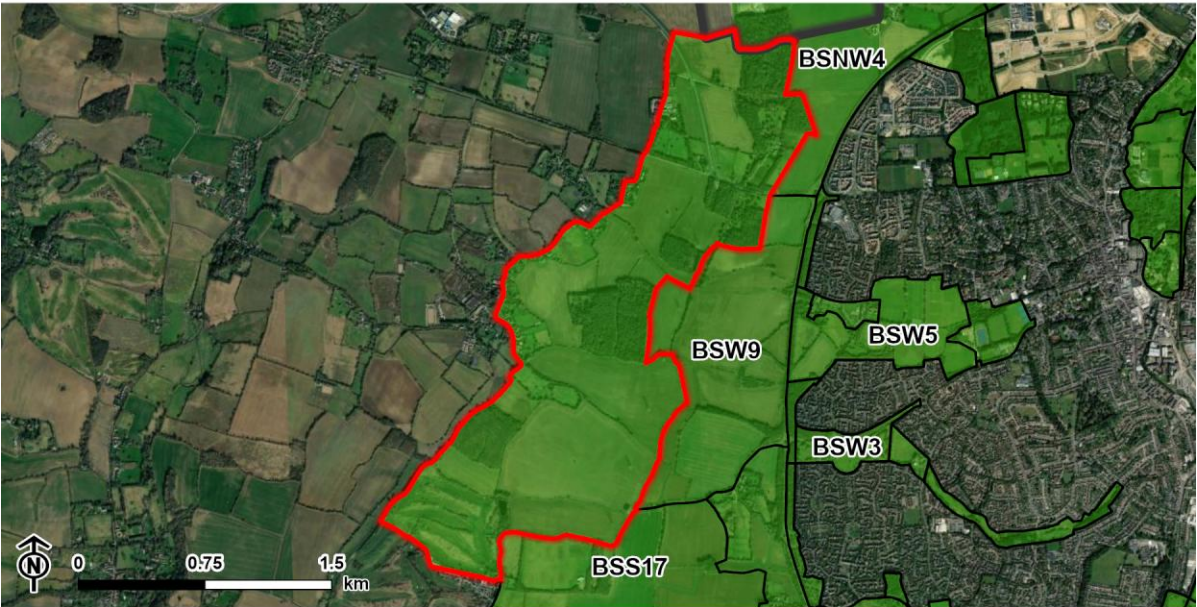
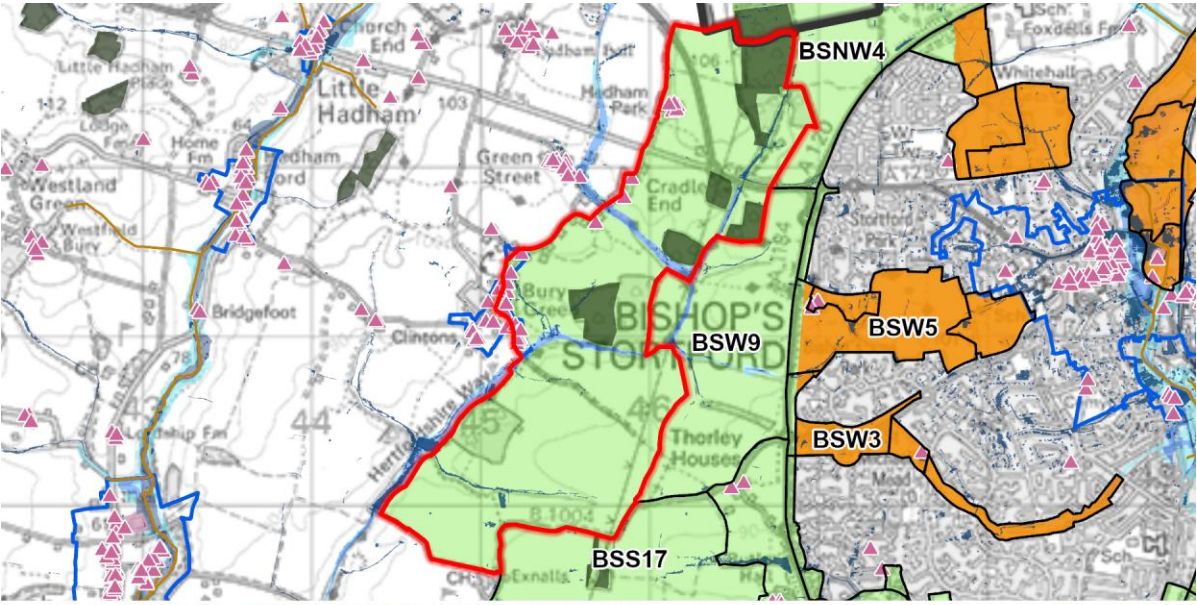
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel makes a strong contribution to Green Belt Purpose A and therefore does not meet the definition of grey belt land.

Parcel BSW10

Parcel BSW10



Parcel BSW10

Contribution of land in Parcel BSW10

Parcel BSW10 Assessment Conclusions

Purpose A	Purpose B	Purpose C	Purpose D	Purpose E	Grey Belt
Strong	Weak/No	Strong	Weak/No	Equal	No

Parcel BSW10 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the west of Bishops Stortford. Parcel size: 312ha. There is a combination of features creating a strong boundary between the settlement and the parcel. Woodland, the A1184 and hedgerows combine to create strong separation in the gap. There is no significant change in landform to create a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. Distance and boundaries combine to limit perception. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. There is a strong perception of the wider countryside, limiting the impact of any existing urbanising influence.

Purpose A: Checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas: Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is near to a large built-up area. Bishop's Stortford is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. The parcel has a strong enough relationship with Bishop's Stortford for development here to be associated with it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Development in the parcel is not very urban in character.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.
Are there physical features in reasonable proximity that could restrict and contain development?	There are no physical features in reasonable proximity strong enough to restrict and contain development. Development in the parcel would negate the role of woodland and the A1184 which currently gives the

Parcel BSW10

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	parcel a strong sense of separation from urbanising influences.
Would development form an incongruous pattern in relation to the large built-up area?	Development in the parcel would create an incongruous pattern of development by breaching strong physical features currently restricting and containing an urban area.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel does not lie within or on the periphery of a gap between towns that are close enough to be considered neighbouring in this location.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	N/A
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	N/A

Purpose C: Assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is land within the parcel countryside?	The parcel is part of the countryside and so contributes to preventing encroachment on it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Development in the parcel is not very urban in character.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.

Parcel BSW10

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The parcel has only hedgerow in places on the outer boundary, so development within the parcel would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.

Purpose D: Preserving the setting and special character of historic towns:

Weak/No contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel have a relationship with a historic town(s)?	The parcel forms part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the setting of the historic town of Bishop's Stortford.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Development in the parcel is not very urban in character.
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	The parcel makes no notable contribution to the town's special character. The parcel forms part of the wider agricultural landscape which surrounds Bishop's Stortford, but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

The parcel makes a strong contribution to Green Belt Purpose A and therefore does not meet the definition of grey belt land.