


Oxford Core Strategy Examination Statement of Oxford City Council		www.oxford.gov.uk  OXFORD CITY COUNCIL
C/M8/6	Matter 8 – Strategic Locations Issue 6 – Alternative sites	

i) Are there any other more suitable, sustainable locations that should be identified as strategic locations or contingency sites?

There are no other sites of a strategic size in Oxford that are more suitable for residential development as determined by the work within the Preferred Options. Southfield Golf Course (East and West) was the only other site of a strategic size considered for residential and this was considered unsuitable because of the significant ecological and hydrological constraints identified through independent studies (CD15/5, CD15/6, CD15/7).

It is relevant to note that the only other sites of a strategic size (over 10ha) suggested by landowners during the Core Strategy/SHLAA process were Land at Mill Lane, Land north of Botley Rd/Bulstake Close and Hill Farm (See Table 10 and Figures 3 and 4 of the SHLAA CD14/1). These were considered unsuitable in the SHLAA with two sites being in the Green Belt (the Marston/Summertown gap) and all three being totally or partially in Flood Zone 3b. Oxford Brookes have sought to identify a strategic site within a 1.25km radius of their Gipsy Lane campus but there are none of a strategic nature.

Over the course of the Core Strategy, through updates to the SHLAA and Site Allocations DPD, new non-strategic sites are likely to emerge which will further reduce the reliance on windfalls during years 11-20. These may include parts of Council estates within the regeneration areas that the Council may look to redevelop; further City Council, County Council and University owned land emerging from future reviews of assets; and any other sites ceasing to be required for their current use but that are currently unidentifiable.