

## **DRAFT Bagworth Thornton and Stanton 7 – Off Thornton Lane extension, Stanton (SHELAA Ref LPR61)**

### **1. Overview**

A Sustainable Site Assessment (SSA) is a comparison of development supply options to be used for Neighbourhood Plan (NP) making purposes. The level of detail provided is appropriate for this purpose and is proportionate to the requirement of meeting the Basic Conditions. A SSA is not a substitute for detailed professional assessments of site viability and other legal or regulatory matters that will require approval as a part of testing a residential planning application. An SSA is a community led process and does not contain detailed professional site investigations and this SSA report should be read and understood in this context.

Through undertaking an SSA process the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee is identifying the least environmentally damaging and therefore the most sustainable locations for potential development. The approach uses publicly available data including from the local authority Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), Natural England, the Environment Agency, Rowmaps and Googlemaps etc. A site visit has been undertaken to determine the locational context but the site itself has not been accessed in detail during the preparation of this report.

Locally important factors have been considered and it is recommended that the wider community comment on the draft result of the SSA process to help support a final ranking of the potential sites. Whilst a SSA is only a part of any potential development site selection, it is a best practice tool to rank potential sites in a NP and in particular it will help to confirm if a site is developable. The methodology is accepted by developers, land owners, Local Authorities and Planning Inspectors as being robust and proportionate for this task. Each SSA report is fully compliant with the National Planning Policy Frameworks (2012 and 2018) advice and guidance. All distances to key amenities are as the crow flies from the centre of the site for consistency.

Working in partnership with landowners and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council (HBBC) will enable a positive SSA process that meets the targets and requirements in HBBC's Local Plan.

### **2. Site Selection Criteria**

A scoring system for the residential sites based on a traffic light (Red, Amber or Green - RAG) score is used. Twenty six indicators are evaluated and the sites are numerically scored and ranked. This process assists with providing an overall picture of the viability of the sites in the parish. A high green score may indicate the most sustainable site in the SSA process and provides an indication of how viable a site is. However, it is important to note that there may be other factors which result in that site not being appropriate. Accordingly, this SSA process cannot be solely used in determining the selection of allocated sites.

- Red is scored for a negative assessment where significant mitigation is required;
- Amber is scored where there are negative elements to the site and costly/disruptive mitigation measures will be required;
- Green is scored for a generally positive assessment.

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

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<b>Site - Details</b>	
<b>Site summary :</b>	<b>HBBC SHELAA Ref LPR61. Non developable as outside of the current settlement boundary.</b>
<b>Site name and address:</b>	Off Thornton Lane, Stanton.

<b>Site – Sustainability criteria relating to Location, Surroundings &amp; Constraints</b>		<b>RAG Rating</b>
<b>1. Site area and capacity:</b>	About 2.2HA – Approximately 42 units (3 bed dwellings).	Red
<b>2. Current Use:</b>	The site is a large arable field this important existing use will need to be relocated.	Amber
<b>3. Adjoining Uses:</b>	The site is fully removed from the current built form and is adjacent to a working farm.	Red
<b>4. Topography:</b>	A gently sloping site that can be easily remediated.	Amber
<b>5. Ridge and furrow:</b>	Moderate and faint ridge and furrow (two areas). Inventory score 3.	Amber
<b>6. Greenfield or Previously Developed Land?</b>	Greenfield.	Red
<b>7. Site availability - Single ownership or multiple ownership?</b>	Single ownership.	Green
<b>8. Landscape &amp; Visual Impact (LVIA) considerations.</b>	The site has a very open aspect with some long distance panoramic views, the location feels very rural in character and development would cause substantial harm to the quality and amenity of the open countryside.	Red
<b>9. Important Trees, Woodlands &amp; Hedgerows?</b>	The site is bounded on three sides by substantial hedgerow with interspersed trees. Development could cause the potential destruction of trees and/or hedgerow which should be protected and mitigated through a sensitive design solution.	Amber

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<b>10. Relationship with existing pattern of built development?</b>	The site is fully removed from the current built form and has no relationship to it, the elevation of the site means that it has a prominent visibility and this will be very difficult to ameliorate.	Red
<b>11. Local biodiversity score.</b>	Inventory site 232. Grass Paddock, 5 Hedgerow Species. Score 2 – parish level biodiversity	Green
<b>12. Listed Building or important heritage assets and their setting?</b>	Inventory site 232. Faint Ridge & Furrow, Earthworks, history score 2.	Amber
<b>13. Safe pedestrian access to and from the site?</b>	No existing provision and appears very complex and costly, requiring third party landowner support to provide connectivity to the village itself.	Red
<b>14. Impact on existing vehicular traffic?</b>	A large scale negative impact on the village centre due to the large number of units involved.	Red
<b>15. Safe vehicular access to and from the site?</b>	An agricultural access is found in to the site, an adequate visibility splay and access dimensions appear to be possible with the support of the Highways Authority and the destruction of hedging, early dialogue is advised.	Amber
<b>16. Safe access to public transport (specifically a bus stop with current service).</b>	The nearest bus stop is approximately a direct 160m from the centre of the site.	Amber
<b>17. Distance to designated village centre :</b> <b>Stanton – Primary school:</b>	Approximately 420m from the geographical centre of the site.	Red
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<b>19. Current existing informal/formal recreational opportunities on site?</b>	None found.	Green
<b>20. Historical significance or archaeological remains visible or recorded:</b>	The Historic England website does not record any significant finds, the Leicestershire County historical record site requires a payment of £150 to provide the detailed local information.	Green

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<b>21. Any existing public rights of ways/bridle paths?</b>	Yes, a long distance public footpath is located along the Eastern boundary of the site and the setting of this will be undermined by development.	Amber
<b>22. Gas, oil, pipelines and networks &amp; electricity transmission network? (not sewage/water):</b>	A utility cable is found within the site, this could be easily re-routed.	Amber
<b>23. Any nuisance issues (noise, light, odour)?</b>	No major issues identified.	Green
<b>24. Any contamination issues?</b>	None found on the site.	Green
<b>25. Any known flooding issues?</b>	The whole of the site is located within flood zone 1 and due to its elevation flooding is not considered a concern. In addition HBBC will require this number of units to be provided with a full SUDS solution.	Green
<b>26. Any drainage issues?</b>	As a brook is present along the Eastern boundary of the site, pooling is an issue.	Amber
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<b>Red - 9</b> <b>Amber - 10</b> <b>Green - 7</b>	<b>A RED SCORING SITE OF NEGATIVE 2.</b>