

Site Review Method for WGPN

All available sites were initially visited in November 2012, and assessed against a consistent range of criteria. During the course of the Neighbourhood Plan process, professional advice was sought to review the criteria for consistency with planning requirements. During 2014 the site reviews were updated and renumbered as changes occurred to the sites available and to reflect additional professional input from consultants and Chichester District Council.

Description	Describe site and surrounding features
Sustainability Criteria	Comment
Access & Provision of services	Describe access to road. Is the access safe? Is the access appropriate? Does the site fall within the 5 minute walking isochrones? Could residents walk safely to village centre? Distance safe walking to village centre?
Transport & travel	Will the site increase use of car for village journeys? Will development of site provide a benefit to travel? Will the site create increased traffic through the narrow village lanes and village centre crossroads which has limited visibility and a history of accidents?
Village Character	Can the site be developed to be in keeping with the village character? Can the site incorporate green spaces? Will the site impact enhance or detract on the immediate environment? Would development be in keeping with/sympathetic to conservation area? Would development of the site bring a benefit to the village?
Best use of land	Describe current/previous use. Would the developing the site be best use of the land? Is there history or potential for contamination? Site availability and potential capacity if developed?
Landscape & heritage	What is the visual impact if the site is developed? Will site impact on neighbouring properties? Will site preserve existing views? Will site affect strategic gaps between village centre and radial road strip developments? Will we gain some green space? Is there any impact to footpaths?
Biodiversity	What are the surrounding environmental features? Will development threaten wildlife? Could this be mitigated?
Flooding , drainage & water sources	Does the site slope? Will development of the site increase flood risk? Will site affect capacity of drainage?
Employment and Economy	Would the development influence local employment?
Energy and Climate change	Does the site have unique attributes/issues relating to energy?
Mitigation	What ideas could mitigate identified issues? Could the site be partially developed? Could the site be developed in conjunction with a neighbouring site?

Traffic Light symbols were added to criteria where comments were of significance.	
Use of RED traffic lights	Used where there is a significant issue where effective mitigation is unlikely or not possible. Example could be where site is very remote from the village centre and even if safe pavement access can be obtained the distance would remain a sustainability issue.
Use of AMBER traffic lights	Used where there is a significant issue. Some issues may have opportunity identified for mitigation to reduce impact. Example could be where there is some impact to character of village which could be reduced by partial use and retention of public green space.
Use of GREEN traffic lights	Used where there is a potential for a benefit to the village. Example could be where development of the site could attract a gain of a useful asset for the village as a whole.