

Appendix G

Detailed Green Belt Parcel Assessment Table

Parcel Ref	Purpose 1: to check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	Purpose 2: to prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	Purpose 3: to assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Purpose 4: to preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	Purpose 5: to assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	Justification for Assessment	Overall Assessment
SETTLEMENT AREA 1							
1.1	Weak contribution: The parcel is connected to the large built up area along its eastern boundary which consists of Bayswater Road which is a durable boundary and could prevent sprawl. Due to the shape of the built up area, development of the eastern section of the parcel could constitute rounding off of the settlement pattern. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its durable boundaries and potential for rounding off.	Moderate: The parcel forms a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would significantly reduce the actual and perceived gap but would not result in merging. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary which consists of a durable boundary at Bayswater Road and which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The other boundaries of the parcel consist of Green Lane to the south and west which are durable and could prevent encroachment. The northern boundary consists of the coastline. The existing land use consists of Wallasey Golf Course and existing residential development in the Green Belt along Bayswater Road. The parcel is flat with less than 10% built form and enjoys open long line views, therefore the parcel has a strong degree of openness. The parcel does support a beneficial Green Belt use as it provides opportunity for outdoor sport and recreation. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness, it has durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes no contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose, and a moderate contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a durable boundary with the urban conurbation but there is potential for development to round off the settlement pattern therefore it makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl. The parcel has a strong degree of openness however it has durable boundaries therefore it makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.	Moderate contribution
1.2	Weak contribution: The parcel is only connected to the urban conurbation along a small section of the eastern boundary. This consists of the durable road boundary of the A554 which would be able to prevent sprawl. It has a very limited connection to the large built up area. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due its limited connection and durable boundary.	Strong: The parcel provides an essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development of the whole of the parcel would result in the merging of the neighbouring towns. Development of the western section of the parcel would not result in merging. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Weak contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along a small section of the eastern boundary which consists of the durable road boundary of the A554 which would be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its southern boundary which consists of the A551 which is durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel's northern boundary is coastline. The remaining boundaries with the countryside consist of an unnamed made access road to the North Wirral Coastal Park to the west, Green Lane and another unnamed access road, to the north east and the A551 along part of the southern boundary, to the east of Gardenside. These boundaries are durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. There is some existing development within the parcel, with two estates of housing at Castlefields and Heyes Drive, Leasowe Castle Hotel and two garden centres along the southern boundaries of the parcel. The parcel has a moderate-weak degree of openness as there is less than 20% built form, long line views in places and some dense vegetation in places. The parcel supports several beneficial Green Belt uses including Leasowe Golf Course, North Wirral Country Park and a quadbike track providing access to the countryside and opportunities for sport and recreation. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as all of its boundaries are durable and it has a moderate-weak degree of openness there is existing development in the parcel.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the parcel forms an essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5, development of the western section of the parcel would not result in any merging. Furthermore the parcel has a moderate-weak degree of openness and all of its boundaries are durable therefore development would be contained and would not threaten the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt.	Moderate contribution

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1.3	No contribution: The parcel is enclosed by the built up area and bound on all sides by slip roads from the A554 and A551 which is a strong durable boundary which could check unrestricted sprawl. Due to the shape of the parcel, development could also present an opportunity to round off the settlement pattern. Overall the parcel does not contribute to checking urban sprawl.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Weak contribution: The parcel is surrounded in its entirety by strong durable road boundaries which could prevent encroachment. The parcel is enclosed by the urban conurbation and is not well connected to the countryside as it is surrounded by hard infrastructure. The parcel enjoys a strong-moderate degree of openness as there is no built form or vegetation however open long line views beyond the parcel are restricted due to the A554 and link roads to the north and west being raised on an embankment. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as all of its boundaries are durable and it has a limited connection to the countryside	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, no contribution to two purposes and a weak contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel makes a weak contribution towards checking urban sprawl and a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as all of its boundaries are durable. The parcel does make a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration	Weak contribution
1.4	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The parcel is adjacent to Settlement Area 5 along its southern boundary which consists of the A551 which is durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The northern boundary is coastline. The parcel is connected to the countryside to the east and west. The eastern and western boundaries consist of unnamed roads providing access to the North Wirral Coastal Park. Both of these boundaries are made roads and are therefore durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of public open space at Leasowe Common as part of North Wirral Coastal Park. The parcel is flat with no built form and low vegetation allowing for long line views therefore it has a strong degree of openness. The parcel provides access to the countryside which is a beneficial Green Belt use. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to the Green Belt as it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes no contribution to three purposes, and a moderate contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries. It makes no contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl and preventing towns from merging.	Weak contribution
SETTLEMENT AREA 2							
2.1	Weak contribution: The parcel is only connected to the large built-up area along its eastern boundary. The boundary is durable, consisting of the A554, which could prevent sprawl. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its durable boundary.	Strong contribution: The parcel forms an essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development of the whole parcel would result in the actual and perceived merging of the neighbouring towns. There is already some existing development within the parcel. Overall the parcel makes a strong	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary consisting of the durable A554 which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its western boundary which consists of the rear gardens of residential properties which is less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside to the north and south. The northern boundary consists of the A551 and the southern boundary consists of the M53 to the south east and The Birket river to the south west. All of these boundaries are durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. There is existing encroachment in the parcel in the form of housing and an office building in the north. Bidston Golf Course occupies the southern half of the parcel. The remainder of the parcel consists of public open space and	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a weak contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a strong contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing the merging of the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5, the parcel has a moderate degree of openness and predominantly durable boundaries therefore development could be contained and would not threaten the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt.	Moderate contribution

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		contribution to preventing towns from merging.	sports pitches. There is less than 20% built form, some vegetation particularly in the golf course and long line views in the northern half of the parcel but not across the whole parcel therefore the parcel has a moderate degree of openness. There are several beneficial Green Belt land uses in the form of the golf course to the south and playing fields and rights of way to the north. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness, supports beneficial Green Belt uses and has predominantly durable boundaries.				
2.2	Weak contribution: The parcel is only connected to the large built-up area along its eastern boundary consisting of the A554 which is a durable boundary which could prevent sprawl. Due to the shape of the built up area, development of the parcel (alongside the adjacent parcels to the south) could constitute rounding off of the settlement pattern. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its durable boundary and potential for rounding off.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap but would not result in the merging of the neighbouring towns. The M53 would retain some separation. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary consisting of the A554 which is durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its remaining boundaries, consisting of The Birket river to the south and the M53 to the west and north. These durable boundaries could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use is a nature reserve. There is no built form but there is dense vegetation associated with the nature reserve and therefore no long line views. Therefore the parcel supports a moderate degree of openness. The parcel supports a beneficial use of the Green Belt by providing access to the countryside and enhancing biodiversity. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness, supports beneficial Green Belt uses, and all of its boundaries are durable.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl as it has a durable boundary and there is potential for rounding off. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration and a moderate contribution to assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness, supports beneficial Green Belt uses, and all of its boundaries are durable.	Moderate contribution
2.3	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would significantly reduce the actual and perceived gap between neighbouring towns although it would not result in them merging. The M53 would retain some separation. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its northern and western boundaries consisting of The Birket river to the north which is durable and could prevent encroachment and the limits of a business park to the west which is not durable and would not prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along the remaining boundaries but is largely enclosed by the urban conurbation and the settlement. The north eastern boundary consists of The Birket river, the eastern boundary of the M53 and the southern boundary of a railway line. These boundaries are all durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of school playing fields on the western half and the eastern half of the parcel forms part of Bidston Golf Course. There is no built form, open long line views and low levels of vegetation therefore the parcel has a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports a number of beneficial Green Belt uses for outdoor sport and recreation. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes no contribution to two purposes, and a moderate contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes no contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas, it makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging and it makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and supports beneficial Green Belt uses however it has predominantly durable boundaries.	Moderate contribution

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			openness, supports beneficial Green Belt uses but has predominantly durable boundaries.				
2.4	Weak contribution: The parcel is only marginally connected to the built up area at its easternmost tip. This consists of the durable A554 which could prevent sprawl into the parcel. Given the shape of the built up area, development of the parcel (alongside the adjacent parcels to the north and south) could constitute rounding off of the settlement pattern. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its limited connection with the built-up area and durable boundary.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap but would not result in the merging of the neighbouring towns. The M53 would retain some separation. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The parcel is marginally connected to the urban conurbation along its easternmost tip consisting of the A554 which is durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its remaining boundaries, this consists of The Birket river to the north, the M53 to the west and a railway line to the south. These durable boundaries could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of scrub land with dilapidated buildings to the east. There is less than 10% built form, some dense vegetation and views across the parcel. Therefore the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. The parcel supports a beneficial use of the Green Belt by providing for enhanced biodiversity. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, supports a beneficial Green Belt use, and all of its boundaries are durable.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a weak contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to three purposes and a no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl as it has a limited connection with the built up area along a durable boundary. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration and a moderate contribution to assisting in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, supports a beneficial Green Belt use, and all of its boundaries are durable.	Moderate contribution
2.5	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap but would not result in the merging of neighbouring towns. The M53 would retain some separation. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The parcel is adjacent to Settlement Area 5 along its western boundary which consists of the limits of existing residential development and a school which is less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside to the north which consists of a railway line, to the east which consists of the M53 and to the south which consists of the A553. These boundaries are all durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use is open countryside. The parcel has no built form and low levels of vegetation and open long line views therefore it supports a strong degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness but is contained by predominantly durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes no contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas, it makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging and it makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness however it has predominantly durable boundaries.	Moderate contribution
2.6	Weak contribution: The parcel is adjacent to the urban conurbation along its eastern and part southern boundaries. These consist of the A554 to the east and the A553 to the south, both of which are durable and could prevent sprawl. Given the shape of the built up area,	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap but	Weak contribution: The parcel is adjacent to the urban conurbation along its eastern and part of its southern boundaries which consist of the A554 and A553, which are durable and could prevent encroachment. The parcel is connected to the countryside along the remaining boundaries consisting of a railway line to the north, which crosses the parcel to form the boundary to the urban conurbation to the south, the M53 to the west and the A553 to the south. All of these boundaries are durable and could prevent encroachment	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel forms a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 at Leasowe. The parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	Weak contribution

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	development of the eastern section of the parcel (alongside the adjacent parcels to the north) could constitute rounding off of the settlement pattern. Development to the west of the railway line would not constitute rounding off. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl as it has durable boundaries with the built up area and there is potential for rounding off.	would not result in the merging of neighbouring towns. The M53 would retain some separation. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of Bidston train station and Bidston park and ride with additional hardstanding, with the remainder of the parcel consisting of scrub land. The parcel has less than 20% built form, dense vegetation and no long line views, it therefore supports a weak degree of openness. Overall this parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has durable boundaries and a weak degree of openness.	character of historic towns.	weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	as it has durable boundaries and a weak degree of openness. It makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl as it has durable boundaries and there is potential for rounding off to the east of the railway.	
SETTLEMENT AREA 3							
3.1	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development of the whole parcel would significantly reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but would not result in them merging. The M53 would retain some separation. Development in the western section of the parcel would not result in any merging. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its western boundary, consisting of less durable back gardens which will not prevent encroachment into the parcel and a short section of Manor Drive which is durable and could prevent encroachment. The remaining boundaries are with the countryside although the parcel is relatively enclosed by the settlement and urban conurbation. The northern boundary consists of the A553 and the southern and eastern boundaries consist of the M53. These durable boundaries could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of open countryside in agricultural use with public open space, playing fields and woodland located in the south west of the parcel. M53 slip roads are also located in the parcel. There is less than 10% built form, some areas of dense vegetation within the south of the parcel but open long line views across the majority of the parcel. Therefore the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness it has predominantly durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes no contribution to two purposes, a moderate contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns from merging as it forms a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5. The parcel makes no contribution towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness it has predominantly durable boundaries.	Moderate contribution
3.2	Weak contribution: The parcel is adjacent to the large built up area along its eastern boundary. This consists of a railway line which is durable and could prevent sprawl. Overall the parcel makes a weak	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary consisting of a railway line which is durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its remaining boundaries however it is relatively enclosed by the urban conurbation and settlement. The northern boundary consists of the A553, the western boundary consists of the	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns	Moderate contribution

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	contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl as it has a durable boundary.	would significantly reduce the actual and perceived gap between neighbouring towns. The M53 and railway line with its tree lining would ensure that some separation is retained. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	M53 and the southern boundary consists of Upton Road. These durable boundaries could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of open countryside and M53 slip roads. There is less than 10% built form but there are areas of dense vegetation and no long line views, except in the northernmost section of the parcel. Therefore the parcel supports a moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness and all of its boundaries are durable.	setting and special character of historic towns.	the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	from merging as it forms a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5. The parcel makes a weak contribution towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness and durable boundaries.	
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3.4	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would significantly reduce the actual and perceived gap between neighbouring towns. The M53 and railway line with its dense tree lining would ensure that some separation is retained. Overall the	Weak contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its western boundary and parts of its northern and southern boundaries. This consists of Upton Road to the north which is durable and could prevent encroachment. To the west and south, this consists of New Hey Road and Carr Bridge Road along the majority of the western boundary which are durable but includes the limits of existing residential development and a school in the south which are less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. There is significant existing encroachment in the form of housing, Woodchurch High School, Foxfield School, St Michaels and All Angels Primary School, County Homes Care Home, Woodchurch Leisure Centre and Carr Bridge Community Centre. The parcel has more than 30% built form, with some areas of dense vegetation along the M53 in the north. It has some long line	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns from merging as it forms a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5. The parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as there is significant existing encroachment in the parcel therefore it has no degree of openness, it supports some beneficial Green Belt uses and has predominantly durable boundaries.	Weak contribution

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		parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging	views which are mostly hindered due to buildings. The parcel therefore has no degree of openness. The parcel hosts various beneficial uses including leisure, playing fields and public open space. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as there is significant existing encroachment in the parcel therefore it has no degree of openness, supports some beneficial Green Belt uses and has predominantly durable boundaries.				
3.5	Weak contribution: The parcel is adjacent to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary. This consists of a railway line which is durable and could prevent sprawl. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl as it has a durable boundary.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would significantly reduce the actual and perceived gap between neighbouring towns. The M53 and railway line with its dense tree lining would ensure that some separation is retained. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary which consists of a railway line which is durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its south western boundary which consists of the M53 roundabout and is a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment. The parcel has a limited connection to the countryside along its remaining boundaries and is largely enclosed by the urban conurbation and settlement. The northern boundary consists of Upton Road, the western boundary consists of the M53 and the southern boundary consists of the A552. These durable boundaries could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of the M53 and open countryside including playing fields to the south of the parcel. Apart from the M53 there is no built form. There are high levels of vegetation lining the M53 and the railway line and therefore there are no long line views. Overall the parcel supports a moderate degree of openness. There playing fields and public footpaths constitute a beneficial use of the Green Belt. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness and all of its boundaries are durable.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing neighbouring towns from merging as it forms a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5. The parcel makes a weak contribution towards checking the unrestricted sprawl of large built up areas. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness and durable boundaries.	Moderate contribution
SETTLEMENT AREA 4							
4.1	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is well connected to the large built-up area along its northern boundary which consists of existing development, part of its eastern boundary which consists of Storeton Road and part of its western boundary which consists of a railway line. This mix of durable and less durable features may not be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. The gap between the	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Northern and along parts of its Eastern and Western boundaries which consists of existing development with irregular boundaries, Storeton Road and a railway line respectively, representing a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its southern, south eastern and south western boundaries. The Southern boundary consists of Station Road, and the south eastern boundary consists of Lever Causeway both of which are durable and could contain encroachment. The south western boundary consists of the	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the predominance of less durable boundaries, its connection to the built-up area and potential for some limited rounding off. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has durable boundaries	Moderate Contribution

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	Given the shape of the built up area, development of the northern most section of the parcel could constitute rounding off of the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its connection to the built-up area, the predominance of less durable boundaries and potential for rounding off	towns is already narrower to the north of the parcel. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	M53 which is durable and could prevent encroachment. The existing land use consists of agriculture with some TPO woodlands, a former clay quarry, public open space, sports pitches, a golf course and some limited residential development including the washed over village of Little Storeton. The parcel has gentle undulations with some long line views and has less than 10% of built form, and low vegetation overall. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses in providing opportunities for sport and recreation and access to the countryside via a public right of way between Prenton and Little Storeton. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness, it has durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain future encroachment.			with the countryside which could contain future encroachment and a strong degree of openness. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	
4.2	Moderate Contribution: The parcel has a limited connection to the built-up area along its eastern boundary which consists of a road, the B5151 and dense woodland, which could prevent sprawl into the parcel. There is ribbon development within the parcel on its eastern and part of its south eastern boundaries associated with the washed over village of Storeton, with potential for further ribbon development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its role in preventing future ribbon development and the durable boundary to the urban conurbation which could prevent sprawl into the parcel.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary which consists of a road, the B5151, representing a durable boundary which would be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its three remaining boundaries. The northern and western boundary consists of Lever Causeway and the southern boundary consists of Rest Hill Road and part of Red Hill Road, which are durable boundaries and could contain encroachment. The existing land use consists of agriculture and woodland with some residential development associated with the washed over village of Storeton and some ribbon development along the frontage to the B5151, to the north and south of Marsh Lane. The parcel has gentle undulations with long line views. It has less than 10% of built form and predominantly low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The publicly accessible woodland and public rights of way at Storeton Woods are beneficial uses of the Green Belt. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with both the urban conurbation and the countryside which could prevent future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a moderate contribution to checking the sprawl of large built up areas by preventing future ribbon development and preventing further sprawl within the parcel. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment into the parcel and contain future encroachment. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	Moderate Contribution
4.3	Moderate Contribution: The parcel has a limited connection to the large built-up area along its eastern boundary which consists of a road, the B5151 and dense woodland, which could prevent sprawl into the parcel. There is existing ribbon development to the north of the parcel associated with the washed over village of Storeton,	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Eastern boundary which consists of a road, the B5151, representing a durable boundary which would be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its three remaining boundaries. The Northern boundary consists of Rest Hill Road and the Southern and the Western boundaries consist of Red Hill Road which are durable boundaries and could contain encroachment. The existing land use consists of agriculture and woodland with some residential development. The parcel has gentle undulations with less than 10% of built	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. It makes a moderate contribution to checking the sprawl of large built up areas by preventing future ribbon development and preventing sprawl within the parcel. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from	Moderate Contribution

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	with potential for ribbon development to extend into the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its role in preventing ribbon development and the durable boundary to the urban conurbation which could prevent sprawl into the parcel.	neighbouring towns. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	form and predominantly low vegetation with long line views. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness but durable boundaries with both the urban conurbation and countryside which could contain future encroachment.		moderate contribution to this purpose.	encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness but durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging and does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	
4.4	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its northern boundary which consists of Bracken Lane, and part of its eastern boundary which consists of Brackenwood Road. These are durable boundaries which could prevent sprawl into the parcel. Given the shape of the urban area, development of the parcel together with parcel 4.5 could constitute the rounding off of the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel therefore makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to these durable boundaries and the potential for rounding off.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Northern and Eastern boundaries which consists of Bracken Lane and Brackenwood Road respectively, representing durable boundaries which would be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its two remaining boundaries. The Southern boundary consists of Brackenwood Road. The Western boundary consists of the B5151. These represent durable boundaries which would be able to contain encroachment. The existing land use consists of a golf course and public woodland with some long line views. It is flat, has less than 10% of built form and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports a beneficial Green Belt use in providing opportunities for sport and recreation due to the golf course and public woodland. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with both the urban conurbation and countryside which could prevent future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment into the parcel and contain future encroachment. It makes a weak contribution to checking the sprawl of large built up areas due to the durable boundaries which could prevent sprawl into the parcel and potential for rounding off. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging and does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	Weak Contribution
4.5	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its northern boundary which consists of a road, Peter Prices Lane, a durable boundary and its eastern boundary which consists of existing development, which is less durable. Given the shape of the urban area, development of the parcel together with parcel 4.4 could constitute the rounding off of the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel therefore makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns due to the M53. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north. Overall the parcel makes a	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Northern and Eastern boundaries which consists of a road, Peter Prices Lane, and existing development respectively. These represent a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along two boundaries. The Southern boundary consists of Brimstage Road. The Western boundary consists of the B5151 and Brackenwood Road. These represent durable boundaries which would be able to contain encroachment. The existing land use consists of a golf course and public recreation ground with some long line views. It has less than 10% of built form and low vegetation. The parcel is flat. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports a beneficial Green Belt use in providing opportunities for sport and recreation due to the golf course and recreation ground. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. It makes a weak contribution to checking the sprawl of large built up area due to the mix of durable and less durable boundaries and potential for rounding off. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and predominantly durable boundaries which could prevent future encroachment into the countryside. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not	Weak Contribution

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	mix of durable and less durable boundaries and potential for rounding off.	weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and predominantly durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment.			contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	
4.6	Weak Contribution: The parcel is weakly connected to the urban conurbation along only a small part of its eastern boundary which consists of a road, Old Clatterbridge Road, which is a durable boundary which could prevent sprawl into the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the durable boundary separating the parcel from the built-up area.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns due to the M53. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along a small part of its Eastern boundary which consists of a road, Old Clatterbridge Road, which is a durable boundary which could prevent sprawl into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its northern and southern boundaries. The Southern boundary consists of Old Clatterbridge Road and the Northern boundary consists of Brimstage Road. The Western boundary consists of the M53. These represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain encroachment. The parcel is flat. The existing land use consists of agriculture with long line views. It has less than 10% of built form and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness but durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to checking the sprawl of the urban conurbation due to the durable boundary separating the parcel from the built-up area. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment into the parcel and contain future encroachment into the countryside. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	Weak Contribution
4.7	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along the northern half of its eastern boundary which consists of a road, Poulton Royd Drive and a private access road, which would be a durable boundary and existing development, which would be less durable and may not be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. There is ribbon development within the parcel on its eastern boundaries with potential for further ribbon development. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its role in preventing future ribbon development and the less durable boundaries between the urban conurbation and the northern half of the parcel.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns due to the M53. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along part of its Eastern boundary which consists of existing development. This is a less durable boundary which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its remaining boundaries. The remaining Eastern boundary consists of Poulton Road, the Southern boundary consists of Poulton Hall Road and Thornton Common Road and the northern boundary consists of Old Clatterbridge Road. The Western boundary consists of the M53. These represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain encroachment. There is development including residential, offices, farm buildings and a café along the north east boundary and Poulton Royd Drive. The existing land use is predominantly agriculture with TPO woodlands and generally flat topography crossed by a wooded SSSI river valley. The parcel has long line views, less than 10% of built form and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the less durable boundary to the built-up area. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain future encroachment. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	Moderate Contribution
4.8	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the built-up area	No contribution: The parcel does not	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Northern and part of its Western	No contribution: The parcel is not	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and	Weak Contribution

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	along part of its northern boundaries which consists of existing development with irregular boundaries and part of its western boundary at Poulton Road. These are a mix of durable and a less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. Given the shape of the built up area, development of the parcel could constitute rounding off the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the potential for rounding off and the less durable boundary between the urban conurbation and the parcel.	contribute to preventing towns from merging.	boundaries which consists of existing development with irregular boundaries and Poulton Road. This is a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its remaining boundaries. The Eastern boundary and part of the southern boundary consists of a SSSI and TPO woodland and Dibbinsdale Road. The Western boundary consists of Oulton Road. These represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain encroachment. The existing land use consists of agriculture with limited residential, TPO woodlands and a generally flat topography. The parcel has long line views, less than 10% of built form and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain future encroachment.	adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the less durable boundary to the built-up area and the potential for rounding off. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain future encroachment. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or prevent towns from merging.	
4.9	Weak Contribution: The parcel is largely enclosed by the urban conurbation by existing residential development and TPO woodland representing a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. There is potential for rounding off the settlement pattern due to the enclosed character of the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the potential for rounding off and its less durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Weak Contribution: The parcel is well contained by the urban conurbation along its Northern, Eastern, and Western boundaries, which consist of existing residential development, as short stretch of road, at Dibbins Hey and TPOs which represent a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel has a limited connection to the countryside to the south. The Southern boundary consists of a TPO woodland and a SSSI woodland, representing durable boundaries, which would be able to prevent future encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of public open space and woodland. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. The parcel supports a moderate degree of openness. The parcel supports a beneficial Green Belt use as it provides opportunities for recreation. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a limited connection to the countryside along durable TPO and SSSI woodland boundaries which would be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to checking the sprawl of the urban conurbation due to the potential for rounding off the settlement pattern and its less durable boundaries with the urban conurbation. The parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a limited connection to the countryside along durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment into the countryside. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or prevent towns from merging.	Weak Contribution
4.10	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its southern and part of its eastern boundaries which consists of a short stretch of Dibbinsdale Road and the rear of existing	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Southern and part of its Eastern boundaries which consists of Dibbinsdale Road, and existing development surrounded by TPO woodland. These durable boundaries would be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its remaining boundaries. The remaining part of the Eastern	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. It makes a weak contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the urban conurbation due to its durable	Weak Contribution

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	development including a wooded SSSI river valley and TPO woodland, which would be durable boundaries which could prevent sprawl into the parcel. There is ribbon development within the parcel along its eastern boundary with potential for further ribbon development. Given the shape of the built-up area, development of the remaining areas of the parcel could constitute rounding off of the settlement pattern. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its durable boundaries and potential for rounding off.		boundary consists of Dibbinsdale Road, the Western boundary consists of a TPO woodland which is also a SSSI, and the Northern boundaries consist of Poulton Hall Road and Dibbinsdale Road. These represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain encroachment. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with TPO woodland. The parcel has a flat topography with less than 10% of built form supporting a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness and durable boundaries which could prevent future encroachment.	setting and special character of historic towns.	the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	boundaries and potential for rounding off the settlement pattern. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment into the parcel and contain future encroachment into the countryside and a strong-moderate degree of openness. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or prevent towns from merging.	
4.11	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary at Blakeley Road, which is a durable boundary which could prevent sprawl into the parcel. There is a very small section of existing development which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the predominantly durable boundary with the urban conurbation.	Weak contribution: The parcels part of form a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns due to the M53. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Eastern boundary which consists of a road, Blakely Road, and existing development to the north east. This is predominantly durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its three boundaries. The Northern boundary consists of a TPO woodland (and SSSI) and Thornton Common Road, the Southern boundary consists of Raby Hall Road. The Western boundary is the M53 motorway. These represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain encroachment. The existing land use consists of some limited residential development, a fishery, agriculture, extensive TPO woodlands and the autism centre at Raby Hall. The parcel has a gentle undulating topography but has no long line views, with dense vegetation, less than 10% of built form and only a moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness and predominantly durable boundaries which could prevent future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the predominantly durable boundary separating the parcel from the built-up area. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a moderate degree of openness and predominantly durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	Weak Contribution
4.12	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary which consists of existing development with a TPO woodland and a short stretch of Brookhurst Avenue that may be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. There is ribbon development within the	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along part of its northern boundary and at Raby hall Road and its Eastern boundary which consists of existing development combined with a TPO woodland and a short section of Brookhurst Avenue. These are durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along the remaining northern boundary which consists of Raby Hall Road, the southern boundary which consists of Eastham Rake, and the Western boundary which consists of the M53. These represent durable	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes, and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the durable boundary separating the parcel from the built-up area. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a	Weak Contribution

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	parcel along the South eastern boundary with a limited potential for further ribbon development. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its ribbon development and largely durable boundaries.	gap between the neighbouring towns due to the M53. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	boundaries which may be able to contain future encroachment. The site is flat with gentle undulations. The existing land use predominantly consists of a golf course and agriculture with TPO woodlands. The parcel has long line views, less than 10% of built form and a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports a beneficial use of the Green Belt due to the golf course which provides opportunities for sport and recreation. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness, supports a beneficial Green Belt use and has durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment.		all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	strong degree of openness, supports a beneficial Green Belt use and has durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	
4.13	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its northern boundaries which consists of roads including, Eastham Rake Road, Lowfields Avenue, Kingsley Avenue and Pickmere Drive, which are durable boundaries and could prevent sprawl into the parcel. The north easternmost section of the boundary consists of existing development which is less durable and may not be able to prevent sprawl. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the predominantly durable boundary separating the parcel from the built-up area.	Weak Contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Ellesmere Port (within the neighbouring authority of Cheshire West and Chester), whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns due to the M53. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Northern boundaries which consists of durable road boundaries, at Eastham Rake, Lowfields Avenue, Kingsley Avenue and Pickmere Drive although part of this boundary consists of existing development which is less durable. The boundary is predominantly durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its Eastern boundary which consists of New Chester Road. The Southern boundary consists of the M53. These represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain future encroachment. The existing land use consists of agriculture with TPO woodlands, public open space and some limited mixed commercial uses (including Eastham Nurseries, Travelodge and Starbucks). The parcel has a flat topography with no long line views, less than 20% of built form and a moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness and predominantly durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has predominately durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment and a moderate degree of openness. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. The parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the predominantly durable boundary separating the parcel from the built-up area. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging as development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns due to the M53. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	Weak Contribution
4.14	Weak Contribution: The parcel is weakly connected to the urban conurbation. It is connected along only part of its western boundary which consists of a road, New Chester Road, which is a durable boundary which may be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its durable boundary with the urban conurbation which may be able to prevent sprawl.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Ellesmere Port (within the neighbouring authority of Cheshire West and Chester). These neighbouring towns have already merged, and development would result in the further merging of the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along only a small part of its Western boundary at New Chester Road. This durable boundary may be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its eastern and remaining western boundaries which consist of Eastham Village Road, New Chester Road and Rivacre Road. The Southern boundary consists of the M53. These represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain future encroachment. The existing land use consists of agriculture with TPO woodlands and limited residential development with a flat topography. The parcel has long line views, less than 10% of built form and a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the urban conurbation due to its durable boundary with the urban conurbation which may be able to prevent sprawl. It makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging because it forms a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Ellesmere Port. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment	Moderate Contribution

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		contribution to preventing towns from merging further.				into the parcel and a strong degree of openness. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	
4.15	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its western boundaries which consist of a road, New Chester Road, representing a durable boundary which may be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to this durable boundary.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Western boundaries which consists of a road, New Chester Road which is a durable boundary. There is however already some existing development within the parcel associated with the washed over Eastham Village. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its Eastern boundaries which consist of Eastham Village Road, a durable boundary which would be able to contain future encroachment. The existing land use consists of playing fields, groups of mixed commercial development, some agriculture, TPO woodlands and residential development. The parcel has no long line views, more than 30% of built form and no degree of openness. The topography is flat. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses as it provides opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has limited openness and durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the urban conurbation due to its durable boundary with the urban conurbation however there has already been existing sprawl into the parcel. The parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has no degree of openness due to the existing built form within it and it has durable boundaries however it supports a beneficial use of the Green Belt. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or prevent towns from merging.	Weak Contribution
4.16	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary which consists partly of a road, Bankfields Drive, and partly of existing development with less durable boundaries. The parcel is also connected to the built-up area of Ellesmere Port (within the neighbouring authority of Cheshire West and Chester) on its Southern Boundary which consists of a road, West Road. This is a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the mix of a durable and less durable boundaries.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Ellesmere Port (within the neighbouring authority of Cheshire West and Chester). These neighbouring towns have already merged to the east of the parcel and development would result in the further merging of the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging further.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Eastern boundary which consists of a road, Bankfields Drive, and existing industrial development with irregular boundaries. The parcel is also connected to the built-up area of Ellesmere Port (within the neighbouring authority of Cheshire West and Chester) on its Southern boundary which consists of a road, West Road. These boundaries are a mix of durable and less durable features and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its northern and western boundaries which consist of Rivacre Road, Eastham Village Road and Ferry Road although there is existing development in the Green Belt to the north of the parcel associated with the washed over Eastham Village. These represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain future encroachment. Existing land uses towards the south of the parcel are predominantly agricultural with some TPO woodland, including a go-karting track and some commercial and residential development at West Road and Merton Road. The parcel has less than 20% built form, with vegetation around the boundaries in the north and a generally flat topography with some open long line views, therefore it has a moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to four purposes and no contribution to one purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the durable and less durable boundaries separating the parcel from the urban conurbation and built-up areas. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain future encroachment and a moderate degree of openness. It makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	Moderate Contribution

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4.17	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its eastern boundary which consists of existing development which are less durable and may not be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. Given the shape of the built-up area, development of the parcel alongside the adjacent parcels could constitute rounding off the settlement pattern given that the parcels are relatively enclosed by the urban conurbation to the north, east and west. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the potential for rounding off.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Eastern boundary which consists of existing port-related development and irregular boundaries. This is less durable and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along Ferry Road to the west with the coastline forming the north eastern boundary. The Southern boundary consists of a short stretch of Bankfields Drive. These represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain future encroachment. The existing land use consists of coastal slopes, a cemetery park, informal open space and residential development towards the south of the parcel at Mayfield Drive and along Ferry Road. The parcel has less than 20% built form, areas of dense vegetation and limited internal views therefore has a weak degree of openness. Parts of the parcel have an irregular, sloping topography. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a weak degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to less durable boundary and potential for rounding off. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a weak degree of openness, durable boundaries with the countryside and supports a beneficial Green Belt use. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or prevent towns from merging.	Weak Contribution
4.18	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along part of its western boundary which consists of a road, New Chester Road, representing a durable boundary which may be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. However there has already been existing sprawl. Given the shape of the built-up area, development of the parcel alongside the adjacent parcels could constitute rounding off the settlement pattern given that the parcels are relatively enclosed by the urban conurbation to the east, south and further north. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its durable boundary and potential for rounding off	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along only part of its Western boundary at New Chester Road. This durable boundary may be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel but there is already some existing development within the parcel that joins the eastern and western parts of Settlement Area 4 and ribbon development along Ferry Road. The parcel is connected to the countryside along three boundaries although each includes existing development in the Green Belt and the parcel is relatively enclosed by the urban conurbation. The Northern, Eastern and Southern boundaries consist of roads, Torr Drive, Ferry Road and Eastham Village Road which represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain future encroachment. The existing land use consists of large areas of residential development, a golf course, allotments, TPO tree line and a public park. Although the parcel has a generally flat topography, the parcel has limited long line views, more than 30% of built form and therefore has no degree of openness. The parcel has a flat topography. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses as it provides opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has no degree of openness and durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to checking the unrestricted sprawl of the urban conurbation due to its durable boundary and potential for rounding off. The parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has no degree of openness due to the existing built form within it, durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment and it supports a beneficial Green Belt use. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or prevent towns from merging.	Weak Contribution
4.19	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its western boundary which consists of a road, New Chester Road, and	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging...	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to the urban conurbation along its Western boundary which consists of a road, New Chester Road and along its Northern boundary which consists of existing industrial development and a TPO woodland with irregular boundaries. These boundaries are a	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a	Weak Contribution

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	along its northern boundary which consists of existing development and a TPO woodland, representing a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent sprawl into the parcel. However, there has already been some sprawl in the parcel. Given the shape of the built-up area, development of the parcel alongside the adjacent parcels could constitute rounding off the settlement pattern given that the parcels are relatively enclosed by the urban conurbation to the north, south and east. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to its mix of durable and less durable boundaries and potential for rounding off.		mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The eastern boundary is the coastline. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its southern and eastern boundaries although it is relatively enclosed by the urban conurbation to the south. The south eastern and Southern boundaries consist of roads, Ferry Road and Torr Drive which represent durable boundaries which may be able to contain future encroachment but there is already some existing development within the parcel. The existing land use consists of a wooded country park, playing pitches, a tennis club, golf course, some residential development and some TPO woodland. The parcel has a flat topography with limited long-line views. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses as it provides opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. The parcel has less than 20% of built form and a weak degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a weak degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside but supports beneficial Green Belt uses.	contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the durable and less durable boundaries and potential for rounding off. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a weak degree of openness, durable boundaries with the countryside however it supports beneficial Green Belt uses. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or prevent towns from merging.	
SETTLEMENT AREA 5							
5.1	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 whereby development would not reduce the actual gap but would reduce the perceived gap between neighbouring towns. The gap between towns is however already narrower further west. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its eastern and part of its southern boundary which consists of a road (A551) and The Birket river, these are durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to countryside along its northern, western and part of its southern boundaries. These consist of Lingham Lane to the north and west, which becomes a private road, and The Birket to the south, which represent durable boundaries with the potential to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use consists of residential development, informal grassland and agricultural land. The parcel is flat with less than 20% of built form. While there is a line of intermittent ribbon development along Pasture Road, there are long-line views into and out of the parcel and there are low levels of vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses as it provides opportunities for access to the countryside by the Wirral Circular Trail. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness and is well connected to the wider countryside with durable boundaries to prevent future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside as the parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness but durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging, preserving the setting or character of a historic town and checking unrestricted sprawl.	Weak Contribution

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5.2	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 whereby development would not reduce the actual gap but would reduce the perceived gap between neighbouring towns. The gap between towns is however already narrower further west. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its eastern and southern boundaries, consisting of existing commercial development with irregular boundaries and a railway line, representing a mix of durable and less durable boundaries, which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its northern and western boundaries, which consist of a private 'made' road and The Birket river, representing durable boundaries, which could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel, if the parcel was developed. The existing land use consists of open natural countryside, Lingmere Fishery and Moreton Hills Golf Centre. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views and substantial vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses as it provides opportunities for outdoor recreation and access to the countryside. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment with durable boundaries with the countryside, a strong-moderate degree of openness and beneficial uses.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong-moderate degree of openness but has durable boundaries with the countryside. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
5.3	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 whereby development would not reduce the actual gap but would reduce the perceived gap between neighbouring towns. The gap between towns is however already narrower further west. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its southern boundary, a durable railway line, which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its western, northern and eastern boundaries. These consist of the Arrove Brook river to the north and west and a private 'made' road to the east with extensive grasslands beyond them, representing a mix of durable and less durable boundaries, which may not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel, if the parcel was developed. The existing land use consists of open grassland with a small gentle hill to the north east of the parcel and Moreton Mere. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses as it provides opportunities for recreation and access to the countryside. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment due to its mix of durable and less durable boundaries, strong degree of openness and connection to the countryside.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness with a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside. However, the parcel's boundary with the settlement is durable and could contain development, thus prevent it from threatening the openness and permeance of the Green Belt and encroaching into the parcel. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Moderate Contribution
5.4	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential narrow gap between	Moderate Contribution: This small parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its eastern boundary. This consists of a road, Carr Lane, and a railway line which are durable boundaries and could prevent encroachment into the parcel.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel	Moderate contribution

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		Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6, whereby development would reduce the actual gap and the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but it would not result in them merging. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its northern western and southern boundaries which consists of Carr Lane, representing a durable boundary, which could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The northern boundary is a railway line with a waste water treatment works outside the parcel to the north. The existing land is agricultural. The parcel is flat with gentle undulation and less than 10% of built form. There is a SSSI within the parcel as well as further north and west. There are long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and predominately durable boundaries which could prevent future encroachment.	therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and predominately durable boundaries. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It also makes a moderate contribution to preventing Settlement Areas 5 and 6 from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
5.5	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6, whereby development would reduce the actual gap and the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but it would not result in them merging. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its eastern boundary, which consists of a road, Carr Lane, representing a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its Northern, Western and Southern boundaries. Carr Lane, along the northern boundary represents a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The Western and Southern boundaries comprise a private 'made' road and drainage ditches with hedge lines, a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent the parcel from encroachment. The existing land use is agricultural. The parcel is flat with less than 10 % of built form. There are long-line views with low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside however the parcel's boundary with the settlement is durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a moderate contribution to preventing Settlement Areas 5 and 6 from merging, forming a largely essential gap. The parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Moderate contribution
5.6	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Strong Contribution: The parcel forms an essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6, whereby development would reduce the actual gap and the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns along the A553. It would result in the perceived merging of the neighbouring towns. Overall, the	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its eastern boundary, which consists of a road, Carr Lane, which represents a durable boundary that could prevent encroachment into the parcel. Part of the Eastern boundary consists of a field boundary, which is less durable and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its Northern, Western and Southern boundaries. These consist of a road to the South, the A553, representing a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The Northern and Western boundaries are formed by drains accompanied by a hedge line which are less durable boundaries and may not be able to prevent future encroachment. The existing land use consists of an enclosed mineral working including lakes and some limited commercial	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, moderate contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution. The parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries. The parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing towns from merging whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap between Settlement Area 5 and 6 and result in the perceived merging. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not	Strong Contribution

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		parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing towns from merging.	buildings with a mix of paddocks and commercial development along the frontage to Hoylake Road (A553). The parcel contains mounded earth works with surrounding tree belts with less than 10% of built form. There are some long-line views with low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness with a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent future encroachment.			contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
5.7	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Strong Contribution: The parcel forms an essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6, whereby development would reduce the actual gap and the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns along the A553. It would result in the perceived merging of the neighbouring towns. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along parts of its Northern and Eastern boundaries, which consist of A553 Hoylake Road and Garden Hey Road which represent durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its remaining Northern, Southern and western boundaries. The remaining northern boundary and parts of the southern boundary consist of roads (A553 and Barnacre Lane) representing durable boundaries, which could prevent encroachment into the parcel but the majority of the Western boundary consists of drainage ditches combined with a hedge line and field boundaries which may not be able to contain future encroachment. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural, with a fishing lake, some existing ribbon development along Garden Hey Road and parts of the washed over village of Saughall Massie. The parcel is flat with less than 20 % of built form, long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt use as it provides opportunities for recreation. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with a strong-moderate degree of openness.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to two purposes, moderate contribution to one purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution. The parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing towns from merging whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap between Settlement Area 5 and 6 and it would result in the perceived merging of the neighbouring towns. It makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it is it has a strong-moderate degree of openness with a mix of durable and less durable boundaries which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Strong Contribution
5.8	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its Northern boundary, which consists of existing residential development and rear gardens which represent a less durable boundary that may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along three boundaries with the washed over village of Saughall Massie to the south. The Western, Eastern and Southern boundaries consist of Garden Hey Road and Saughall Road, which are durable and could prevent future encroachment. The existing land use is agricultural with some existing residential development. The parcel is flat with less than 10 % of built form. There are long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and mix of durable and less durable boundaries. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas. areas.	Weak Contribution

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			openness and durable boundaries which could prevent future encroachment.				
5.9	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Weak Contribution: The parcel is well contained by Settlement Area 5 along its eastern, northern and part of its western boundaries. The northern and part western boundaries consist of existing residential development which represent less durable boundaries that may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The eastern boundary comprises the Arrowe Brook river which is a durable boundary that could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel has a limited connection to the countryside due to the washed over village of Saughall Massie. The Southern and remaining part of the western boundary consist of Saughall Massie Road and Saughall Road, representing durable boundaries, which would be able to prevent future encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of agricultural with existing residential development associated with the washed over village of Saughall Massie, to the south. The parcel is flat with less than 20 % built form. There are long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a limited connection to the countryside along durable road boundaries which would be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a limited connection to the countryside along durable road boundaries which could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
5.10	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: This small parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its Northern and Eastern boundaries, which consists of Saughall Massie Road, a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its Southern and Western boundaries which consist of Saughall Massie Road, representing a durable boundary and a watercourse with a hedge line representing a less durable boundary, which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel and future encroachment. The existing land use consists of largely natural features. The parcel is flat with no built form. There are long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with the settlement.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with the settlement. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
5.11	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 whereby development would reduce the actual gap	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its Eastern and Southern boundaries, which consist of existing residential development. These less durable boundaries may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its Northern and Western boundaries, which consist of roads, Pump Lane and Saughall Massie Road, representing durable boundaries, which could contain encroachment. The existing	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment, because it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with the	Weak Contribution

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		but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	land use consists of agriculture and Greasby Equestrian Centre with some public open space and natural features. The parcel is flat with less than 10% built form. There are some long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The parcel has a number of beneficial Green Belt uses due to the equestrian centre and public rights of way. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and beneficial uses with durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain encroachment.	character of historic towns.	this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	countryside which could contain encroachment. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
5.12	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6, whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but it would not result in them merging. There is already limited existing development between the neighbouring towns associated with the washed over village of Frankby and other development along Frankby Road. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along part of its Eastern boundary, which consists of existing residential development and a watercourse, Greasby Brook. These less durable boundaries may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel given the existing development in the Green Belt to the west of Frankby Close. The parcel is strongly connected to the countryside along its Northern, western, southern and part of its Eastern boundaries. The eastern and southern sections consist of the durable boundaries of Frankby Road and Pump Lane while the northern and western boundaries consist of drainage ditches. These boundaries represent a mix of durable and less durable boundaries, which are predominately less durable and may not contain encroachment. The existing land use consists of agriculture with some natural features, a community facility and existing development associated with the washed over village of Frankby to the south west. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness, a strong connection to the countryside and less durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because there is a less durable boundary between the parcel and settlement and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries between the parcel and the countryside, which may not contain encroachment. The parcel therefore makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing Settlement Areas 5 and 6 from merging, performing as a largely essential gap. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Strong Contribution
5.13	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 7, whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along part of its Eastern boundary, which consists of residential development with an irregular boundary, representing a less durable boundary which may not be able to prevent an encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is strongly connected to the countryside to the north, west and south and along the remaining eastern boundary along the durable boundaries of Frankby Road, Hill Bark Road and Mill Lane, which could contain encroachment although there is existing development in the Green Belt at Hillbark Road, Mill Lane and the washed over village of Frankby. The existing land use is, however, predominantly agricultural with natural features. The parcel is flat with areas of gentle undulation. It has 20% -	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate-weak degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration and a moderate contribution to preventing Settlement Areas 5, 6 and 7 from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a	Weak Contribution

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		it would not result in them merging. There is already limited existing development between the neighbouring towns associated with the washed over village of Frankby and existing ribbon development along Mill Lane and Hillbark Road. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	30% of built form and some long-line views with elements of low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a moderate-weak degree of openness. The parcel includes beneficial uses providing opportunities for sport and recreation. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate-weak degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain future encroachment.			historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
5.14	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 7, whereby development in the southern part of the parcel would reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but it would not result in them merging. Overall, the parcel makes a Moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its northern boundaries. The North western boundary consists of existing residential development which represent a less durable boundary which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel, while the north eastern boundary consists of Arrowse Road, which is a durable boundary. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its Southern, Western and Eastern boundaries, consist of Arrowse Brook Lane and Mill Lane, which are durable and could contain future encroachment. The existing land use is agricultural with some natural features and limited residential development. With the exception of Greasby Copse which is on a prominent hill, the parcel has mostly gentle undulations. It has less than 10% built form with some long-line views and predominantly low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has durable boundaries to contain future encroachment to the countryside, and a strong degree of openness.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has durable boundaries which may contain encroachment and the parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration and a moderate contribution to preventing Settlement Areas 5 and 7 from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Moderate Contribution
5.15	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 7, whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns due to existing development and an extensive treeline within the parcel and	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its Northern and Eastern boundaries, which consist of Arrowse Brook Road and Arrowse Park Road, both representing durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its Western and Southern boundaries which consist of dense woodlands (Gorse Covert and Nicholson's Plantation) lining Arrowse Brook to the west and Card Plantation to the south. These are durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of a country park with recreation grounds and a large general district hospital. The parcel is largely flat with less than 20% of built form, limited tree-lined long-line views and dense vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a weak degree of openness. The	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because although it has a weak degree of openness, it has beneficial Green Belt uses and is well connected to the countryside. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration and forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Areas 5 and 7. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Moderate Contribution

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		would not result in them merging. Overall, the parcel makes a Moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	parcel has beneficial Green Belt uses for outdoor sport and recreation. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a weak degree of openness, supports beneficial Green Belt uses and is well connected to the countryside.				
5.16	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Strong Contribution: The parcel forms an essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 7, whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns and would result in the perceived merging of the towns. Overall, the parcel makes a Strong contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its Northern boundary, which consists of a road, Woodchurch Road, representing a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is strongly connected to the countryside along its three remaining durable boundaries, consisting of Arrowe Park Road, Landican Road and Landican Lane, which could contain encroachment in the future. The existing land use consists of a cemetery with crematorium and agriculture. The parcel is on rising ground towards the washed over village of Landican and has less than 10% built form with some long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness but has durable boundaries which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. Although the parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing towns from merging because the parcel is an essential gap between Settlement Areas 5 and 7, whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns and would result in the perceived merging, the parcel has durable boundaries which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permeance of the Green Belt. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Moderate Contribution
5.17	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to the large built-up area along its eastern boundary which consists of existing development and the M53, which could prevent sprawl into the parcel. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl due to the durable boundary separating the parcel from the built-up area.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5, whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns due to the motorway along the eastern boundary of the parcel. The parcel also forms a less essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 7, and between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 7 whereby	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 5 along its Northern boundary which consists of a road, Woodchurch Road, and to Settlement Area 4 along its Eastern Boundary which consists of the M53 representing durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its remaining western and southern boundaries. The Southern and western boundaries consist of a railway line and a road, Landican Lane, which represent a durable boundary which would be able to contain encroachment. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with some utilities infrastructure along Woodchurch Road. The parcel has a gentle slope that rises away from the motorway towards the washed over village of Landican. It has less than 10% of built form with long-line views and low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness, it has durable boundaries with both the settlement and the countryside which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate Contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to one purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment because it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with both the settlement and the countryside which could prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging because the parcel forms a largely essential gap between the urban conurbation and Settlement Area 5, though the perceived gap would not be reduced because of the M53. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. The parcel makes a weak contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl of built up areas because of the durable boundary of the M53 separating the parcel from the urban conurbation. However, the parcel does	Moderate Contribution

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		development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap because of the existing landform. Overall, the parcel makes a Moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.				not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town.	
SETTLEMENT AREA 6							
6.1	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms a less essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 whereby the development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns as there is already existing development within the east of the parcel. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Weak contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its western boundary, consisting of a less durable line of back gardens on Bennets Lane which would not prevent encroachment into the parcel. The northern boundary is the coastline. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its eastern and southern boundaries at Park Road and Park Lane, a durable boundary that could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of Wirral Caravan Park, Park Lane Holiday Homes, existing commercial development including an angling centre and kennels and cattery, North Wirral Coastal Park, Links View Holiday Park and residential development. The North Wirral Coastal Park represents a beneficial Green Belt use as it provides access to the coast and countryside There is significant existing development in the parcel, with the caravan park and holiday homes making up more than half of the existing built form. The parcel is flat, and vegetation is not dense although views are restricted due to the level of built form therefore overall the parcel has no degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it contains a significant amount of existing development with no degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to two purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has therefore been judged to make a weak overall contribution. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging and a weak contribution to safeguarding the countryside as it contains a significant amount of existing development with no degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside. It makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration	Weak contribution
6.2	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 whereby development of the parcel would significantly reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but it would not result in	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its Western Boundary consisting of a less durable line of back gardens at Cleveley Road and Flowermead Close. The northern, eastern and southern boundaries are durable roads and a railway line which are durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The parcel consists of agricultural uses crossed by The Birket river. The parcel is flat and open, with some dense vegetation, but long line views and therefore enjoys a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment, as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has therefore been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside which could prevent encroachment. It makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging as it forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6. It has no role in preventing sprawl.	Moderate contribution

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		them merging, Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	and durable boundaries with the countryside which could prevent encroachment.				
6.3	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 whereby development of the parcel would significantly reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but would not result in them merging, Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along part of its northern and southern boundaries. The northern boundary consists of a railway line which is durable. The southern boundary consists of the rear gardens of residential properties which are less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The western part of parcel is largely enclosed by the Settlement Area. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its eastern boundary which includes a small section of Carr Lane which is durable, with the remainder of it consisting of drainage ditches with hedgerows and private roads which are less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment. The parcel's remaining boundaries to the west and south consists of Birkenhead Road which is durable. The existing land use consists of open countryside in agricultural use with two residential properties. The parcel is flat with less than 10% built form, open long line views and some dense vegetation and therefore has a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment, as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, is partly enclosed by the Settlement Area and has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has therefore been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging as it forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, it is partly enclosed by the settlement and has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries.	Moderate contribution
6.4	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but would not result in them merging. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along durable boundaries consisting of Birkenhead Road and Heron Road, which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel's boundaries with the countryside to the north and west includes also Birkenhead Road and Heron Road but are less durable to the east and south comprising hedgerows and the limits of Carr Farm Garden Centre which would not prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use is agricultural with Carr Farm Garden Centre including a restaurant and coffee shop, car wash and aquatics shop. The parcel has less than 20% built form, open long line views and low vegetation, giving the parcel a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment, as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution as although it has a strong-moderate degree of openness and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside, it has durable boundaries with the settlement which could prevent encroachment into the parcel and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging as it forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6.	Moderate contribution
6.5	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms a less essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its northern boundary consisting of the rear gardens of residential properties which are less durable boundary and would not be able to prevent encroachment into	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, no contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and a moderate contribution to one purpose. In line with the	Strong contribution

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		whereby the development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	the parcel. Only a very small section consists of Acres Road which is durable. The parcel is well connected to the countryside to the east along durable Heron Road, to the north west along The Birket river which is durable and to the south along field boundaries which are not durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use is open countryside in agricultural use with some playing fields towards the centre of the parcel. The parcel is flat, with less than 10% built form and the majority of vegetation is low and there are long line views. Therefore, the parcel enjoys a strong degree of openness. There are several land uses which constitute a beneficial use of the Green Belt including playing fields and public rights of way. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness, is well connected to the countryside and has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with both the settlement and the countryside.	contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has therefore been judged to make a strong overall contribution as it is well connected to the countryside, it has a strong degree of openness and has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with both the settlement and the countryside therefore it has a strong role in preventing encroachment into the open countryside. Therefore the parcel makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt.	
6.6	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The eastern section of the parcel is largely enclosed by Settlement Area 6. It is connected to it along its northern boundary which is a railway line which is durable and could prevent encroachment, and along its southern and part of its eastern boundary which consist of rear gardens which are less durable. The parcel is connected to the countryside to the south and west and partly to the east. The southern and eastern boundary consists of The Birket river and Birkenhead Road which are durable whilst the western boundary consists of a tree line which is less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment. The existing land use consists of open countryside in agricultural use and woodland. There is some minor existing encroachment associated with market gardens, agriculture and caravan storage which is temporary. The parcel contains dense vegetation, less than 10% built form and no long line views therefore it has a moderate degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness, it is partly enclosed by the Settlement Area and has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology the parcel has therefore been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness, it is partly enclosed by the Settlement Area and has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside. It does not contribute to preventing towns from merging or checking unrestricted sprawl.	Weak contribution
6.7	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms a less essential gap between Settlement Area 5 and Settlement Area 6 whereby the development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its north-eastern boundary consisting of residential back gardens and the limits of Carr Lane Industrial Estate which are considered to be less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. Part of this boundary includes a railway line which is durable and could prevent encroachment. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along the remaining boundaries. The southern boundary consists of The Birket river which is durable and	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, no contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and a moderate contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has therefore been judged to make a strong overall contribution as it is well connected to the countryside, it has a strong degree of openness	Strong contribution

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		the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north and south. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	could prevent encroachment. The eastern and western boundaries are less durable field and hedge lines and an unmade track which would not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of open countryside in agricultural use with some residential properties, public playing fields, Hoylake Rugby Club, a bowling club and some allotments in the north of the parcel. Hoylake Municipal Golf Course also extends into the western section of the parcel. There are areas of previously developed land adjacent to the Settlement Area with concrete hard standing evident. There are unobstructed long line views across the parcel as vegetation levels are low. Overall, there is therefore a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses providing opportunities for outdoor sports and recreation. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it is well connected to the countryside, has predominantly less durable boundaries and a strong degree of openness.	character of historic towns.	weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	and has predominantly less durable boundaries with both the settlement and the countryside therefore it has a strong role in preventing encroachment into the open countryside. Therefore the parcel makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt.	
6.8	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its northern, southern and western boundaries. The western boundary consists of a railway line and is durable and all but a small part of the southern boundary consists of Greenbank Road which is also durable. The northern boundary partly consists of the access road to Hoylake Municipal Golf Course which is durable and partly the limits of development at Carr Lane Industrial Estate, which is less durable. These durable boundaries could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its eastern boundary consisting of an unmade track which is less durable and The Birket river which is durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of Hoylake Municipal Golf Course, with sports grounds and playing fields to the south of the parcel at Greenbank Road and car park areas including Hoylake Station Park and Ride to the north of the parcel and the Wirral Circular Trail cycle route along the western boundary adjacent to the railway. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses as it provides opportunities for sport and recreation and access to the countryside. There is less than 10% built form with low levels of vegetation overall but no long-line views due to the golf course. There is therefore a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding the countryside from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries and supports beneficial Green Belt uses.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. Whilst the parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness and supports a number of beneficial Green Belt uses, it has predominantly durable boundaries which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution
6.9	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up	No contribution: The parcel does not	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its southern, northern and eastern boundaries and	No contribution: The parcel is not	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purposes, a moderate contribution to one purpose,	Moderate contribution

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	area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	contribute to preventing towns from merging.	is largely enclosed by the Settlement Area given that the western boundary is coastline. The eastern, southern and northern boundaries predominantly consist of the rear gardens of properties and is therefore considered to be less durable and could not prevent encroachment into the parcel. Some smaller sections include durable boundaries at Stanley Road, along Meols Drive and a railway line which could prevent encroachment. The parcel is not well connected to the countryside as it is effectively contained by these boundaries. The existing land use consists of Royal Liverpool Golf Club with some existing residential development to the east of the parcel, and to the east and west of Meols Drive. The parcel has less than 20% built form, low vegetation and long line views, therefore it is considered to have a strong-moderate degree of openness. The Golf Course constitutes a beneficial use of the Green Belt by providing opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. Overall this parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, predominantly less durable boundaries and supports a beneficial Green Belt use.	adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt as although it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, it supports beneficial Green Belt uses, and has predominantly less durable boundaries, the parcel is effectively contained by the settlement and therefore would not threaten the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes no contribution to preventing towns from merging.	
6.10	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms a less essential gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 5, whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. The gap between the towns is already narrower further north and south. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its southern boundary, which consists of the rear gardens of properties on Greenbank Road and Gilroy Road, and is therefore considered to be less durable and could not prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its western, northern and eastern boundaries and part of its southern boundary. The northern and western boundary consists of The Birket river which is durable. Part of the southern boundary is defined by Saughall Massie Road which is durable and could also prevent encroachment. The eastern boundary consists of a less durable farm track which would not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural; with the exception of some allotments, playing fields, Gilroy nature reserve and West Kirby Household Waste Recycling Centre along the southern edge. The parcel is flat, with limited vegetation, extensive long-line views and less than 10% built form. The parcel therefore has a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports a number of beneficial Green Belt uses, in the form of the playing fields and allotments and public footpaths providing access to the countryside. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment as it is well-connected to wider countryside, with a strong degree of openness, a mix of durable and less durable boundaries and the presence of beneficial uses.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has therefore been judged to make a strong overall contribution. The parcel has a strong degree of openness, it is well connected to the wider countryside and has a less durable boundary with the settlement and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside therefore it has a strong role in preventing encroachment into the open countryside. The parcel makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel has a weak role preventing neighbouring towns from merging.	Strong contribution
6.11	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up	Weak contribution: The parcel forms a less essential gap between	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its southern boundary. This consists of the rear gardens of properties on Fulton Avenue and Farndon Drive	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the	Weak contribution

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	area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 5, whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. The gap between the towns is already narrower elsewhere further north and south. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	and the rear of Hilbre High School which represents a less durable boundary which would not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its northern and eastern boundaries, which consist of the durable B5192 Saughall Massie Road and China Farm Lane respectively. These durable boundaries could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if the parcel were developed. The existing land use is entirely agricultural. The parcel is flat, with limited vegetation, extensive long-line views and less than 10% built form. The parcel therefore has a strong degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness, but durable boundaries with the countryside could prevent encroachment.	historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	methodology, the parcel has therefore been judged to make a weak overall contribution – whilst it makes a moderate contribution in terms of protecting the countryside from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and durable boundaries with the countryside, it makes a weak contribution to preventing neighbouring towns from merging and no contribution to checking unrestricted sprawl.	
6.12	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate contribution: The parcel forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap but would not result in the neighbouring towns merging. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along part of its southern boundary. This consists of the rear gardens of properties on Springfield Avenue, and is therefore considered to be a less durable boundary which would not prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along the remainder of its southern boundaries and all of its western, northern and eastern boundaries, which consist of the durable B5192 Saughall Massie Road and China Farm Lane to the west and north and less durable farm tracks to the east and the limits of a farm complex to the south. These less durable boundaries would not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use is primarily agricultural including Newton Hall Farm and China Plate Farm. The parcel is flat, with some extensive long-line views although the eastern half of the parcel also has some larger wooded areas. Less than 10% of the parcel is covered by built form, and it therefore has a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment as it is well-connected to wider countryside, with a strong-moderate degree of openness, a less durable boundary with the settlement and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has therefore been judged to make a strong overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness, it is well connected to the countryside and has a less durable boundary with the settlement and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside therefore it has a strong role in preventing encroachment into the open countryside. The parcel makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong contribution
6.13	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate contribution: The parcel sits in a relatively narrow gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 5, which also includes the small washed-over village of Frankby. Whilst some	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its western boundary consisting of the rear gardens of properties on Springfield Avenue and Meadow Road, which also merges into an area of residential development in the Green Belt at the top end of Frankby Stiles – this is therefore considered to be a less durable boundary which would not prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its eastern and southern boundaries at Frankby Stiles and the B5139 Frankby	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has therefore been judged to make a moderate overall contribution – it makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging, and also makes a moderate contribution to protecting the countryside from encroachment.	Moderate contribution

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		limited development may be possible without reducing the actual gap between settlements, the perceived gap would be more significantly reduced by virtue of Frankby's location. As such, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Road, which are durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use primarily consists of horse liverys and stables, in addition to some residential properties and a commercial fencing business on Frankby Road. The parcel is flat, with a number of smaller land parcels separated by hedgerows which limit long-line views. Around 20% of the parcel is covered by built form, and it therefore has a moderate degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment – it has a moderate degree of openness and has durable boundaries with the countryside which could prevent encroachment.	character of historic towns.	weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.		
6.14	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Areas 5 and between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 7, whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its western boundary. The rear gardens of properties on Grange Cross Lane are considered to be a less durable boundary which would not prevent encroachment into the parcel. Part of the western boundary also consists of Grange Cross Lane which is durable and could prevent encroachment. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its northern, eastern, southern and south-western boundaries. Part of the eastern boundary consists of a mixture of less durable hedgerows which would not prevent encroachment and a more durable TPO treeline which could prevent encroachment. The remaining boundaries consist of Frankby Road and Bay Tree Road to the north, B5140 Montgomery Hill to the south east and A540 Column Road to the south west, these are durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it was developed. The existing land use primarily consists of agriculture but includes allotments and public open space and playing fields along Grange Cross Lane. The parcel undulates around the valley to Newton Brook, with long-line views and less than 10% of the parcel covered by built form. It therefore has a strong degree of openness. As noted above, the parcel serves a number of beneficial uses by virtue of its open space, playing fields and allotments. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment as it includes beneficial uses, has a strong degree of openness, is well-connected to wider countryside and helps to limit encroachment by virtue of the mix of durable and less durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. Whilst the parcel has a strong degree of openness and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the settlement, it has predominantly durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. It has a no role in preventing sprawl.	Moderate contribution
6.15	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel largely forms a 'finger' of Green Belt within Settlement Area 6, it therefore forms part of	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its northern, western and southern boundaries. These are less durable boundaries, which could not prevent encroachment, particularly because of the very low density of adjacent development – the only durable boundary is Caldby Road along a small section of the southern boundary. Because	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has therefore been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. It makes a moderate contribution to protecting the	Weak contribution

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		a less essential gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 7 whereby development would reduce the actual but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	the parcel forms a 'finger' of Green Belt within Settlement Area 6, it is not well connected to the countryside. The boundaries with the countryside consist of TPO woodland and Column Road to the east and TPO woodland and Caldys Road to the south both of which are durable and could prevent encroachment but there is existing development within the parcel along Caldys Road and the parcel adjoins existing development in the Green Belt to the south east. The existing land use is primarily agriculture and woodland, with some open scrubland on its eastern side, which limits long-line views but because less than 10% of the parcel is covered by built form it is still judged to have a moderate degree of openness. Overall it is judged to make a moderate contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness and a limited connection to the wider countryside along durable boundaries.	preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	countryside from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness and a limited connection to the wider countryside along durable boundaries. It makes no contribution to preventing sprawl and a weak contribution to preventing neighbouring towns from merging.	
6.16	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms a less essential gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 7, whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its western and part of its northern boundaries which consists of the rear boundaries of properties on Croft Drive East and Caldys Road which are less durable and would not prevent encroachment. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its southern and south western boundaries, which consist of private tracks which are less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The eastern boundary consists of Telegraph Road and part of the northern boundary consists of Caldys Road, both of which are durable and could prevent encroachment but there is existing ribbon development within the parcel along these boundaries and the parcel adjoins further existing development in the Green Belt to the north east. The existing land use primarily consists of the Glasspool Sports Facility, residential development and horse paddocks. Whilst the parcel is largely flat and has less than 20% built form, hedgerows and built development limit long-line views and it therefore has a weak degree of openness. The sports facilities within the parcel mean that much of it serves a beneficial Green Belt use. Overall the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment as although it has a weak degree of openness, it serves beneficial Green Belt uses and has less durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to protecting the countryside from encroachment as it has a weak degree of openness due to existing development within the parcel however it has less durable boundaries which may not be able to prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Weak contribution
6.17	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms a less essential gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 7, whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to the rear gardens of properties in Settlement Area 6 along its north-western and part of its south-western boundaries and is well connected to the countryside along hedgerows and private tracks on the remainder of its south-western boundary and its south-eastern and north-eastern boundaries. All boundaries are therefore considered to be less durable and could not prevent encroachment into or beyond the parcel. The existing land use	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution. The parcel has a strong degree of	Strong contribution

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		perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	primarily consists of horse stables and open scrub land. The parcel is largely flat, with some long-line views and less than 10% covered by built form. It therefore has a strong degree of openness. Overall the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment – it has a strong degree of openness, is well-connected to wider countryside and helps to prevent encroachment by virtue of its less durable boundaries.	character of historic towns.	this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	openness, it is well connected to the wider countryside and all of its boundaries are less durable therefore it has a strong role in preventing encroachment into the wider countryside. The parcel makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It makes a weak contribution to preventing neighbouring towns from merging.	
6.18	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel largely forms a ‘finger’ of Green Belt within Settlement Area 6 and would therefore have no effect on the actual or perceived gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 7. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong contribution: The parcel is enclosed by Settlement Area 6 along its western, northern and eastern boundaries, and forms a ‘finger’ of Green Belt within the settlement with a more limited connection to the countryside as a result. The eastern, northern and western boundaries comprise the rear gardens of residential properties on Links Hey Road and Mereworth, whilst the southern boundary is with a private track. All boundaries are therefore less durable and could not prevent encroachment into the parcel. The existing land use is entirely a golf course (Caldy Golf Club), with less than 10% of the parcel covered by built form and extensive long-line views – it is therefore judged to have a strong degree of openness. The golf course represents a beneficial use of the Green Belt as it provides opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. Overall the parcel is judged to make a strong contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment, whilst it has a limited connection to the countryside, the parcel has no durable boundaries that could prevent encroachment, a strong degree of openness and provides a beneficial use.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution as whilst it has a strong degree of openness and less durable boundaries, the parcel is fairly enclosed by the settlement therefore development would not threaten the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It makes a weak contribution to preventing neighbouring towns from merging.	Moderate contribution
6.19	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel effectively already forms part of Settlement Area 6 due to the existing development within it therefore it makes no contribution to preventing towns from merging.	No contribution: This very small parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along its northern boundary, but crosses arbitrarily through residential properties on Heatherleigh and Meadow Gate – it is 100% developed, with no degree of openness, and functions as part of the settlement. Overall it is judged to make no contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	This parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to four purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has therefore been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes no contribution to safeguarding from encroachment and preventing towns from merging as it effectively already forms part of Settlement Area 6 being 100% developed, with no degree of openness.	Weak contribution
6.20	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel forms a thin wedge of Green Belt land between Settlement Area 6 and the Dee Estuary, and therefore makes no	Weak contribution: The parcel is connected Settlement Area 6 to the east and north, along the rear boundaries of properties on Croft Drive West, Melloncroft Drive and Shelley Way. Whilst these are less durable and could not prevent encroachment, the western and southern boundaries of the site with the Dee Estuary and Croft Drive and the eastern boundary along the Wirral Way and Wirral Circular Trail are	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of	This parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has therefore been judged to make a weak overall contribution. It has no role in preventing sprawl or the merging of towns. It makes a weak contribution to	Weak contribution

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		contribution to preventing towns from merging.	durable. Because it forms a 'finger' of Green Belt alongside the settlement, there is a very limited degree of connection to the countryside. Over 30% of the parcel is covered by built-form, with tree cover on much of the remainder resulting in no degree of openness. The northern half of the parcel at Cubbins Green and the western parts along the Wirral Way and Wirral Circular Trail are accessible for public recreation representing a beneficial use of the Green Belt providing access to the countryside. Despite this, the limited connection to countryside, lack of openness and durable nature of much of the parcel's boundaries mean that it makes a weak contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment.	setting and special character of historic towns.	the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	safeguarding countryside from encroachment due to the very limited connection to the countryside, the lack of openness due to the existing development within the parcel, and durable nature of much of the parcel's boundaries.	
6.21	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms a less essential gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 7 whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 6 along part of its eastern boundary consisting of the Wirral Way and Wirral Circular Trail which represents a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The northern and southern boundaries along Station Road and Croft Drive, the western boundary with the Dee Estuary and the eastern boundary with the Wirral Way and Wirral Circular Trail are durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. Although partly forming a 'finger' of Green Belt alongside the settlement, the southern section of the parcel is well connected to the countryside. The existing land use is primarily a golf course (Caldy Golf Club) with the southern section including open space and the Dee Sailing Club. Less than 10% of the parcel is covered by built form and there are extensive long-line views. The parcel is therefore judged to have a strong degree of openness. The golf course and open space form a beneficial use of the Green Belt providing opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. Overall the parcel is judged to make a strong contribution to safeguarding countryside from encroachment. Although the parcel's boundaries are durable, the southern section is well connected to the countryside, it has a strong degree of openness and the parcel provides a beneficial Green Belt use.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. Whilst the parcel has a strong degree of openness and supports a beneficial Green Belt use, the parcel has durable boundaries which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. It makes no contribution to preventing sprawl and a weak contribution to preventing neighbouring towns from merging.	Moderate contribution
SETTLEMENT AREA 7							
7.1	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its eastern boundary, which consists of the Wirral Way and Wirral Circular Trail which is a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its three remaining boundaries. The northern boundary consists of a drainage ditch, which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The western and southern boundary consists of a road, Broad Lane with some residential development opposite which represents a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment beyond	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness, it has a durable boundary with the settlement and predominantly durable boundaries with the countryside which could prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban	Weak Contribution

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			the parcel. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural but includes a medical treatment centre and some existing residential development towards its southern boundaries. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel and there are low levels of vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness it has predominantly durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment.		moderate contribution to this purpose.	regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.2	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Eastern boundary. This consists of the Wirral Way and Wirral Circular Trail which is a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The Northern boundary consists of Banks Road, with a line of ribbon development opposite, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The Southern boundary consists of a residential road, Park West which represents a durable boundary with the potential to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel but has a line of ribbon development that extends to the coast along both sides. The Western boundary consists of the Dee Estuary SSSI, which is a durable boundary and would prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural and equestrian with some existing residential development along Park West and Wittering Lane. The parcel is largely flat but slopes down towards the Dee coastline with less than 20% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel and with mainly low levels of vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness however all of its boundaries are durable, and it is lined by existing development on three sides.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, all of its boundaries are durable and could therefore prevent encroachment, and it is lined by existing development on three sides. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
7.3	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Eastern boundary which consists of a durable road boundary, Davenport Road, which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The Northern boundary consists of a road, Park West, which is a durable boundary, which could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel but has a line of ribbon development that extends to the coast along both sides. The Southern boundary consists of Manners Lane which represents a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The Western boundary consists of Marine Drive and the Dee Estuary SSSI, which is a durable boundary and would prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with residential development along Park West and across the Dee coast frontage. The parcel is largely flat with 20 – 30 % of	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate-weak degree of openness, all of its boundaries are durable and could prevent encroachment, and it is lined by existing development on three sides. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution

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			built form but slopes down towards the Dee coast and there are low levels of vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a moderate - weak degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate-weak degree of openness and all of its boundaries are durable and could contain future encroachment and it is lined by existing development on three sides.				
7.4	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Weak Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Eastern boundary. This consists of a durable road boundary, Davenport Road, which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along two of its remaining boundaries. The Western boundary consists of Dee Estuary SSSI. The Northern and Southern boundaries consist of Manners Lane and Riverbank Road. These are durable boundaries that could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with two areas of residential ribbon development extending along both sides of Seabank Road to the coastline and along part of Riverbank Road. The parcel is flat with 20 – 30 % of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel and low levels of vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a moderate - weak degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate-weak degree of openness and all of its boundaries are durable and could prevent encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a weak contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate-weak degree of openness and all of its boundaries are durable and could prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
7.5	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Eastern boundary. This consists of the Wirral Way and Wirral Circular Trail which represents a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its Northern and Southern boundaries which consist of Riverbank Road and Cottage Lane. The Western boundary consists of the Dee Estuary SSSI. These are durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with residential development at Cottage Drive West and along part of the frontage to Riverbank Road towards the coast. The parcel is flat with less than 20% built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel and low levels of vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, but all of its boundaries are durable and could prevent encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness however all of its boundaries are durable and could prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
7.6	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up	No contribution: The parcel does not	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Northern boundary. This consists of Cottage	No contribution: The parcel is not	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose	Moderate Contribution

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	area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Lane which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. Part of the northern boundary also consists of the rear boundaries of existing development, which is less durable. The parcel is well connected to the open countryside along its remaining eastern, western and southern boundaries. The Western boundary consists of the Wirral Way and Wirral Circular Trail which represents a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment. The Eastern boundary consists partly of Gayton Farm Road which is durable but the remaining parts of the eastern and southern boundaries predominantly consists of an unmade access track and public right of way which is less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use consists of Heswall Golf Course and some existing residential development at Gayton Farm Road associated with the washed over old village of Gayton. The parcel is flat with less than 10 % of built form. There are some long-line views into and out of the parcel and low levels of vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports a beneficial Green Belt use as it provides opportunities for sport and recreation and access to the countryside. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness, it supports a beneficial Green Belt use and has some less durable boundaries.	adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. Whilst the parcel has a strong degree of openness and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside, the parcel's boundary with the settlement is predominantly durable and could prevent development from encroaching and threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.7	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its parts of northern and Eastern boundaries. These consist of rear gardens of existing residential developments, which are less durable boundaries and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its two remaining boundaries. The Western boundary consists of a road, Gayton Farm Road, which is a durable boundary, which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The Southern boundary consists of a private access road and Gayton Wood lined by TPO trees which represents a durable boundary, a small section of the southern boundary consists of a field line which is less durable. The existing land use is predominantly TPO woodland and some low density residential development. The parcel is flat with less than 10 % of built form. There are limited long-line views into and out of the parcel due to the dense woodland throughout the parcel. Therefore, the parcel supports a moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a moderate degree of openness, it has less durable boundaries with the settlement and a mix of durable and less durable boundaries with the countryside.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. Whilst the parcel has a moderate degree of openness, and a less durable boundary with the settlement, the parcel's boundaries with the countryside are predominantly durable due to the TPO trees and could prevent development from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Moderate Contribution

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7.8	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Strong Contribution: The parcel is only connected to Settlement Area 7 along its short Northern boundary, which consists of the rear gardens of existing residential developments, which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the open countryside along its remaining boundaries, which consist of field boundaries and a track, which all are less durable boundaries and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The existing land use is agricultural. The parcel is flat with no built form. There are long-line views out of the parcel. There is some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and strong connection to wider countryside and all of its boundaries are less durable.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, moderate contribution to one purpose and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution. The parcel has a strong degree of openness, a strong connection to the wider countryside and all of its boundaries are less durable therefore it has a strong role in preventing encroachment into the open countryside. Therefore the parcel makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Strong Contribution
7.9	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its part of Northern and Eastern boundaries. These consist of rear gardens of existing residential developments, which are less durable boundaries and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the open countryside along its remaining boundaries. The Western and Southern boundaries consist of an unmade road and field boundaries accompanied by hedge line, which all are less durable boundaries, which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The existing land use is agricultural. The parcel is flat with no built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel. There is some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness and connection to wider countryside and all of its boundaries are less durable.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, moderate contribution to one purpose and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution. The parcel has a strong degree of openness and connection to wider countryside and all of its boundaries are less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment into the open countryside. Therefore the parcel makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Strong contribution
7.10	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its part of Northern and Eastern boundaries. These consist of rear and side gardens of existing residential developments, which are less durable boundaries and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The southern and western boundaries of the parcel form the Council's administrative boundary, this is defined by Boathouse Lane to	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness, it is relatively	Weak Contribution

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			the south which is durable and a tree line to the west which is less durable. The parcel adjoins the Cheshire West and Chester Council Green Belt however it is relatively contained by Settlement Area 7. The existing land use consists of TPO woodland and some ponds. The parcel is flat with no built form. There are no long-line views into and out of the parcel due to the dense woodland. Therefore, the parcel has a moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a moderate degree of openness, it is relatively contained by the settlement and has some less durable boundaries.	setting and special character of historic towns.	the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	contained by the settlement although it does have some less durable boundaries. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.11	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its three boundaries. The south western boundary consists of a road, Chester Road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The northern boundaries consist of the gardens of existing residential developments and the grounds of a hotel/bar restaurant, which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent from encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is relatively contained by Settlement Area 7 and has a limited connection to the countryside along one boundary, which consists of a railway line, which is a durable boundary which would prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with some limited residential development, Heswall Squash Racquets Club, Gayton Park and playing pitches located in the north of the parcel, and Darlington's Industrial Estate located to the south of the parcel. The parcel supports a beneficial Green Belt use as it provides some significant opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. The parcel is flat with less than 20% built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel but views to the east are enclosed by the railway line. There is some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. It has a strong-moderate degree of openness but is contained by Settlement Area 7 and has a durable boundary with the countryside which could contain future encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, it is contained by Settlement Area 7 with a weak connection to the countryside along a durable boundary which could contain development and prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
7.12	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and the urban conurbation whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its part of Western boundary, which consists of a railway line, which is a durable boundary that would prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is strongly connected to the open countryside along its remaining boundaries. Part of the Western boundary also consists of the railway line, which is a durable boundary that would prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The Northern boundary consists of Brimstage Road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The Eastern and Southern boundaries consist of natural boundaries	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the parcel has a strong degree of openness and a strong connection to the open countryside, the parcel's boundary with the settlement is durable	Moderate Contribution

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		neighbouring towns. The gap between the towns is already narrower to the north. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	predominantly accompanied by TPO trees and TPO woodland (Manor Wood, which is also part of a designated Historic Park and Garden) which is a durable boundary and could prevent from encroachment beyond the parcel. A small northern section of the eastern boundary consists of a private track which is less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with some residential development. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel. Outside the tree belts, there is low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. It has a strong degree of openness and a strong connection to the open countryside.		moderate contribution to this purpose.	and the parcel's boundaries with the countryside are predominately durable therefore development would be contained and would not threaten the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.13	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and the urban conurbation whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. The gap between the towns is already narrower to the north. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong Contribution: The parcel is only connected to Settlement Area 7 along its shorter Western boundary, which consists of a railway line, which is a durable boundary that would prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is strongly connected to the open countryside along its remaining boundaries. The Northern and Southern boundaries consist of a roads, Whitehouse Lane and Brimstage Road, which are durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural, with some residential development and Nursing Care Homes. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are some TPOs within the parcel. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel. There is some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. It has a strong degree of openness and a strong connection to the open countryside.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the parcel has a strong degree of openness and a strong connection to the open countryside, the parcel's boundaries with the settlement and countryside are durable and therefore development would be contained and would not threaten the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution
7.14	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and the urban conurbation whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. The gap between the towns is already narrower to the north.	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Southern boundary, which consists of the rear gardens to existing residential development, which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is strongly connected to the countryside along its remaining boundaries. The Western boundary consists of Barnston Road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The Northern boundary consists partly of an access road, a tree line and a track which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The Eastern boundary consists of a railway line, which is a durable boundary that could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with some residential development. The parcel is flat with less	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution to the Green Belt. Whilst the parcel has a strong degree of openness and a strong connection to the open countryside and the parcel's boundary with the settlement is less durable, the parcel has predominantly durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain development and prevent encroachment from threatening the overall openness and	Moderate Contribution

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		Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	than 10% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel with some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. It has a strong degree of openness and a strong connection to the open countryside with a mix of durable and less durable boundaries.			permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, it does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.15	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Southern and parts of its Eastern and Western boundaries, of which the majority consist of roads, Barnston Road and Whitfield Lane. These boundaries are durable and could prevent from encroachment into the parcel. The remainder consists of the rear boundaries to existing residential development, which are less durable. The parcel is fairly contained by Settlement Area 7 to the east, south and west. The parcel is connected to the countryside along its remaining two boundaries. The Northern boundary consists of a natural field boundary accompanied by a drainage ditch, which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The remaining part of the Eastern boundary consists of a road, Barnston road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural, with Heswall Primary School and some residential development. The parcel has an undulating topography with less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel. There is some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. Whilst it has a strong degree of openness, it is relatively contained by Settlement Area 7 to the east, south and west and has predominantly durable boundaries with the settlement which could prevent encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment, although it has a strong degree of openness, it is relatively contained by Settlement Area 7 to the east, south and west and has predominantly durable boundaries with the settlement which could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
7.16	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Western boundary, which consists of Pensby Road, part of which consists of TPO woodland, which represents a durable boundary and could prevent from encroachment into the parcel. Parts of the Western boundary also consist of the rear boundaries to existing residential development, which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to and includes part of the washed over village of Barnston along the Eastern boundary. The Northern boundary consists of TPO woodland along a river valley, which represents a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The Eastern boundary consists of Barnston Road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The Southern boundary consists of a drainage ditch, which is a less durable	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment, as although it has a strong degree of openness, it is connected to the washed over village of Barnston to the east and it has predominantly durable boundaries with the settlement which could prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution

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			boundary and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The existing land use is predominantly agriculture land and development associated with the washed over village. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel. There is some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. Although the parcel has a strong degree of openness, it is connected to the washed over village of Barnston to the east and has predominantly durable boundaries with Settlement Area 7 which could prevent encroachment.				
7.17	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Western boundary, which consists partly of Marlfield Lane which is durable and partly of the rear gardens of existing residential development, which represent a less durable boundary, which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The south eastern corner of the parcel is connected to the washed over village of Barnston. The Northern boundary consists of Gills Lane, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The Eastern boundary consists of Barnston Road mostly lined by TPO woodland, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The Southern boundary consists of a TPO woodland along a river valley, which represents a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with some limited residential development. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel. There is some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. Although the parcel has a strong degree of openness, it is adjacent to the washed over village of Barnston to the east and has durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment, as although it has a strong degree of openness, it is adjacent to the washed over village of Barnston to the east and it has durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
7.18	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Western and Northern boundaries, which consist of the rear gardens of existing residential development, which represent a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent from encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is connected to existing residential development in the Green Belt along Woodlands Drive, Dale End Road, and Barnston Road to the east and is therefore fairly contained by existing development. The parcel is connected to the countryside along the remaining parts of its eastern and southern boundaries, which consist of Gills Lane and Barnston Road, which are durable boundaries and could prevent encroachment beyond	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment, as although it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, it is relatively contained by existing residential development within the Green Belt to the east and it has durable boundaries to the east and south which could contain encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in	Weak Contribution

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			the parcel. The existing land use includes a water reservoir, agriculture and some residential development. The parcel is generally flat but rises towards Cross Hill with less than 10% of built form. There are limited long-line views into and out of the parcel. There is some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, it is relatively contained by existing residential development in the Green Belt to the east and has durable boundaries to the east and south which could contain encroachment		moderate contribution to this purpose.	urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.19	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and the urban conurbation whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is only connected to Settlement Area 7 at its north western corner. Part of the Western boundary consists of a road, Barnston Road, which is a durable boundary, and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. Part of the Northern boundary consists of the limits of residential development and the Basset Hound pub, which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent from encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is also connected to existing residential development in the Green Belt at Holmwood Avenue and Holmwood Drive to the south and south east. The remainder of the northern boundary consists of the limits of residential development whilst the remaining Eastern, Southern and Western boundaries consist of Lower Thingwall Lane, Holmwood Drive and Barnston Road, which are durable boundaries and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use consists of a horse paddocks. The parcel is flat with no built form. Long line views are restricted due to some areas of vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, it is connected to existing development in the Green Belt to the south and south east and has predominantly durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment, as although it has a strong degree of openness, it is connected to existing development in the Green Belt to the south and south east and has predominantly durable boundaries which could prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. It makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
7.20	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel form a less essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and the urban conurbation whereby development of the parcel would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns, particularly because	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Western boundary, which consists of a short stretch of Barnston Road and Lower Thingwall Lane, and the rear gardens of existing residential development along Barnston Road. This mix of durable and less durable boundaries may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is strongly connected to the countryside along its remaining three boundaries, which consist of natural field boundaries accompanied with a tree line, which are less durable and may not be able to prevent from encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use consists of a caravan site (Greenways Caravan Storage), Thingwall Garden Centre	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, moderate contribution to one purpose and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution. The parcel has a strong-moderate degree of openness, a strong connection to the countryside and nearly all of its boundaries are less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment. Therefore the parcel makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental	Strong Contribution

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		there is existing development within the parcel. The parcel also forms a less essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and Settlement Area 5 whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	and mixed agriculture uses. The parcel is flat with less than 20% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of parts of the parcel, particularly to the north and east. There are some areas of dense vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, a strong connection to the countryside and nearly all of its boundaries are less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment.		moderate contribution to this purpose.	aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.21	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Strong Contribution: The parcel forms an essential gap between Settlement Area 7 Settlement Area 5, whereby development of the whole of the parcel would result in the actual and perceived merging of the neighbouring towns. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Southern and along a short part of its Western boundaries. Part of Western boundary consists of existing development adjacent to Neilson's Plantation which represents a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment. The Southern boundary consists of Thingwall Road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is strongly connected to the countryside along its remaining three boundaries. The remainder of its Western boundary consists of Neilson's Plantation, the northern boundary consists of Card Plantation and the eastern boundary consists of Arrowse Park Road, all of which are durable and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use predominantly consists of the southern part of Arrowse Country Park, Toby Carvery, the Ivy Farm Grounds Maintenance Depot, The Warren Medical Centre and Arrowse Park Golf Course. The parcel is flat with less than 20% of built form. The parcel is largely enclosed by dense vegetation which restricts any long line views. Therefore, the parcel supports a weak degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses, as it provides access to countryside and opportunities for sport and recreation through publicly accessible pathways, the country park and the golf course. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. It has a weak degree of openness, supports a number of beneficial Green Belt uses but its boundaries are all durable and could prevent encroachment.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution to the Green Belt. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. Although the parcel makes a strong contribution to preventing towns from merging because the parcel is an essential gap between Settlement Areas 5 and 7, whereby development would result in the actual and perceived merging of the neighbouring towns. The parcel has durable boundaries which could contain development and prevent it from threatening the overall openness and permeance of the Green Belt. It makes a moderate contribution to supporting urban regeneration. However the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Moderate Contribution
7.22	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Western, Southern and a small part of its Eastern boundaries. The western boundary consists of rear gardens of properties adjacent to Limbo Lane Plantation which is durable and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate	Moderate Contribution

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		Settlement Area 5, whereby development would reduce the actual gap and the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but it would not result in them merging. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Southern boundary consists of a road, Thingwall Road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent from encroachment into the parcel. The small section of the eastern boundary consists of the rear gardens of residential development which is less durable. The parcel is connected to the countryside to the east and north. The northern boundary consists of Arrowe Brook, which also runs along the western boundary of the parcel, which is a durable boundary. The Eastern boundary consists of Neilson's Plantation and part of Nicholson's Plantation which represents a durable boundary which could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel if it were developed. The existing land use consists of open countryside in agricultural use and mature woodland. The parcel is flat with no built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel and predominantly low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness, all of its boundaries are predominantly durable and could prevent and contain encroachment.	contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness, all of its boundaries are predominantly durable and could prevent and contain encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging as it forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and Settlement Area 5. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.23	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and Settlement Area 5, whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but it would not result in them merging. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Southern boundary. The Southern boundary consists of rear gardens of existing residential development, which is a less durable boundary, and may not be able to prevent from encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its three remaining boundaries. The Western and Northern boundaries consist of Mill Hill Road and Arrowe Brook Lane, which are both durable boundaries and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The Eastern boundary consists of a publicly accessible pathway, Limbo Lane and a drainage ditch, which represents a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent from encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use consists of agricultural uses, some residential development and a cricket ground. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel and predominantly low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses, as it provides access to countryside and opportunities for outdoor sport and recreation. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as it has a strong degree of openness, it supports beneficial Green Belt uses, and has a mix of durable and less durable boundaries.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to one purpose. In line with the methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. Whilst the parcel has a strong degree of openness and it has a less durable boundary with the settlement, the parcel's boundaries with the countryside are predominately durable and could contain development preventing it from threatening the overall openness and permanence of the Green Belt. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging as it forms a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and Settlement Area 5. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Moderate Contribution
7.24	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel forms part of a largely essential gap between Settlement Area 7 and	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Southern boundary. This consists of existing residential development, which is a less durable boundary, and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its three	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to three purposes and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a moderate overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate	Moderate Contribution

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		Settlement Area 5, whereby development would reduce the actual and perceived gap between the neighbouring towns but it would not result in them merging. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to preventing towns from merging.	remaining boundaries although adjoins existing residential development in the Green Belt to the north west. The Eastern and Northern boundaries consist of Sandy Lane North and Mill Hill Road, which are durable boundaries and could prevent from encroachment beyond the parcel. The western boundary comprises an unmade track/footpath, Sandy Lane, which is less durable. The existing land use consists of agriculture, a TPO woodland and the National Trust open space at Irby Common. The parcel is flat with less than 10% of built form. There are limited views into and out of the parcel because of some substantial vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong-moderate degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses, as it provides access to countryside and public recreation. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong-moderate degree of openness it has predominantly durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain encroachment.	contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong-moderate degree of openness, it has predominantly durable boundaries with the countryside which could contain encroachment. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration and from preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.25	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 7, whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns along the western boundary because of the dense woodland at Thurstaston Common. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Eastern boundary, which consists of a road, Sandy Lane, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. Part of the Southern, Western and Northern boundaries consist of the edge of dense woodland forming Thurstaston Common SSSI and Local Nature Reserve which represents a durable boundary however the southern boundary is defined by a path which is less durable and the north western boundary cuts through the public woodland outside the SSSI and is less durable and would not be able to prevent encroachment. The south eastern boundary consists of a road, Thurstaston Road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use in the south east of the parcel consists of a school, private woodland and some residential development. The parcel is flat with 20 – 30 % of built form. There no long-line views into or out of the parcel and there is heavy vegetation due to the surrounding woodland. Therefore, the parcel supports no degree of openness. The parcel supports a beneficial Green Belt use by providing access to countryside. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has no degree of openness, it has some less durable boundaries and is predominantly enclosed by existing woodland.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has no degree of openness, it has some less durable boundaries and is predominantly enclosed by existing woodland. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
7.26	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms a less essential gap between Settlement Area 6 and Settlement Area 7, whereby development would reduce the actual	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along a large part of its Eastern and south eastern boundaries. These consist partly of roads, Irby Road and Thurstaston Road, which are durable boundaries and could prevent from encroachment into the parcel. The remaining parts of the Eastern boundary and South eastern boundary consist of the rear gardens of existing residential development,	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree	Weak Contribution

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		gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. Overall, the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.	which are less durable boundaries and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is well connected to the countryside along its northern and Western boundaries, which consist of roads, Thurstaston Road and Telegraph Road, which are durable boundaries and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The parcel is connected to the washed over village of Thurstaston to the west. The existing land use consists of a secondary school, with public sports pitches, a cemetery, woodland and agriculture. The parcel forms part of a ridge line with gentle undulation and less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views into and out of the parcel and there is heavy vegetation only to the North. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports beneficial Green Belt uses, as it provides opportunities for sport and recreation and access to the countryside through a public footpath between Irby and Thurstaston. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness it has durable boundaries with the countryside which could prevent encroachment.	setting and special character of historic towns.	the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	of openness, it has durable boundaries with the countryside which could prevent encroachment. The parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	
7.27	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	No contribution: The parcel does not contribute to preventing towns from merging.	Moderate Contribution: The parcel is nearly completely enclosed by Settlement Area 7 being connected to it along the majority of its four boundaries. The Western, southern and Eastern boundaries, consist of rear gardens of existing residential developments, which is a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The Northern boundary consists of a road, Thingwall Road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel has a very limited connection to the countryside along a small part of its western boundary which consists of Irby Road, which is a durable boundary and could contain encroachment. The existing land use predominantly consists of agricultural and equestrian uses with some residential ribbon development to the north, along Thingwall Road and to the west, at Woodlands Road and publicly accessible National Trust woodland at Harrock Wood. The parcel is flat with less than 10 % of built form. There are some long-line views across the parcel with predominantly low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. Overall, the parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. Whilst it has a strong degree of openness, it is nearly completely enclosed by Settlement Area 7 and has a very limited connection to the wider countryside.	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.	The parcel makes a moderate contribution to two purposes and no contribution to three purposes. In line with the methodology, the parcel has been judged to make a weak overall contribution. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to safeguarding from encroachment as although it has a strong degree of openness, it is nearly completely enclosed by Settlement Area 7 and has a very limited connection to the countryside. The parcel makes a moderate contribution to assisting in urban regeneration. However, the parcel does not contribute to preserving the character of a historic town, prevent towns from merging or checking sprawl of large built up areas.	Weak Contribution
7.28	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to the large built up area and therefore does not contribute to this purpose.	Weak contribution: The parcel forms part of a less essential gap between Settlement	Strong Contribution: The parcel is connected to Settlement Area 7 along its Southern boundary, which consists of a road, Oldfield Drive and the rear gardens of existing residential development, a mix of durable and less durable boundaries,	No contribution: The parcel is not adjacent to a historic town and	Moderate contribution: All Green Belt land can be considered to support urban regeneration of	The parcel makes a strong contribution to one purpose, a moderate contribution to one purpose, a weak contribution to one purpose, and no contribution to two purposes. In line with the	Strong Contribution

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		<p>Area 7 and Settlement Area 6 whereby development would reduce the actual gap but not the perceived gap between the neighbouring towns. Furthermore, the gap is already narrower to the north of the parcel. Overall the parcel makes a weak contribution to preventing towns from merging.</p>	<p>which may not be able to prevent encroachment into the parcel. The parcel is strongly connected to the countryside along its three remaining boundaries. The Western boundary consists of the Wirral Way and Wirral Circular Trail, which is a durable boundary and would prevent encroachment into the parcel. The Northern boundary consists of natural field boundaries accompanied by a small section of TPO woodland which is also a SSSI and a public footpath. This is predominantly a less durable boundary and may not be able to prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The eastern boundary consists of a road, Telegraph Road, which is a durable boundary and could prevent encroachment beyond the parcel. The existing land use is predominantly agricultural with some limited residential development. The parcel is generally flat but slopes down from Telegraph Road towards the Dee coastline and has less than 10% of built form. There are long-line views into and across the parcel and there is some low vegetation. Therefore, the parcel supports a strong degree of openness. The parcel supports a beneficial Green Belt use in providing access to the countryside through a public footpath between Thurstaston and Heswall. Overall, the parcel makes a strong contribution to safeguarding from encroachment. It has a strong degree of openness, it supports a beneficial Green Belt use, and has a strong connection to the countryside with some less durable boundaries with both the settlement and the countryside.</p>	<p>therefore does not contribute to preserving the setting and special character of historic towns.</p>	<p>settlements within Wirral and it is not appropriate to state that some parts of the Green Belt perform this to a stronger or weaker degree. Therefore, all parcels make a moderate contribution to this purpose.</p>	<p>methodology, professional judgement has been applied to evaluate the overall contribution. The parcel has been judged to make a strong overall contribution. The parcel has a strong degree of openness, supports a beneficial Green Belt use, it has a strong connection to the wider countryside and some less durable boundaries with both the settlement and the countryside therefore it has a strong role in preventing encroachment into the open countryside. Therefore the parcel makes a strong contribution to fulfilling the fundamental aim of the Green Belt under paragraph 133 of the NPPF in protecting the openness and permanence of the Green Belt.</p>	