



Rushcliffe Green Belt Review Part 2 (b) – Additional Sites (Draft for consultation)

Rushcliffe
Borough Council

Response Form

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1. Green Belt Review Part 2 (b): Additional sites review

Do you agree or disagree with the review of the additional Green Belt sites around Rushcliffe's Key Settlements and other villages against the purposes for including land within the Green Belt? If you disagree, state why the assessment is incorrect and provide your Green Belt score and conclusions on Green Belt importance. Your comment should focus on the land's performance against Green Belt purposes.

Scoring System

The East Bridgford Parish Council (EBPC) accepts that it is necessary to try and establish a system which allows sites' importance within the Green Belt to be assessed against agreed criteria.

In general, the criteria are appropriate but sites in very rural communities may need further recognition of a wider range of fundamental issues, for example the quality of farmland or examples of historical farming developments, such as ridge and furrow.

EBPC feels that the overall descriptors of the score ranges, ie Low, Low/Medium, Medium/High and High are not helpful. A better concept would have been to refer to a spectrum.

However, if these words are needed at all, they should be restricted to Low, Medium and High only. The ranges suggested could be Low 7-10, with Medium 11-15, and High 16-20+, since a rural community site would be comparatively unlikely to score greater than 20 with the criteria defined as they are.

Sites around East Bridgford

It is disappointing that the sites selected for consideration are those on which the owners have indicated that they wish to seek planning permission for development. This leads to a random approach which is unlikely to lead to the best outcomes. A planning-based approach, for example identifying a specific site or sites which might match local and regional needs eg a development of affordable, integrated housing shielded by a tree belt etc might have been preferable.

Subject to comments which are made by EBPC in the Further Options Response Form, it is agreed that the scores of the sites around East Bridgford reflect the criteria used to produce them. However, EBPC suggests that the descriptors should be as follows (using the revised descriptor range suggested above).

Reference(s)	Score	New descriptor
EBR 1, 2 (EAS 7, SHLAA 87-89))	17	High
EBR3 (EAS1,SHLAA 701,703)	17	High
EBR4 (EAS2, SHLAA 702)	16	High
EBR5 (EAS3, SHLAA 90)	13	Medium
EBR6, 7 (EAS4, SHLAA 540,580)	13	Medium
EBR8 (EAS5, SHLAA 378)	13	Medium
EBR9 (EAS6, SHLAA 379)	15	Medium

(please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

2. Please provide any others comments you wish to make

None

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Please return by **5pm 31 March 2017**

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