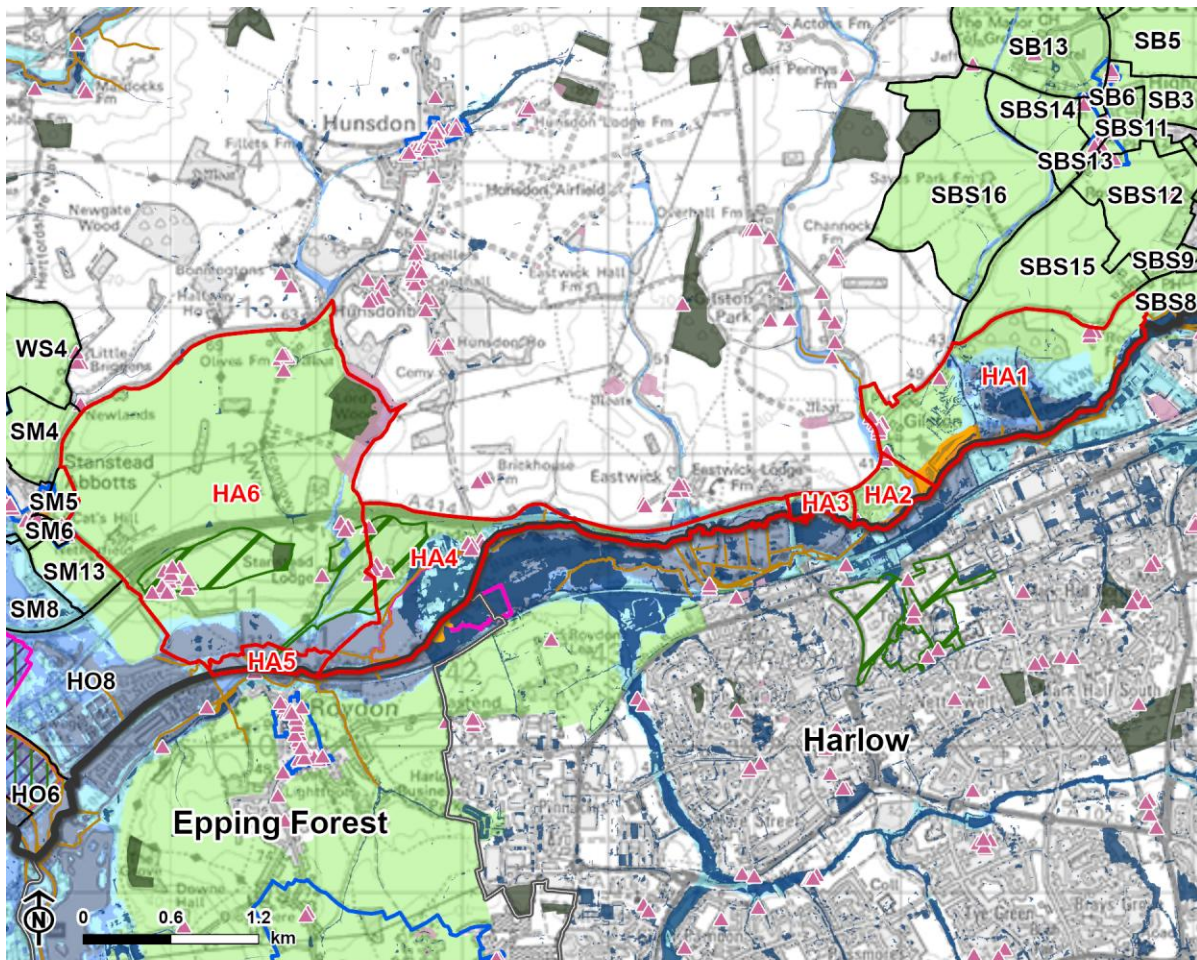


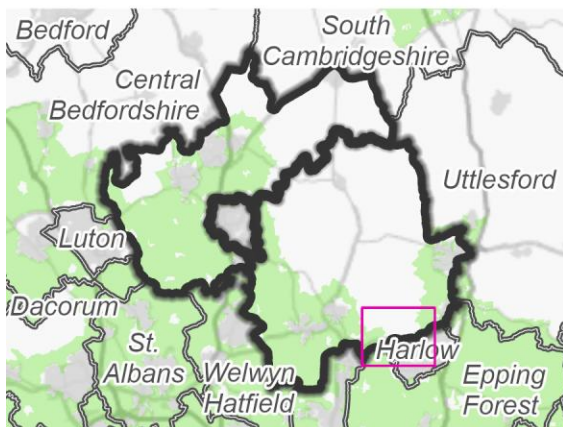
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- Harlow parcel
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- Neighbouring authority
- Green Belt

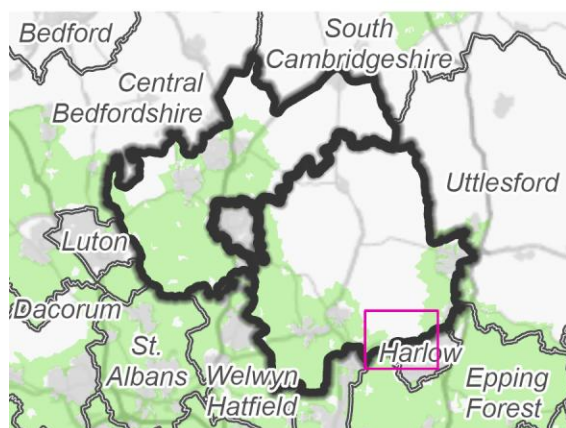
NPPF Footnote 7 designations

- ▲ Listed building
- Chalk river
- Special Protection Area
- Ramsar site
- Site of Special Scientific Interest
- Ancient woodland
- Lowland fens
- Flood zone 3
- Flood zone 2
- High risk of surface water flooding
- Conservation area
- Local Green Space
- Scheduled monument
- Registered Parks and Gardens



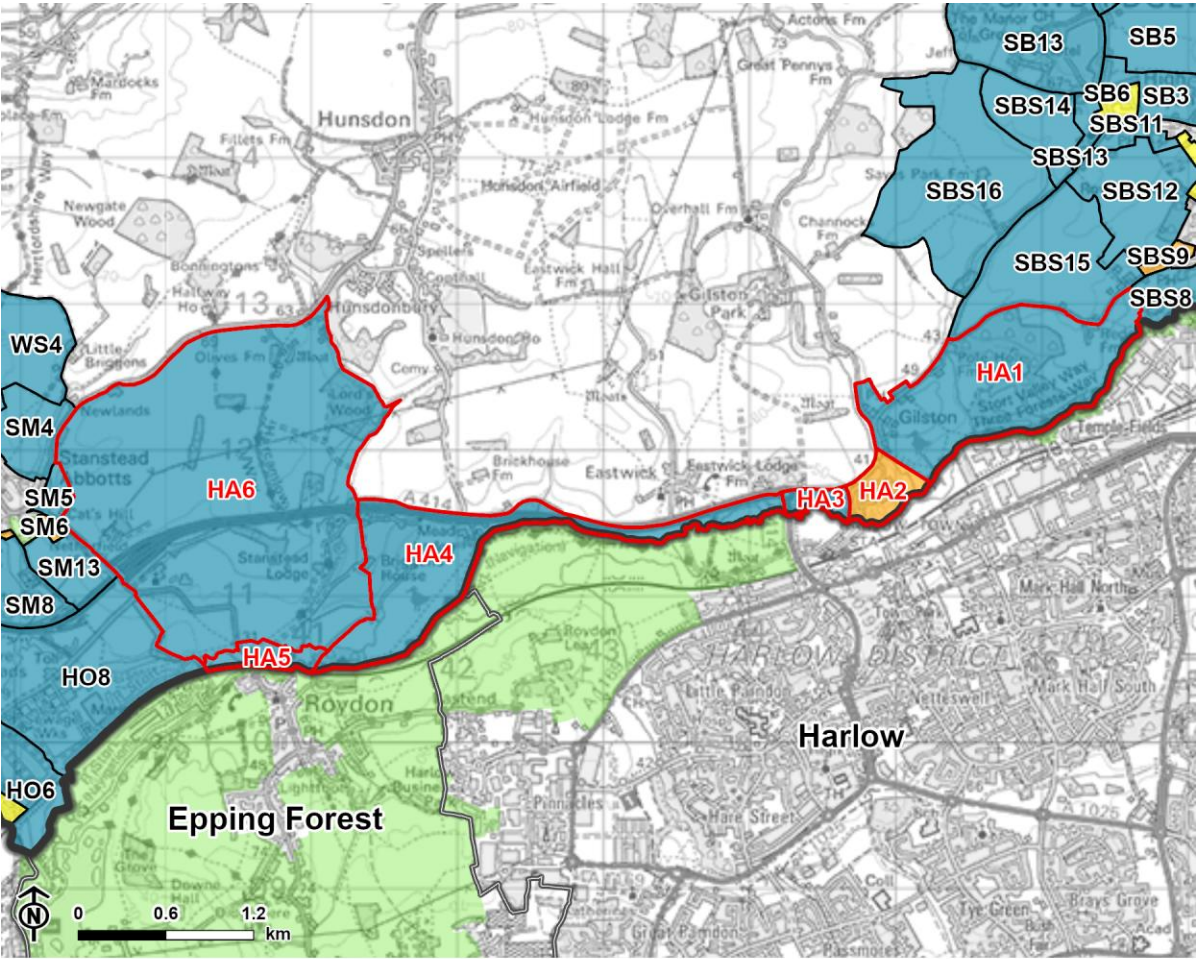


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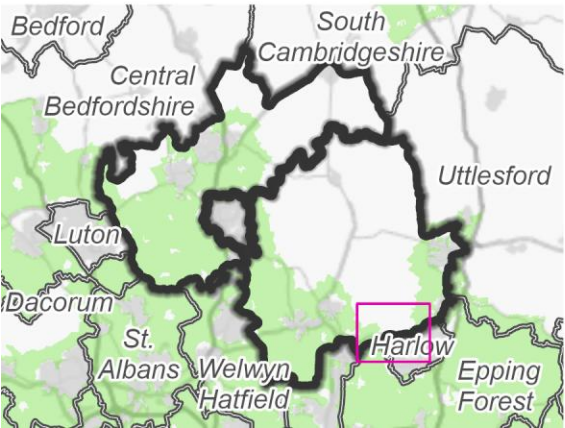
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- Harlow parcel
- Neighbouring parcel
- Local authority
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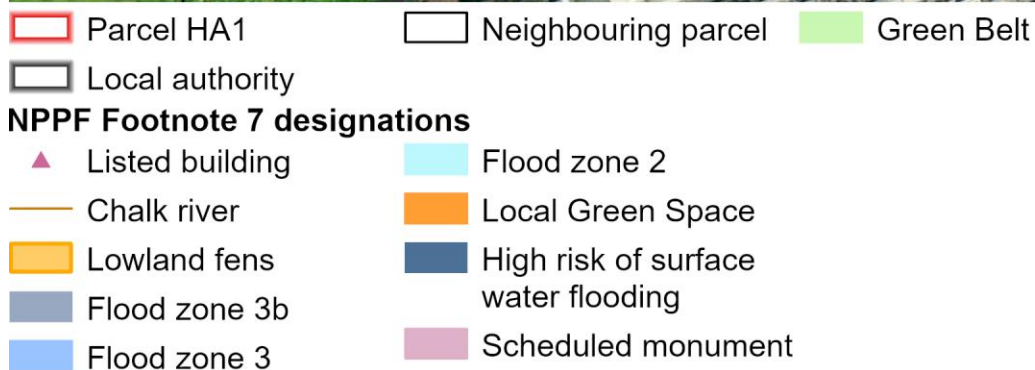
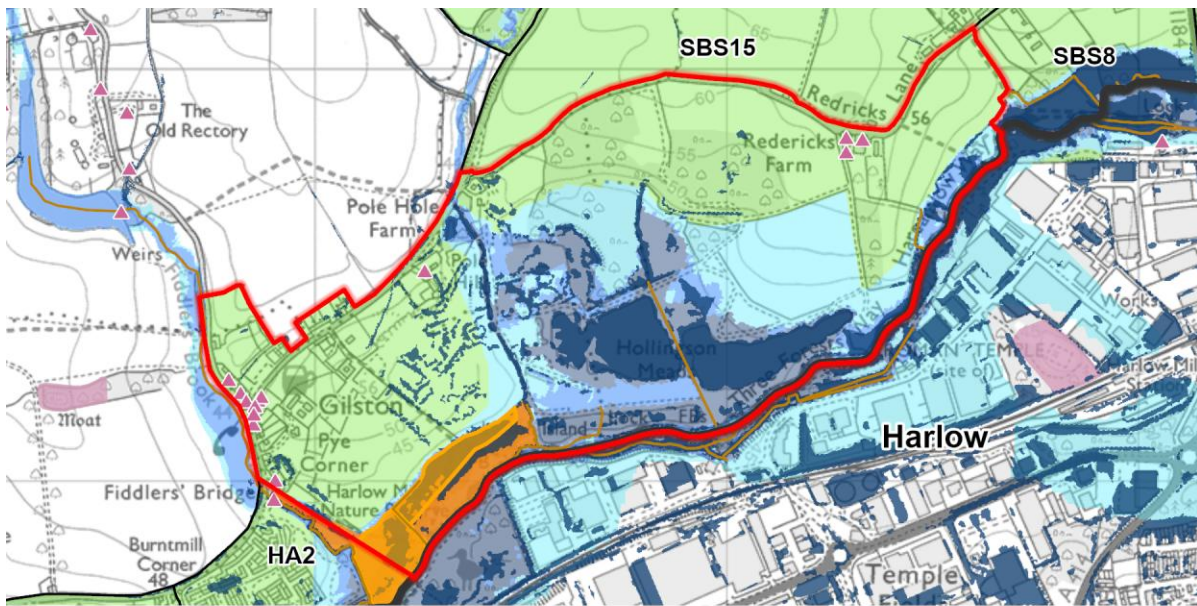
Highest Contribution to NPPF purposes A, B, C and D

- Strong
- Moderate
- Weak/no



Parcel HA1

Parcel HA1



Parcel HA1

Contribution of land in Parcel HA1

Parcel HA1 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel HA1 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the north of Harlow, south-west of Sawbridgeworth. Parcel size: 124ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. Mature setback hedgerows along Eastwick Road form a moderate boundary to the forthcoming development of Gilston. 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 lack of a strong inner boundary feature allows for some perception of the forthcoming development of Gilston to the north. The strong southern and western boundary features limit the perception of the urban area of Harlow. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Development in the west of the parcel is not very urban in character. 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: 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. Harlow 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. Development in the west of the parcel is not very urban in character.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. There will be some influence from the forthcoming development of Gilston to the north.

Parcel HA1

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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 Harlow and forthcoming development at Gilston. Any partial development of the parcel would weaken the remainder.
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. The River Stort between the parcel and the urban edge mean that the parcel has a strong sense of separation from Harlow, so development here would be incongruous with the urban pattern. The reduction in separation between Harlow and the forthcoming development at Gilston would also weaken the urban pattern.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Moderate contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel is peripheral to a fragile gap between towns. The parcel is peripheral to the gap between Harlow and Sawbridgeworth to the north-east.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. Development in the west of the parcel is not very urban in character.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap. The parcel does not lie in the gap between towns, however, development in the east of the parcel would have an impact on the gap between Harlow and Sawbridgeworth.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a minor impact on visual separation between towns. The development of land in this parcel would be likely to increase urbanising influence on adjacent land in the gap but impact would not be significant given the strength of separation in the remainder of the gap.

Parcel HA1

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 west of the parcel is not very urban in character.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. There will be some influence from the forthcoming development of Gilston to the north.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The parcel lacks strong outer boundaries, 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 does not form part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the wider agricultural landscape of Hertfordshire, but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

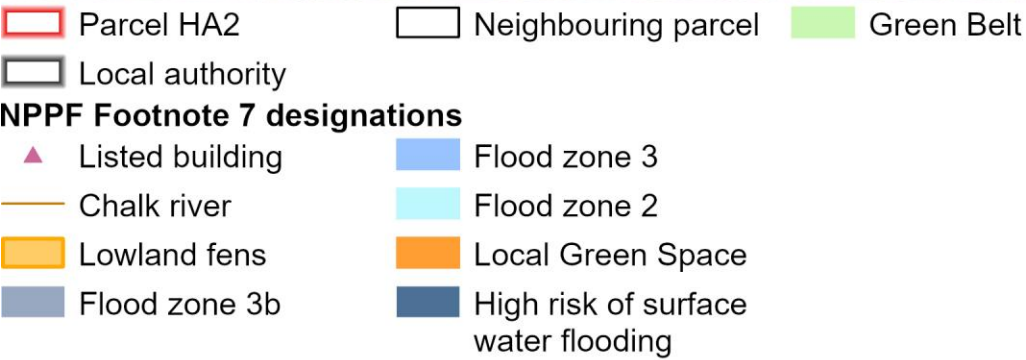
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Parcel HA1

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 HA2



Parcel HA2

Contribution of land in Parcel HA2

Parcel HA2 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel HA2 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land north of Harlow. Parcel size: 17ha. There are no significant boundary features to 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. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. 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 near to a large built-up area. Harlow is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. The parcel has a strong enough relationship with Harlow for development here to be associated with it.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	There is substantial urbanising development in the parcel. Residential development off Eastwick Road has a strong influence in the parcel.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. The forthcoming development at Gilston will have some influence in 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. The parcel is already developed to the extent that further development would not significantly increase urbanising influence on adjacent open land.
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

Parcel HA2

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
	existing level of development. 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:

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?	There is substantial urbanising development in the parcel. Residential development off Eastwick Road has a strong influence in the parcel.
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel. The forthcoming development at Gilston will have some influence in the parcel.
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.

Parcel HA2

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 does not form part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the wider agricultural landscape of Hertfordshire but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

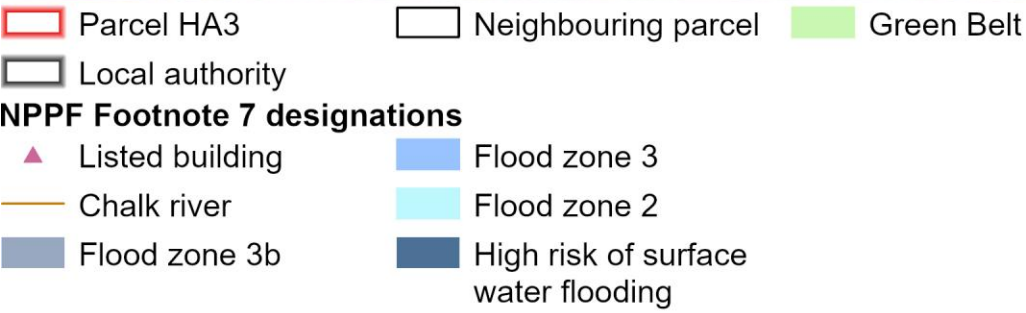
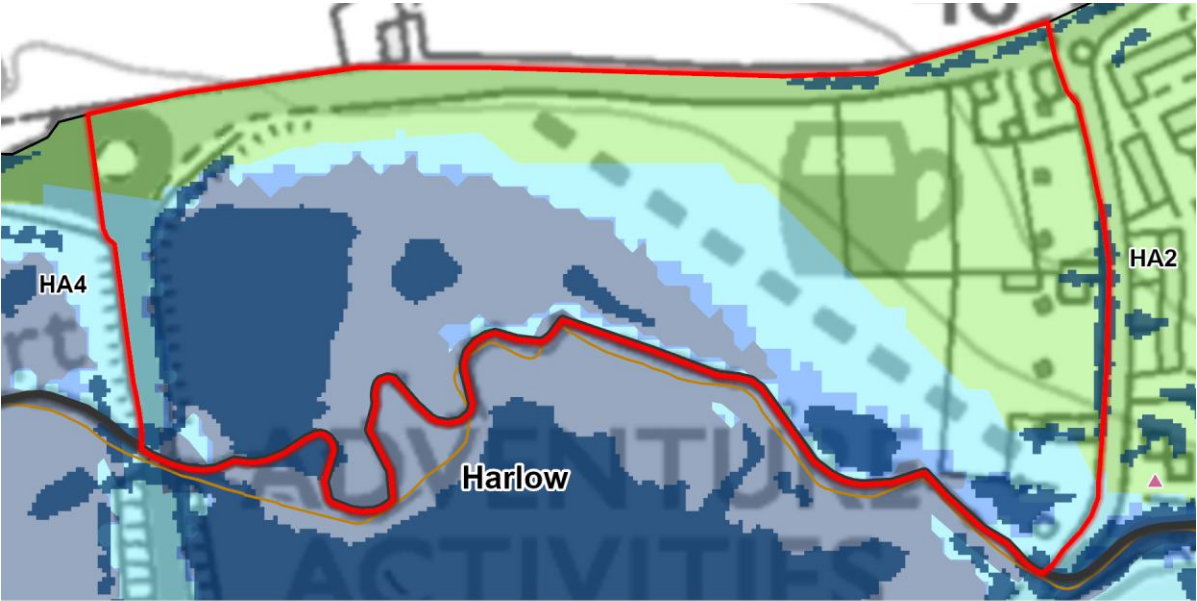
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

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 HA3

Parcel HA3



Parcel HA3

Contribution of land in Parcel HA3

Parcel HA3 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel HA3 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the south-east of Ware and north of Harlow. Parcel size: 7ha. There are no significant boundary features to separate the parcel from the settlement. Eastwick Road is open to the north towards the forthcoming development at Gilston. 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 proposed development at Gilston to the north would have some influence on the parcel. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel. Urbanising development limits perception of the wider countryside. Forthcoming development at Gilston to the north and existing development at Harlow to the south limit the parcel's connection to the wider Green Belt.

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. Harlow is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. The parcel has a strong enough relationship with Harlow 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?	There is some urbanising influence associated with development outside of the parcel.

Parcel HA3

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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. The river stort with its associated tree cover forms a strong outer boundary, however, the narrowness of the gap between Harlow and and the forthcoming development at Gilston means that development here would still weaken the integrity of Gilston as a settlement distinct from Harlow.
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. The loss of separation between Harlow and Gilston, causing the two to become a single built-up 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:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a very fragile gap between towns. The parcel lies in the gap between Harlow and the forthcoming development of Gilston.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap. The parcel forms the entirety of the gap between Harlow and Gilston. The gap contains the River Stort to the south and Eastwick Road to the north which contribute some degree of separation in the gap.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely significantly impact visual separation between towns. In addition to the loss of visual separating features the development of land in this parcel would also be likely to increase urbanising influence on remaining land in the gap.

Parcel HA3

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.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. Hunsdon Brook and its associated vegetation marks the parcel boundary to the west and the River Stort to the south. 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 does not form part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the wider agricultural landscape of Hertfordshire, but it does not currently form part of the setting of a historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Parcel HA3

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

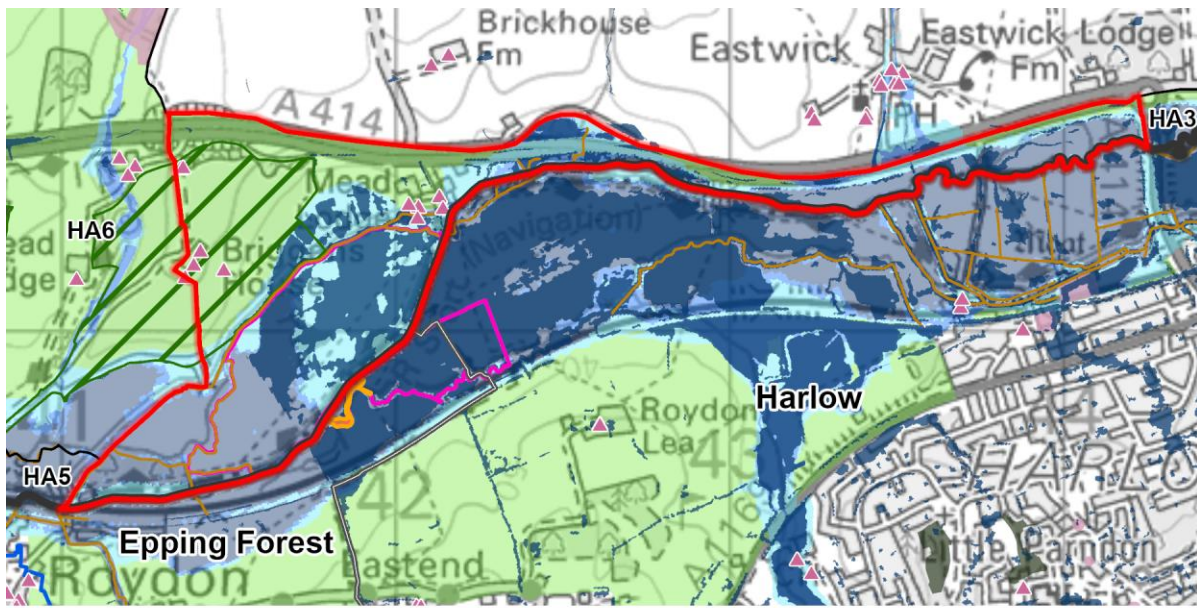
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

Grey Belt

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

Parcel HA4

Parcel HA4



Parcel HA4	Neighbouring parcel	Green Belt
Local authority	Neighbouring authority	
NPPF Footnote 7 designations		
Listed building	Lowland fens	High risk of surface water flooding
Chalk river	Flood zone 3b	Conservation area
Site of Special Scientific Interest	Flood zone 3	Scheduled monument
Ancient woodland	Flood zone 2	Registered Parks and Gardens

Parcel HA4

Contribution of land in Parcel HA4

Parcel HA4 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel HA4 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the south-east of Ware, north of Harlow, south of forthcoming development at Gilston. Parcel size: 95ha. Strong consistent boundary features within the gap between the settlement and the parcel combine to create strong separation. The A414, with its associated tree cover, forms a strong separating feature to the forthcoming development site to the north of the parcel. 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. The strong inner boundary limits perception of the forthcoming Gilston Park development. 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: Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. Harlow is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Gilstone Park has a strong enough relationship with Harlow to be associated with the large built-up area.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel.

Parcel HA4

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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. The A414, with its associated tree cover, forms a strong boundary to the north, limiting influence from the forthcoming development at Gilston Park.
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 the A414, and its associated tree cover, which currently gives the parcel a strong sense of separation from urbanising influences.
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 A414, with its associated tree cover, between the parcel and the urban edge mean that the parcel has a strong sense of separation from the urban area, so development here would be incongruous with the urban pattern.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies in the gap between Harlow and the forthcoming development of Gilston. The gap becomes more fragile in the east towards Allende Avenue.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap. The gap in this parcel contains the River Stort to the south and Eastwick Road to the north which contribute some degree of separation in the gap.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely significantly impact visual separation between towns. In addition to the loss of visual separating features the development of land in this parcel would also be likely to increase urbanising influence on remaining land in the gap.

Parcel HA4

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. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel.
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. The A414, with its associated tree cover, forms a strong boundary to the north, limiting influence from the forthcoming development at Gilston Park.
Would development impact adjacent Green Belt land?	Development in the parcel would not significantly increase the urbanising influence on adjacent open land. The River Stort to the south and the A414 to the north, clearly mark the parcel boundaries. 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 does not form part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the wider agricultural landscape of Hertfordshire but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Parcel HA4

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

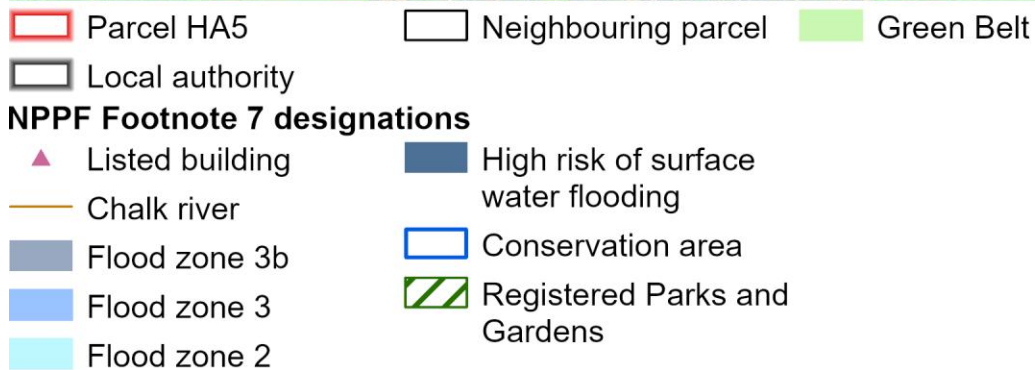
Equal contribution

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

Grey Belt

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

Parcel HA5



Parcel HA5

Contribution of land in Parcel HA5

Parcel HA5 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel HA5 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the north-west of Harlow, north of Roydon. Parcel size: 11ha. Strong consistent boundary features within the gap between the settlement and the parcel combine to create strong separation. River Stort and railway line forms boundary to Roydon. 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. The strong boundary features to Roydon create a strong sense of separation from the urban area. 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 close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. Harlow is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Roydon has a strong enough relationship with Harlow to be associated with the 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?	The parcel is free from urbanising influences associated with development outside the parcel.

Parcel HA5

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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 the River Stort and railway line which currently give the 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 lies in a robust gap between towns. The parcel lies the gap between Hoddesdon and Harlow. The parcel also lies in the gap between Hoddesdon and the forthcoming development at Gilston.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is free from urbanising development.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel does not form a substantial part of the gap.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely have a negligible impact on visual separation between towns.

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 free from urbanising development.

Parcel HA5

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising influence from outside the parcel?	The parcel is 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 and minor road boundaries, 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 does not form part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the wider agricultural landscape of Hertfordshire but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

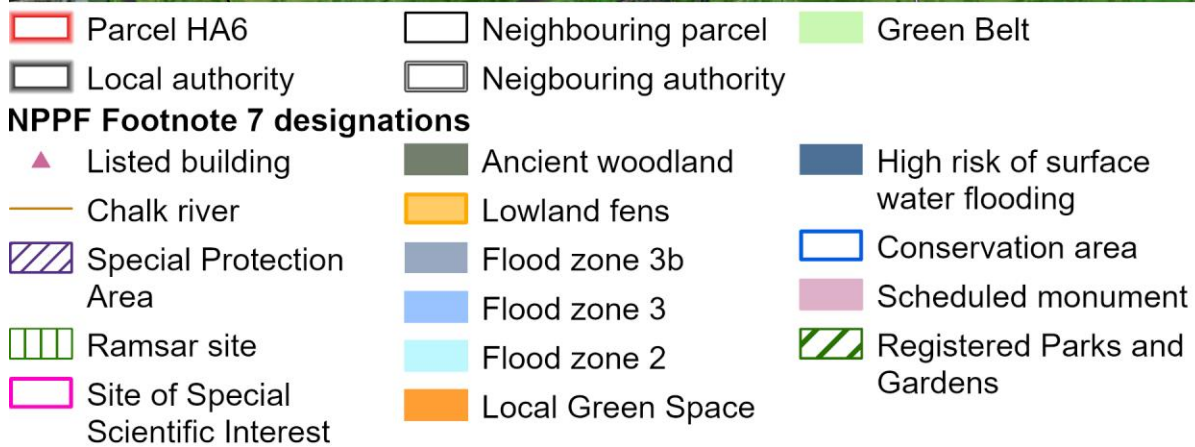
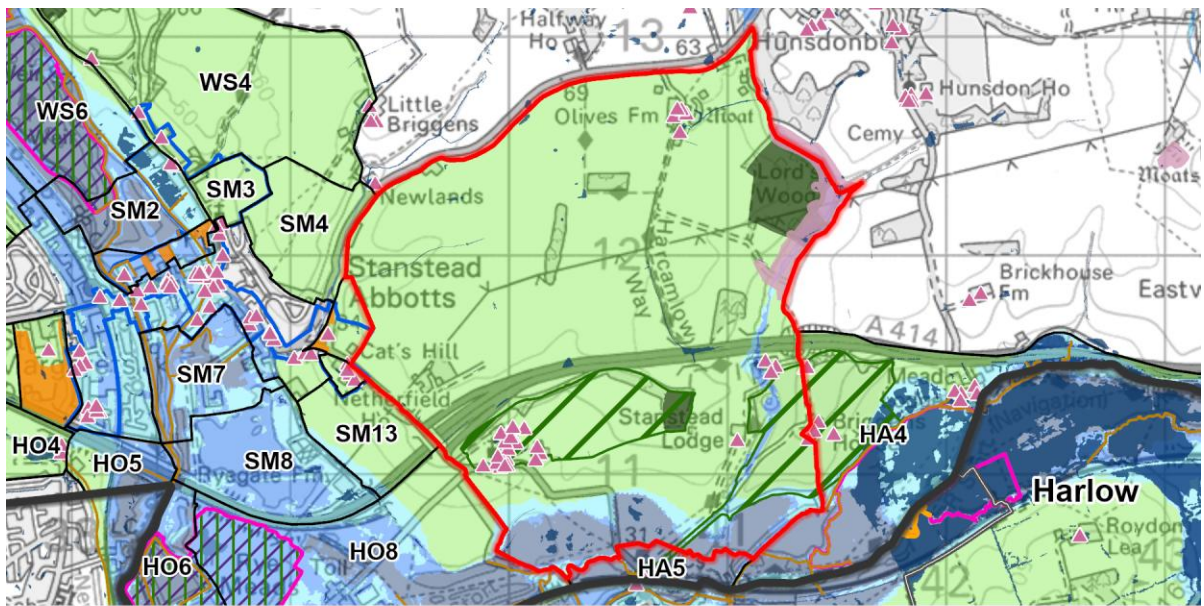
All Green Belt land plays an equal role in relation to this purpose.

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 HA6

Parcel HA6



Parcel HA6

Contribution of land in Parcel HA6

Parcel HA6 Assessment Conclusions

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

Parcel HA6 Description

Parcel Location, Land Uses and Boundaries
Land to the south-east of Ware, north-west of Harlow. Parcel size: 380ha. There is a moderate boundary feature between the settlement and the parcel. There is some change in landform which creates a sense of separation between the settlement and the parcel. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel. 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:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Is the parcel adjacent or near to a large built-up area?	The parcel is close to a small urban area but also near enough to a large built-up area to contribute to preventing its sprawl. Hoddesdon is a town and so is defined as a large built-up area. Stanstead Abbots has a strong enough relationship with Hoddesdon to be associated with the large built-up area. The parcel's contribution is stronger in the west and weaker in the east.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel.
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. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel at the forthcoming development of Gilston to the east.

Parcel HA6

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
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 has only hedgerow boundaries, so development within it would in turn increase the urbanising impact of development on adjacent open land.
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 lack of features to restrict and contain development mean that, although the parcel is subject to some urbanising influence, development here would have an incongruous impact.

Purpose B: Preventing neighbouring towns from merging:

Strong contribution

Assessment Considerations	Assessment
Does the parcel lie in a gap between towns?	The parcel lies in a moderate gap between towns. The parcel lies the gap between Hoddesdon and Harlow. The parcel also lies in the gap between Hoddesdon and the forthcoming development at Gilston.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel.
Does the parcel form a substantial, small or very small part of the gap?	The parcel forms a substantial part of the gap. The parcel contains some change in landform at Hunsdon Brook and woodland tree cover at Lords Wood.
Would development result in loss of visual separation between towns?	Development of land in the parcel would likely significantly impact visual separation between towns. In addition to the loss of visual separating features the development of land in this parcel would also be likely to increase urbanising influence on remaining land in the gap.

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.

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Assessment Considerations	Assessment
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	The parcel is predominantly free from urbanising development. There is no significant urbanising development or activity in the Green Belt affecting this parcel.
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. There is a weak perception of urban development outside of the parcel at the forthcoming development of Gilston to the east.
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 and minor road boundaries, 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 does not form part of the setting of a historic town. The parcel forms part of the wider agricultural landscape of Hertfordshire but it does not currently form part of the setting of the historic town which would contribute to its heritage significance.
What is the extent of urbanising development in the parcel?	N/A
To what extent does the parcel contribute to the setting and special character of historic town(s)?	N/A

Purpose E – Assisting in urban regeneration:

Equal contribution

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

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Grey Belt

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