

OLP2040 Site assessment proforma (including Sustainability Appraisal)

Site name	Land at St Frideswide Farm	Site location plan
HELAA reference and GB OLP2036 Policy (if applicable)	107	
Ward	Wolvercote	
Site size	3.95ha	
Existing use	Arable Farmland	

Stage 1 assessment – are there any clear conflicts with national planning policy and/or any insurmountable environmental or physical constraints?

Assessment criteria	Outcome	Comments
Is the site an SAC or SSSI?	no	
Is the site greenfield in flood zone 3b?	no	
Is the site area less than 0.25ha?	no	
Is the site already at an advanced stage in the planning process (development commenced)?	no	Planning application submitted (21/01449/FUL) and under consideration.
Stage 1 conclusion		
<i>No clear conflicts with national policy or insurmountable environmental or physical constraints. Continue to stage 2 assessment.</i>		

Stage 2 assessment – Qualitative assessment of deliverability (incorporating Sustainability Appraisal)

SA Objective 1: To achieve the city’s ambition to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2040. See SA Objective 8 for decision-making criteria

SA Objective	SA Objective 2: To build resilience to climate change, including reducing risks from overheating, flooding and the resulting detriment to well-being, the economy and the environment.	
Decision-making criteria	Is the use proposed suitable given the flood zone of the site?	
	SA rating	Comments
What flood zone is the site in	0	Whole site in FZ1
Flooding of land surrounding site for access/ egress	0	Access/ egress available from Flood Zone 1

SA Objective	SA Objective 3: To encourage the efficient use of land through good design and layout, and minimise the use of greenfield and Green Belt land	
Decision-making criteria	Will the site make use of previously developed land/ buildings? Will the site be on Green Belt land?	
	SA rating	Comments
Previously developed land	0/ -	As arable farmland this land is not PDL or open space. Falls somewhere in between hence 0/- rating.
Green Belt	0	Site is not on GB land

SA Objective	SA Objective 4: To meet local housing needs by ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent affordable home	
Decision-making criteria	Will the site provide significant quantities of net new housing? Will it improve the availability of decent affordable housing?	
	SA rating	Comments
Housing provision	++	Site would provide more than 10 new homes.
Affordable housing provision	++	Site likely to deliver 50% affordable housing

SA Objective	SA Objective 5: To reduce poverty, social exclusion, and health inequalities	
Decision-making criteria	Will it improve opportunities for people in the most deprived areas?	

	SA rating	Comments
Regeneration areas	0	Not in or adjacent to a regen. area

SA Objective	SA Objective 6: To provide accessible essential services and facilities	
Decision-making criteria	Will it increase the provision of essential services and facilities?	
	SA rating	Comments
Community facilities	0	Site not allocated for community facilities

See also SA Objective 8

SA Objective	SA Objective 7: To provide adequate green and blue infrastructure, leisure and recreation opportunities and make these readily accessible for all; and to conserve and enhance Oxford's biodiversity	
Decision-making criteria	Will it increase the provision of public open space? Will it protect and enhance existing flora, fauna and habitats?	
	SA rating	Comments
Public open space	-	Site currently allocated for housing and 10% public open space provided on site. This will be a gain in public open space as the site is currently used for arable farmland. A public right of way runs through the site.
Ecology and biodiversity	+	Contains no nature conservation designations but has potential for nature conservation interest. Can improve wildlife linkages or habitat continuity. The hedgerows should be retained as part of the design where possible and to the east a hedgerow boundary with native trees should be established to create a boundary with the remaining Green Belt.

SA Objective	SA objective 8: To reduce traffic and associated air pollution by improving travel choice, shortening journeys and reducing the need to travel by car/ lorry (also SA objective 1: To achieve the city's ambition to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2040)	
Decision-making criteria	Will it encourage walking cycling and use of public transport? Is the site within an Air Quality Management Area?	
	SA rating	Comments
Sustainable transport links (bus stop)	+	Within 400m of nearest bus Stop (Jordan Hill) services 2, 2A, 7 Gold, 250, 700, H4, S4 Gold and S5 Gold plus night services N2 and NS5 Gold.

Sustainable transport links (rail station)	0	Between 800-1,200m walk from nearest railway station (Oxford Parkway).
Primary schools	-	More than 800m from nearest primary school
Secondary schools	-	More than 800m from nearest secondary schools (Cherwell school and Gosford Hill School in CDC)
GP surgeries	-	More than 800m to nearest GP Surgery
Post office	-	More than 800m to nearest Post Office (Kendall Crescent in Cutteslowe)
Air quality	--	Whole city AQMA and development has potential to impact Cutteslowe roundabout hotspot due to proximity

SA Objective	SA Objective 9: To achieve water quality targets and manage water resources	
Decision-making criteria	Does the site contain, or is it near, a water body?	
	SA rating	Comments
Water	0	More than 30m from nearest water body.

SA Objective	SA Objective 10: To promote good urban design through the protection and enhancement of the historic environment and heritage assets while respecting local character and context and promoting innovation.	
Decision-making criteria	Does the site contain any historical, or archaeological features?	
	SA rating	Comments
Archaeology	0	Site contains no known archaeological sites or has limited or uncertain archaeological potential
Conservation Areas & Register of Parks and Gardens (RPG)	0	Site is not in or on the edge of a conservation area or site on the RPG
Listed Buildings	0	Site contains no identified historic building constraint
View Cones	0	Site lies outside of a view cone
High Buildings Area	0	Site lies outside the City Council's locally designated high buildings area.

SA Objective	SA Objective 11: To achieve sustainable inclusive economic growth, including the development and expansion of a diverse and knowledge-based economy and the culture/leisure/ visitor sector	
Decision-making criteria	Will it support key sectors that drive economic growth? Will it increase the quantity and quality of employment opportunities?	
	SA rating	Comments

Support the knowledge-based economy	0	Current allocation and application for residential as opposed to economic development.
Support diversification or affordable workspace	0	Current allocation and application for residential as opposed to economic development.

Other constraints which could affect suitability of site for development	
Can access for vehicles be achieved?	Yes from Banbury Road .
Can walking and cycling connections with the surrounding area be achieved?	Site within existing urban area with existing pedestrian and cycle connections.
Does the site include any significant physical features such as trees, rivers/streams or changes in ground level?	No.
Are land contamination issues likely?	Unlikely
Does the site adjoin a sensitive land use? Is there an adjoining land use that may cause disturbance or environmental issues such as noise or smells?	

Stage 2 conclusion
Application submitted for 134 dwellings. No insurmountable constraints to development. Site suitable for development. Progress site to stage 3 assessment.

Stage 3 assessment – Qualitative assessment of deliverability and consideration of potential sustainability impacts. Identification of preferred options

Is there confirmed landowner intention to develop	Yes. Planning application submitted for 134 dwellings (21/01449/FUL) currently being considered.
Does the landowner specify types of development	Yes. Planning application submitted for 134 dwellings (21/01449/FUL) currently being considered.

Stage 3 conclusion
Allocate for residential unless development has already commenced.