

**Report on  
Site Selection**



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Residential Sites for Stage 2 Assessment in High Ongar

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**Legend**

- Stage 2 Sites
- Parish Boundary



# Site Suitability Assessment

**Site Reference:** SR-0054i  
**Parish:** High Ongar  
**Settlement:**  
**Size (ha):** 1.37  
**Address:** Land Surrounding High Ongar, High Ongar, Essex

**Primary use:** Housing  
**SLAA notes:** Four parcels of land around High Ongar. Assessed as a whole. Agricultural fields.

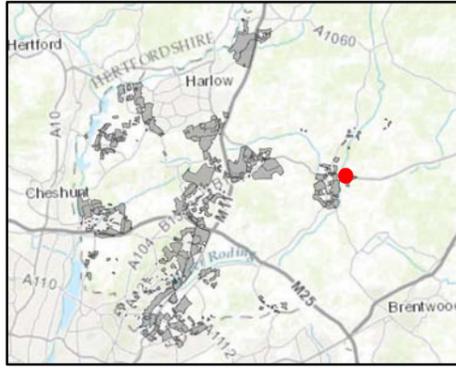
**SLAA yield:** 370 dwellings  
**SLAA source for baseline yield:** Assumption based on 30 dph

**SLAA site constraints:** Flood Risk reducing developable by circa 1/3.

**Site selection adjustment:** Assumption based on 20 dph. This portion of split site not subject to flood constraint.

**Community feedback:** The Council did not consult on a growth location which covers or is near to this site.

**Dwellings:** 41



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Criteria	Score	Qualitative Assessment
1.1 Impact on Internationally Protected Sites	0	Effects of allocating the site for the proposed use do not undermine conservation objectives (alone or in combination with other sites).
1.2 Impact on Nationally Protected sites	0	Based on the Impact Risk Zones there is no requirement to consult Natural England because the proposed development is unlikely to pose a risk to SSSI's.
1.3a Impact on Ancient Woodland	0	Site is not located within or adjacent to Ancient Woodland.
1.3b Impact on Ancient/Veteran Trees outside of Ancient Woodland	0	No Ancient or Veteran trees are located within the site.
1.4 Impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land	0	Site is unlikely to impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land.
1.5 Impact on BAP Priority Species or Habitats	0	No effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of BAP priority habitats from site.
1.6 Impact on Local Wildlife Sites	0	Site has no effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of local wildlife sites from site.
1.7 Flood risk	(++)	Site within Flood Zone 1.
1.8a Impact on heritage assets	(--)	Site would result in loss of a heritage asset or significant impact that cannot be mitigated.
1.8b Impact on archaeology	(-)	Existing evidence and/or a lack of previous disturbance indicates a high likelihood for the discovery of high quality archaeological assets on the site.
1.9 Impact of air quality	(-)	Site lies within an area which has been identified as being at risk of poor air quality, but it is likely that the risk could be mitigated or reduced.
2.1 Level of harm to Green Belt	(--)	Site is within Green Belt, where the level of harm caused by release of the land for development would be high or very high.
3.1 Distance to the nearest rail/tube station	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest rail or tube station.
3.2 Distance to nearest bus stop	(+)	Site is within 400m of a bus stop.
3.3 Distance to employment locations	(+)	Site is within 1600m of an employment site/location.
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from nearest town, large village or small village.
3.5 Distance to nearest infant/primary school	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from the nearest infant/primary school.
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest secondary school.
3.7 Distance to nearest GP surgery	0	Site is between 1000m and 4000m from the nearest GP surgery.
3.8 Access to Strategic Road Network		Not applicable.
4.1 Brownfield and Greenfield Land	(-)	Majority of the site is greenfield land adjacent to a settlement.
4.2 Impact on agricultural land	(--)	Development would involve the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1-3).
4.3 Capacity to improve access to open space	0	Development unlikely to involve the loss of public open space.
5.1 Landscape sensitivity	(--)	The site falls within an area of high landscape sensitivity - vulnerable to change and unable to absorb development without significant character change.
5.2 Settlement character sensitivity	0	Development is unlikely to have an effect on settlement character.
6.1 Topography constraints	0	No topography constraints are identified in the site.
6.2a Distance to gas and oil pipelines	0	Gas or oil pipelines do not pose any constraint to the site.
6.2b Distance to power lines	0	Power lines do not pose a constraint to the site.
6.3 Impact on Tree Preservation Order (TPO)	0	The intensity of site development would not be constrained by the presence of protected trees either on or adjacent to the site.
6.4 Access to site	(+)	Suitable access to site already exists.
6.5 Contamination constraints	0	No contamination issues identified on site to date.
6.6 Traffic impact	0	Area around the site expected to be uncongested at peak time, or site below the site size threshold where it would be expected to affect congestion.

The site is partially within a Deciduous Woodland buffer zone. The site may indirectly affect the BAP priority habitat. There may be effects from this impact but mitigation can be implemented to address this.

Parts of the site are close to the A414 and therefore mitigation measures are likely to be required.

100% greenfield site, adjacent to an existing settlement (High Ongar).

Key characteristics of the adjacent landscape sensitivity zone assessed as highly sensitive extend to the whole of this site. Development would be likely to adversely affect the wider landscape character.

Site comprises narrow strip of land between village and A414, and to the rear of churchyard of the Grade I listed church. Site is tightly bounded, and the new development would not be visually obtrusive from within the village.

# Site Suitability Assessment

**Site Reference:** SR-0054ii  
**Parish:** High Ongar  
**Settlement:**  
**Size (ha):** 4.56  
**Address:** Land Surrounding High Ongar, High Ongar, Essex

**Primary use:** Housing  
**SLAA notes:** Four parcels of land around High Ongar. Assessed as a whole. Agricultural fields.

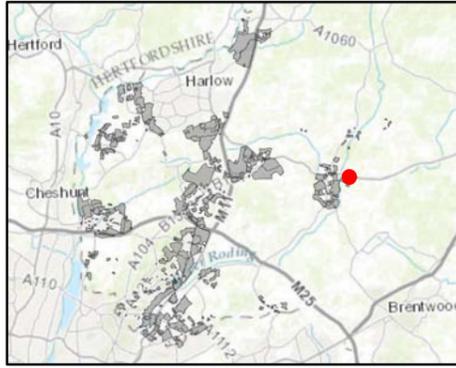
**SLAA yield:** 370 dwellings  
**SLAA source for baseline yield:** Assumption based on 30 dph

**SLAA site constraints:** Flood Risk reducing developable by circa 1/3.

**Site selection adjustment:** Assumption based on 30 dph. Capacity reduced by 50% due to flood risk.

**Community feedback:** The Council did not consult on a growth location which covers or is near to this site.

**Dwellings:** 68



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Criteria	Score	Qualitative Assessment
1.1 Impact on Internationally Protected Sites	0	Effects of allocating the site for the proposed use do not undermine conservation objectives (alone or in combination with other sites).
1.2 Impact on Nationally Protected sites	0	Based on the Impact Risk Zones there is no requirement to consult Natural England because the proposed development is unlikely to pose a risk to SSSI's.
1.3a Impact on Ancient Woodland	0	Site is not located within or adjacent to Ancient Woodland.
1.3b Impact on Ancient/Veteran Trees outside of Ancient Woodland	0	No Ancient or Veteran trees are located within the site.
1.4 Impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land	0	Site is unlikely to impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land.
1.5 Impact on BAP Priority Species or Habitats	0	No effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of BAP priority habitats from site.
1.6 Impact on Local Wildlife Sites	0	Site has no effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of local wildlife sites from site.
1.7 Flood risk	(-)	Site within Flood Zone 3a where exception test required. Some 50% of the site is in Flood Zone 2 of which 45% is in Flood Zone 3a. The location of the higher risk Flood Zones covers the eastern half of the site. The western portion of the site could be developed.
1.8a Impact on heritage assets	0	Proposed site located within the setting of a heritage asset and effects can be mitigated.
1.8b Impact on archaeology	(-)	Existing evidence and/or a lack of previous disturbance indicates a high likelihood for the discovery of high quality archaeological assets on the site.
1.9 Impact of air quality	(-)	Site lies within an area which has been identified as being at risk of poor air quality, but it is likely that the risk could be mitigated or reduced. Parts of the site are close to the A414 and therefore mitigation measures are likely to be required.
2.1 Level of harm to Green Belt	(-)	Site is within Green Belt, where the level of harm caused by release of the land for development would be very low, low or medium. The northern part of the site falls within a high sensitivity Green Belt parcel, though if it was released it would have limited impact upon the setting of the historic Stony Park area of Chipping Ongar due to its physical detachment from the settlement.
3.1 Distance to the nearest rail/tube station	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest rail or tube station.
3.2 Distance to nearest bus stop	(+)	Site is within 400m of a bus stop.
3.3 Distance to employment locations	(+)	Site is within 1600m of an employment site/location.
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from nearest town, large village or small village.
3.5 Distance to nearest infant/primary school	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from the nearest infant/primary school.
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest secondary school.
3.7 Distance to nearest GP surgery	0	Site is between 1000m and 4000m from the nearest GP surgery.
3.8 Access to Strategic Road Network		Not applicable.
4.1 Brownfield and Greenfield Land	(-)	Majority of the site is greenfield land adjacent to a settlement. 100% greenfield site, adjacent to an existing settlement (High Ongar).
4.2 Impact on agricultural land	(--)	Development would involve the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1-3).
4.3 Capacity to improve access to open space	0	Development unlikely to involve the loss of public open space. No public open space is located in the site area. Development will not involve the loss of public open space.
5.1 Landscape sensitivity	0	The site falls within an area of low landscape sensitivity - characteristics of the landscape are able to accommodate development without significant character change.
5.2 Settlement character sensitivity	(-)	Development could detract from the existing settlement character. Site is located between existing settlement and the river, and could impact views to / from Nash Hall and the village. This could be mitigated through lower density, design and layout.
6.1 Topography constraints	(-)	Topographical constraints exist in the site but potential for mitigation.
6.2a Distance to gas and oil pipelines	0	Gas or oil pipelines do not pose any constraint to the site.
6.2b Distance to power lines	0	Power lines do not pose a constraint to the site.
6.3 Impact on Tree Preservation Order (TPO)	0	The intensity of site development would not be constrained by the presence of protected trees either on or adjacent to the site.
6.4 Access to site	(+)	Suitable access to site already exists. Access from Chelmsford Road and The Street.
6.5 Contamination constraints	0	No contamination issues identified on site to date. No potential contamination identified.
6.6 Traffic impact	0	Area around the site expected to be uncongested at peak time, or site below the site size threshold where it would be expected to affect congestion.

# Site Suitability Assessment

**Site Reference:** SR-0054iii  
**Parish:** High Ongar  
**Settlement:**  
**Size (ha):** 6.61  
**Address:** Land Surrounding High Ongar, High Ongar, Essex

**Primary use:** Housing  
**SLAA notes:** Four parcels of land around High Ongar. Assessed as a whole. Agricultural fields.

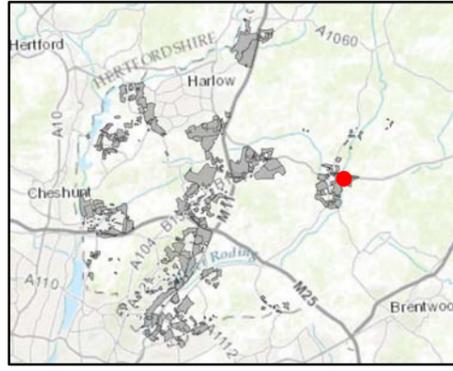
**SLAA yield:** 370 dwellings  
**SLAA source for baseline yield:** Assumption based on 30 dph

**SLAA site constraints:** Flood Risk reducing developable by circa 1/3.

**Site selection adjustment:** Assumption based on 30 dph. Capacity reduced by 20% due to flood risk.

**Community feedback:** The Council did not consult on a growth location which covers or is near to this site.

**Dwellings:** 159



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1.1 Impact on Internationally Protected Sites	0	Effects of allocating the site for the proposed use do not undermine conservation objectives (alone or in combination with other sites).	
1.2 Impact on Nationally Protected sites	0	Based on the Impact Risk Zones there is no requirement to consult Natural England because the proposed development is unlikely to pose a risk to SSSI's.	
1.3a Impact on Ancient Woodland	0	Site is not located within or adjacent to Ancient Woodland.	
1.3b Impact on Ancient/Veteran Trees outside of Ancient Woodland	0	No Ancient or Veteran trees are located within the site.	
1.4 Impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land	0	Site is unlikely to impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land.	
1.5 Impact on BAP Priority Species or Habitats	0	No effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of BAP priority habitats from site.	The site is partially within a Deciduous Woodland and BAP priority habitat with no main feature buffer zone. The site may indirectly affect the BAP priority habitat, but mitigation can be implemented to address this.
1.6 Impact on Local Wildlife Sites	0	Site has no effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of local wildlife sites from site.	The site is within the 250m buffer for the Clatterford End Plantation. The site is unlikely to affect the features and species of the LWS.
1.7 Flood risk	(-)	Site within Flood Zone 3a where exception test required.	Some 28% of the site is in Flood Zone 2 of which 26% and 10% are in Flood Zones 3a and 3b respectively. Flood Zones 2, 3a and 3b are located along the western site boundary and flood risk can be mitigated through site layout.
1.8a Impact on heritage assets	0	Proposed site located within the setting of a heritage asset and effects can be mitigated.	
1.8b Impact on archaeology	(-)	Existing evidence and/or a lack of previous disturbance indicates a high likelihood for the discovery of high quality archaeological assets on the site.	
1.9 Impact of air quality	0	Site lies outside of areas identified as being at risk of poor air quality.	
2.1 Level of harm to Green Belt	(--)	Site is within Green Belt, where the level of harm caused by release of the land for development would be high or very high.	
3.1 Distance to the nearest rail/tube station	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest rail or tube station.	
3.2 Distance to nearest bus stop	0	Site between 400m and 1000m of a bus stop.	
3.3 Distance to employment locations	(+)	Site is within 1600m of an employment site/location.	
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from nearest town, large village or small village.	
3.5 Distance to nearest infant/primary school	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from the nearest infant/primary school.	
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest secondary school.	
3.7 Distance to nearest GP surgery	0	Site is between 1000m and 4000m from the nearest GP surgery.	
3.8 Access to Strategic Road Network		Not applicable.	
4.1 Brownfield and Greenfield Land	(-)	Majority of the site is greenfield land adjacent to a settlement.	100% greenfield site, adjacent to an existing settlement (High Ongar).
4.2 Impact on agricultural land	(--)	Development would involve the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1-3).	
4.3 Capacity to improve access to open space	0	Development unlikely to involve the loss of public open space.	No public open space is located in the site area. Development will not involve the loss of public open space.
5.1 Landscape sensitivity	(--)	The site falls within an area of high landscape sensitivity - vulnerable to change and unable to absorb development without significant character change.	Key characteristics of the adjacent landscape sensitivity zone assessed as highly sensitive extend to the whole of this site. Development would be likely to adversely affect the wider landscape character.
5.2 Settlement character sensitivity	(-)	Development could detract from the existing settlement character.	Site comprises part of Roding River Valley and part of site is adjacent to Conservation Area. The proposed development has the potential to impact the settlement character.
6.1 Topography constraints	(-)	Topographical constraints exist in the site but potential for mitigation.	
6.2a Distance to gas and oil pipelines	0	Gas or oil pipelines do not pose any constraint to the site.	
6.2b Distance to power lines	0	Power lines do not pose a constraint to the site.	
6.3 Impact on Tree Preservation Order (TPO)	0	The intensity of site development would not be constrained by the presence of protected trees either on or adjacent to the site.	
6.4 Access to site	(+)	Suitable access to site already exists.	Access from The Street (overall access very limited).
6.5 Contamination constraints	0	No contamination issues identified on site to date.	No potential contamination identified.
6.6 Traffic impact	0	Area around the site expected to be uncongested at peak time, or site below the site size threshold where it would be expected to affect congestion.	

# Site Suitability Assessment

**Site Reference:** SR-0181  
**Parish:** High Ongar  
**Settlement:**  
**Size (ha):** 0.32  
**Address:** Mill Lane, High Ongar, CM5 9RQ

**Primary use:** Housing  
**SLAA notes:** Vacant scrub land

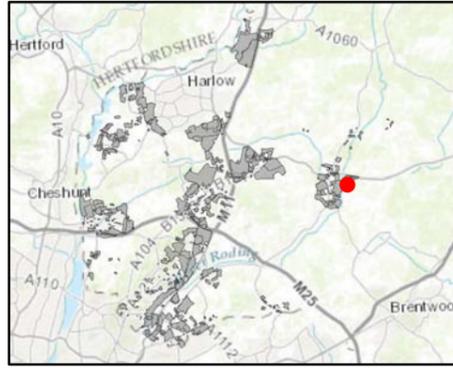
**SLAA yield:** 10 dwellings  
**SLAA source for baseline yield:** Assumption based on 30 dph

**SLAA site constraints:** None

**Site selection adjustment:** None

**Community feedback:** The Council did not consult on a growth location which covers or is near to this site.

**Dwellings:** 10



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1.1 Impact on Internationally Protected Sites	0	Effects of allocating the site for the proposed use do not undermine conservation objectives (alone or in combination with other sites).	
1.2 Impact on Nationally Protected sites	0	Based on the Impact Risk Zones there is no requirement to consult Natural England because the proposed development is unlikely to pose a risk to SSSI's.	
1.3a Impact on Ancient Woodland	(--)	Site is adjacent to or contains Ancient Woodland. The proposals would likely result in direct loss or harm to Ancient Woodland or cannot be mitigated.	The site is partly within the 250m buffer for Westlands/Thistleland Springs Ancient Woodland. The site may directly affect a small area of the buffer land. The site is likely to cause direct loss which cannot be mitigated within the site.
1.3b Impact on Ancient/Veteran Trees outside of Ancient Woodland	0	No Ancient or Veteran trees are located within the site.	
1.4 Impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land	0	Site is unlikely to impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land.	
1.5 Impact on BAP Priority Species or Habitats	0	No effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of BAP priority habitats from site.	The site is partially within a Deciduous Woodland buffer zone. The site may indirectly affect the BAP priority habitat. There may be effects from this impact but mitigation can be implemented to address this.
1.6 Impact on Local Wildlife Sites	0	Site has no effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of local wildlife sites from site.	The site is within the 250m buffer of Westlands Spring/Thistlelands Spring LWS. The site is unlikely to affect the features and species of this LWS.
1.7 Flood risk	(++)	Site within Flood Zone 1.	
1.8a Impact on heritage assets	(+)	No effect likely on historic assets due to distance from site.	
1.8b Impact on archaeology	(-)	Existing evidence and/or a lack of previous disturbance indicates a high likelihood for the discovery of high quality archaeological assets on the site.	
1.9 Impact of air quality	0	Site lies outside of areas identified as being at risk of poor air quality.	
2.1 Level of harm to Green Belt	0	Site is within Green Belt, but the level of harm caused by release of the land for development would be none.	
3.1 Distance to the nearest rail/tube station	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest rail or tube station.	
3.2 Distance to nearest bus stop	0	Site between 400m and 1000m of a bus stop.	
3.3 Distance to employment locations	(+)	Site is within 1600m of an employment site/location.	
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from nearest town, large village or small village.	
3.5 Distance to nearest infant/primary school	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from the nearest infant/primary school.	
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest secondary school.	
3.7 Distance to nearest GP surgery	0	Site is between 1000m and 4000m from the nearest GP surgery.	
3.8 Access to Strategic Road Network		Not applicable.	
4.1 Brownfield and Greenfield Land	(-)	Majority of the site is greenfield land adjacent to a settlement.	100% greenfield site, adjacent to an existing settlement (High Ongar).
4.2 Impact on agricultural land	(--)	Development would involve the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1-3).	
4.3 Capacity to improve access to open space	0	Development unlikely to involve the loss of public open space.	
5.1 Landscape sensitivity	0	The site falls within an area of low landscape sensitivity - characteristics of the landscape are able to accommodate development without significant character change.	
5.2 Settlement character sensitivity	0	Development is unlikely to have an effect on settlement character.	Low density development is proposed which reflects the character of the area. Therefore, development is not likely to have an impact on the character of the area.
6.1 Topography constraints	(-)	Topographical constraints exist in the site but potential for mitigation.	
6.2a Distance to gas and oil pipelines	0	Gas or oil pipelines do not pose any constraint to the site.	
6.2b Distance to power lines	0	Power lines do not pose a constraint to the site.	
6.3 Impact on Tree Preservation Order (TPO)	(-)	The intensity of site development would be constrained by the presence of protected trees either on or adjacent to the site.	Although protected trees are present, on or adjacent to the site, the tree cover as a whole is not subject to tree protection. It is likely that the protected trees could be incorporated into the layout, subject to reasonable care, but
6.4 Access to site	(+)	Suitable access to site already exists.	Existing access from Millfield/Mill Lane.
6.5 Contamination constraints	(-)	Potential contamination on site, which could be mitigated.	Potential contamination (Within 250m of landfill site). Potential adverse impact that could be mitigated.
6.6 Traffic impact		Site below the size threshold where it would be expected to affect congestion (e.g. employment site or housing site with capacity of <25 dwellings).	

# Site Suitability Assessment

**Site Reference:** SR-0393  
**Parish:** High Ongar  
**Settlement:**  
**Size (ha):** 1.85  
**Address:** Land north of Millfield, Chipping Ongar

**Primary use:** Housing  
**SLAA notes:** None

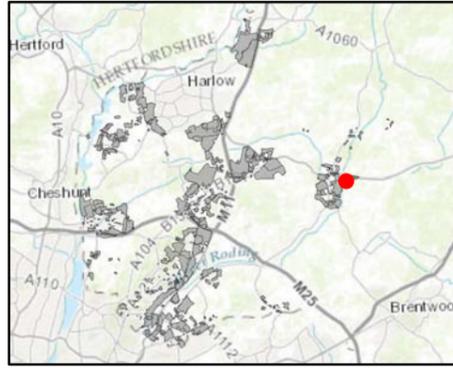
**SLAA yield:** 56 dwellings  
**SLAA source for baseline yield:** Assumption based on 30 dph

**SLAA site constraints:** Reduction in site capacity by 1/2 due to flood risk

**Site selection adjustment:** None

**Community feedback:** The Council did not consult on a growth location which covers or is near to this site.

**Dwellings:** 28



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1.2 Impact on Nationally Protected sites	0	Based on the Impact Risk Zones there is no requirement to consult Natural England because the proposed development is unlikely to pose a risk to SSSI's.
1.3a Impact on Ancient Woodland	0	Site is not located within or adjacent to Ancient Woodland.
1.3b Impact on Ancient/Veteran Trees outside of Ancient Woodland	0	No Ancient or Veteran trees are located within the site.
1.4 Impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land	0	Site is unlikely to impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land.
1.5 Impact on BAP Priority Species or Habitats	0	No effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of BAP priority habitats from site.
1.6 Impact on Local Wildlife Sites	0	Site has no effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of local wildlife sites from site.
1.7 Flood risk	(-)	Site within Flood Zone 3a where exception test required.
1.8a Impact on heritage assets	(+)	No effect likely on historic assets due to distance from site.
1.8b Impact on archaeology	(-)	Existing evidence and/or a lack of previous disturbance indicates a high likelihood for the discovery of high quality archaeological assets on the site.
1.9 Impact of air quality	0	Site lies outside of areas identified as being at risk of poor air quality.
2.1 Level of harm to Green Belt	(--)	Site is within Green Belt, where the level of harm caused by release of the land for development would be high or very high.
3.1 Distance to the nearest rail/tube station	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest rail or tube station.
3.2 Distance to nearest bus stop	0	Site between 400m and 1000m of a bus stop.
3.3 Distance to employment locations	(+)	Site is within 1600m of an employment site/location.
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from nearest town, large village or small village.
3.5 Distance to nearest infant/primary school	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from the nearest infant/primary school.
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest secondary school.
3.7 Distance to nearest GP surgery	0	Site is between 1000m and 4000m from the nearest GP surgery.
3.8 Access to Strategic Road Network		Not applicable.
4.1 Brownfield and Greenfield Land	(-)	Majority of the site is greenfield land adjacent to a settlement.
4.2 Impact on agricultural land	(--)	Development would involve the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land (grades 1-3).
4.3 Capacity to improve access to open space	0	Development unlikely to involve the loss of public open space.
5.1 Landscape sensitivity	(-)	The site falls within an area of medium landscape sensitivity - characteristics of the landscape are resilient to change and able to absorb development without significant character change.
5.2 Settlement character sensitivity	(-)	Development could detract from the existing settlement character.
6.1 Topography constraints	(-)	Topographical constraints exist in the site but potential for mitigation.
6.2a Distance to gas and oil pipelines	0	Gas or oil pipelines do not pose any constraint to the site.
6.2b Distance to power lines	0	Power lines do not pose a constraint to the site.
6.3 Impact on Tree Preservation Order (TPO)	0	The intensity of site development would not be constrained by the presence of protected trees either on or adjacent to the site.
6.4 Access to site	(-)	Potential for access to the site to be created through third party land and agreement in place, or existing access would require upgrade.
6.5 Contamination constraints	(-)	Potential contamination on site, which could be mitigated.
6.6 Traffic impact	0	Area around the site expected to be uncongested at peak time, or site below the site size threshold where it would be expected to affect congestion.

Some 64% of the site is in Flood Zone 2 of which 60% is in Flood Zone 3a. The location of the higher risk Flood Zone covers the southern half of the site. The northern portion of the site could be developed.

100% greenfield site, adjacent to an existing settlement.

The site is adjacent to an area of high sensitivity but is well screened by mature hedges. The form and extent of any development would have to be sensitive to the location to avoid potential adverse impact on the adjacent highly sensitive landscape cha

Site comprises part of Roding River Valley. Development of the scale proposed has the potential to impact the settlement character.

Access is down lane adjacent to stream - stream may need to be culverted to achieve suitable access road.

Potential contamination (Land raise / Sewage Treatment Works). Potential adverse impact that could be mitigated.

# Site Suitability Assessment

**Site Reference:** SR-0458  
**Parish:** High Ongar  
**Settlement:**  
**Size (ha):** 0.22  
**Address:** Southgate, The Street, High Ongar, Essex, CM5 9NH

**Primary use:** Housing  
**SLAA notes:** Domestic garden land.

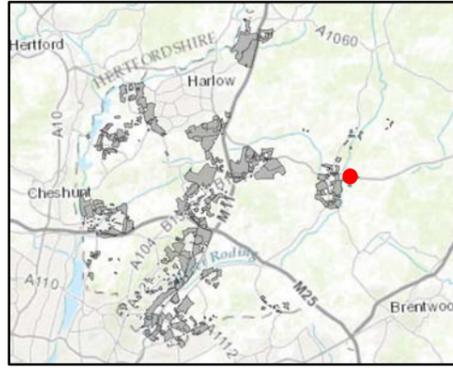
**SLAA yield:** 7 dwellings  
**SLAA source for baseline yield:** Assumption based on 30 dph

**SLAA site constraints:** None

**Site selection adjustment:** None

**Community feedback:** The Council did not consult on a growth location which covers or is near to this site.

**Dwellings:** 7



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Criteria	Score	Qualitative Assessment
1.1 Impact on Internationally Protected Sites	0	Effects of allocating the site for the proposed use do not undermine conservation objectives (alone or in combination with other sites).
1.2 Impact on Nationally Protected sites	0	Based on the Impact Risk Zones there is no requirement to consult Natural England because the proposed development is unlikely to pose a risk to SSSI's.
1.3a Impact on Ancient Woodland	0	Site is not located within or adjacent to Ancient Woodland.
1.3b Impact on Ancient/Veteran Trees outside of Ancient Woodland	0	No Ancient or Veteran trees are located within the site.
1.4 Impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land	0	Site is unlikely to impact on Epping Forest Buffer Land.
1.5 Impact on BAP Priority Species or Habitats	0	No effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of BAP priority habitats from site.
1.6 Impact on Local Wildlife Sites	0	Site has no effect as features and species could be retained or due to distance of local wildlife sites from site.
1.7 Flood risk	(++)	Site within Flood Zone 1.
1.8a Impact on heritage assets	(+)	No effect likely on historic assets due to distance from site.
1.8b Impact on archaeology	(-)	Existing evidence and/or a lack of previous disturbance indicates a high likelihood for the discovery of high quality archaeological assets on the site.
1.9 Impact of air quality	(-)	Site lies within an area which has been identified as being at risk of poor air quality, but it is likely that the risk could be mitigated or reduced.
2.1 Level of harm to Green Belt	(-)	Site is within Green Belt, where the level of harm caused by release of the land for development would be very low, low or medium.
3.1 Distance to the nearest rail/tube station	(-)	Site is more than 4000m from the nearest rail or tube station.
3.2 Distance to nearest bus stop	(+)	Site is within 400m of a bus stop.
3.3 Distance to employment locations	(+)	Site is within 1600m of an employment site/location.
3.4 Distance to local amenities	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from nearest town, large village or small village.
3.5 Distance to nearest infant/primary school	(+)	Site is less than 1000m from the nearest infant/primary school.
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4.3 Capacity to improve access to open space	0	Development unlikely to involve the loss of public open space.
5.1 Landscape sensitivity	0	The site falls within an area of low landscape sensitivity - characteristics of the landscape are able to accommodate development without significant character change.
5.2 Settlement character sensitivity	(-)	Development could detract from the existing settlement character.
6.1 Topography constraints	(-)	Topographical constraints exist in the site but potential for mitigation.
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6.4 Access to site	(-)	Potential for access to the site to be created through third party land and agreement in place, or existing access would require upgrade.
6.5 Contamination constraints	0	No contamination issues identified on site to date.
6.6 Traffic impact		Site below the size threshold where it would be expected to affect congestion (e.g. employment site or housing site with capacity of <25 dwellings).