

The following information has been provided subsequent to Hearing Session 8 of the Coventry Local Plan Examination. It relates to discussions held at that session around the 2015 Joint Green Belt review and as such responds to Point 8.2 of the Councils Examination Action Points.

At the examination it was argued by Allesley Green Residents Association (in relation to the assessment of parcels in the 2015 Joint Green Belt Review (most notably parcel c25)) that:

- a) Parcel c25 (Eastern Green) has been measured to the nearest settlement from the eastern edge of the parcel and not the mid-point like other parcels hence extending the separation distance and diluting the scoring;
- b) That the assessment of historic character in part 4 of the assessment has failed to consider the listed buildings at the Windmill Hotel (again situated within parcel c25); and
- c) That parcel c25 should have been subdivided into smaller parcels to reflect land ownership. This would have ensured it was consistent with all other parcels as c25 is the only parcel in multiple ownership.

In response to these concerns, the City Council have engaged with LUC (the consultants who undertook the 2015 Joint Green Belt Review). LUC have provided a separate statement in response to concerns a) and b) and this should be read alongside this information provided by the Council.

The Table below is (in part at least) a factual reflection of the Joint Green Belt Review assessment pages and responds to parts a) and c) of the issues outlined above. As such it highlights the commentary which relates to part 2 of the relevant assessments. In addition it utilises information known to the Council about land ownership to highlight that the vast majority of parcels are in fact in multiple ownership. This has regard to a range of SHLAA site suggestion forms and the Council's own land ownership data.

Parcel	Score	Parcel in Multiple Ownership?	Comments in 2015 JGBR relating to separation distances
AL1	12	Yes	measured through centre of parcel - 1.8km to Keresley
AL2	13	Yes	measured across Parcel
AL3	17	Yes	measured across Parcel
AL4	13	Yes	Measurement not explicit if edge or mid-point but distance to Meriden is recorded as 4.5km to the east suggesting measurement from the edge of urban area
AL5	11	Yes	through centre point - 4.5km to Fillongley
C1	10	Yes	no separating role
C3	14	Yes	narrowest distance between urban edges is 150m
C4	7	Yes	no separating role
C11	7	Yes	no separating role
C12	11	Yes	no separating role
C14	15	Yes	Stoneleigh is 2.1km away from the urban edge of Stoneleigh Road

C15	10	Yes	measured form the southern point of the parcel (so urban edge and narrowest point) - Stoneleigh is 2.5km away
C17	10	Yes	no separating role
C18	10	Parcel believed to be in single ownership	no separating role
C20	13	Yes	Measured along the eastern edge of the parcel , Kenilworth is 1.8km to the south of Coventry
C21	8	Yes	no separating role
C22	13	Yes	gap through the centre of the parcel is 2.2km to Berkeswell
C23	7	Parcel believed to be in single ownership	no separating role
C24	12	Yes	3.2 km between Meriden and the edge of Coventry
C25	11	Yes	1.6km between Pickford Green and the edge of Coventry
C26	12	Parcel believed to be in single ownership	400m between Coventry and Allesley
C27	14	Yes	550m between Coventry and Allesley
C28	14	Yes	just less than 1km between Coventry and Allesley
C29	14	Yes	just less than 1km between Coventry and Allesley at narrowest point
KY1	14	Yes	Gap is less than 100m at narrowest point between Keresley and Keresley Newlands
KY2	14	Yes	Gap along eastern edge of Bennetts Road is less than 600m
NG3	14	Yes	Gap is less than 100m at narrowest point
BG3	12	Yes	distance of 1.7km between the westernmost point of Burton Green (which is connected to Coventry) and Balsall Common to the west

NB: Parcels C14, C20, NG3 and BG3 sit within the assessments for neighbouring areas but do overlap with Coventry Green Belt hence their inclusion in the table above.

In conclusion we would clarify that all parcels have (where appropriate) been measured from the edge of the urban area **through the centre or edge of the parcel** to the next settlement (having regard to the narrowest point). It would appear that in no circumstances have measurements been taken **from the centre of the parcel**.

We would also highlight that to the best of our knowledge and having regard to the information available to us only 3 of the 28 parcels that are within or overlap the Coventry administrative boundary are in single ownership. This means 89% of parcels (relevant to Coventry at least) cover multiple ownerships.

With regards part 4 of the assessment (and in response to issue b) identified above) we would continue to highlight the methodology set out within the Joint Green Belt Review (most notably part 4 of table 3.2). This makes no reference to listed or locally listed buildings having an influence on Green Belt policy or the assessment process.

As such we would confirm that in our view no parcels have been under scored or had their scoring process diluted.