OLP2040 Site assessment proforma (including Sustainability Appraisal)

Site name	1 Pullens Lane	Site location plan
HELAA reference and GB OLP2036 Policy (if applicable)	440	
Ward	Headington	
Site size	0.423 ha	
Existing use	Single detached residential dwelling	

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	Site within 125m of Headington Hill Viewpoint OCWS.
Is the site greenfield in flood zone 3b?	No	The site comprises of a single dwelling within a large plot that adjoins allotments. There are gaps between buildings in the immediate area, with mature planting of trees and other vegetation in and around the site that creates a green wooded backdrop.
Is the site area less than 0.25ha?	No	
Is the site already at an advanced stage in the planning process (development commenced)?	No	

Stage 1 conclusion

There are no significant physical or policy environmental constraints to development on the site, however development will need to take into consideration the character. Biodiversity survey will be expected to accompany any planning applications.

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-	Is the use p	roposed suitable given the flood zone of the site?	
making criteria			
	SA rating	Comments	
What flood	0	Site is within FZ 1	
zone is the site			
in			
Flooding of land	0	The surrounding area is not within functional flood zone.	
surrounding site			
for access/			
egress			

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	Will the site make use of previously developed land/ buildings?	
criteria	Will the site be on Green Belt land?	
	SA rating	Comments
Previously	+	There is a single dwelling on the site, but it appears unoccupied and
developed land		neglected appearance.
Green Belt	0	The site is not within Green Belt land.

SA Objective	SA Objective 4: To meet local housing needs by ensuring that everyone has the		
	opportunit	y to live in a decent affordable home	
Decision-making	Will the site	e provide significant quantities of net new housing?	
criteria	Will it improve the availability of decent affordable housing?		
	SA rating	SA rating Comments	
Housing	++	Current site allocation allows for 11 units.	
provision			
Affordable		Depends on eventual site allocation depending on the capacity of site.	
housing			
provision			

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

	SA rating	Comments
Regeneration	0	
areas		

SA Objective	SA Objective 6: To provide accessible essential services and facilities		
Decision-making	Will it increa	Will it increase the provision of essential services and facilities?	
criteria			
	SA rating	Comments	
Community		The site is not likely to be allocated for community facilities,	
facilities		however current allocation allows for complementary uses to	
		considered on their merits.	

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	Will it increase the provision of public open space?	
criteria	Will it protect and enhance existing flora, fauna and habitats?	
	SA rating	Comments
Public open	0	Site not likely to include provision for public space.
space		
Ecology and	0	Within 200m of Headington Hill OCWS. Biodiversity survey will be
biodiversity		required with development proposals.

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	Will it enco	urage walking cycling and use of public transport?	
criteria	Is the site w	vithin an Air Quality Management Area?	
	SA rating	SA rating Comments	
Sustainable	+	<400m from the nearest bus stop (Brookes University) on Headington	
transport links		road with frequent service. (Routes 8, 9, 120, 280, 400, U1, U5, 275,	
(bus stop)		X1, X8, X20, X32	
Sustainable	-	> 3,600m to Oxford Rail Station	
transport links			
(rail station)			
Primary schools	+	<800m to the nearest primary school (St Michaels CE Primary)	
Secondary	+	<800m to the nearest secondary school (Rye St Anthony's,	
schools		Headington Girls School)	
GP surgeries	+	<800m to nearest GP surgery (Brookes Medical Centre)	
Post office	-	>800m to the nearest post office (St Clements Street Post Office)	
Air quality		Entire city is with AQMA	

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

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	
Conservation		Site lies within Headington Hill CA
Areas & Register		
of Parks and		
Gardens (RPG)		
Listed Buildings	0	No listed buildings on site
View Cones	0	Site is outside of view cone area
High Buildings	0	Site is not in a high buildings area
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	Will it support key sectors that drive economic growth?		
criteria	Will it increase the quantity and quality of employment opportunities?		
	SA rating	Comments	
Support the	0	No employment use proposed on site	
knowledge-			
based economy			
Support	0	No employment use proposed on site	
diversification or			
affordable			
workspace			

Other constraints which could affect suitability of site for development			
Can access for vehicles be achieved?	Limited vehicular access exists via Pullens Lane which is a private road with vehicular access occasionally restricted.		
Can walking and cycling connections with the surrounding area be achieved?	Pullens Lane is accessible from London Road, which is well served by footways and cycleways, and Cuckoo Lane. Pullens Lane is a narrow road with no designated footpaths for much of its length.		

Does the site include any significant physical features such as trees, rivers/streams or changes in ground level?	There are mature trees on the rear boundary [from Google Maps], surrounding area also has several trees, hedges etc which creates a green setting with a woodland character in places.
Are land contamination issues likely?	No
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?	The site adjoins allotments, with residential dwellings on neighboring plots.

Stage 2 conclusion

There are no significant on site constraints that will prevent residential use, however vehicular access to the site may be a limiting factor.

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, site expected to be developed within Local Plan (2036) time period
Does the landowner specify types	The landowner has previously expressed an interest in redeveloping the
of development	site for the allocated uses (residential). Most recent application for 3 self-
	contained dwellings was refused, no further updates since then.

Stage 3 conclusion	
The site has been allocated for residential development and is considered viable.	