OLP2040 Site assessment proforma (including Sustainability Appraisal)

Site name	Headington Hill and Clive Booth Student Village	Site location plan
HELAA reference and GB OLP2036 Policy (if applicable)	560 SP17	238 486 Data contra way
Ward	Headington Hill and Northway	
Site size	10.05 ha	300
Existing use	Educational facilities	440 440 442 440 440 440 440 440

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 permission in Feb 2022 for student accommodation

Stage 1 conclusion

No clear conflicts with national policy or insurmountable environmental or physical constraints. Continue to stage 2 assessment.

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	The site is located wholly within Flood Zone 1.
zone is the site		
in		
Flooding of land	0	Safe access and egress via Headington Road/Pullens Lane
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	0	Site is brownfield with existing buildings in use on it and contains
developed land		areas of green space
Green Belt	0	Site is not on 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 impr	ove the availability of decent affordable housing?
	SA rating	Comments
Housing	1	Depends on implementation, HELAA identifies capacity of 246 (615
provision		student rooms) 18/02587/FUL; current LP2036 allocation is for
		minimum number of 200 homes
Affordable	1	Depends on implementation – current allocation notes the site could
housing		be used for residential development that could include employer-
provision		linked affordable housing in accordance with Policy H3

SA Objective SA Objective 5: To reduce poverty, social exclusion, and health ineq	qualities
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Decision-making criteria	Will it improve opportunities for people in the most deprived areas?	
	SA rating	Comments
Regeneration	0	Site is within 10% least deprived area in country
areas		

SA Objective	SA Objective 6: To provide accessible essential services and facilities	
Decision-making	Will it increase the provision of essential services and facilities?	
criteria		
	SA rating	Comments
Community facilities	I	Depends upon implementation – current allocation notes: permission will be granted for additional academic and teaching facilities and associated sport, social and leisure facilities. Could this have community use agreement attached to secure benefit for residents? Also contributions could be sort to support allotments adjacent?

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 increas	se the provision of public open space?
criteria	Will it protec	t and enhance existing flora, fauna and habitats?
	SA rating	Comments
Public open	1	Depends upon implementation. There is a fair amount of green space on
space		site with mature trees – design could retain some of this. Also Pullens Lane
•		allotments immediately adjacent to the site (east).
Ecology and	-	Site is partially located within an Oxford City Wildlife Site (Headington Hill
biodiversity		View Point). Previous LP2036 assessment notes: trees cover approximately
,		50% of the site. Current allocation notes: Planning permission will only be
		granted if it can be proven that there would be no adverse impact upon
		surface and groundwater flow to the New Marston SSSI.

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	Will it encourage walking cycling and use of public transport?	
criteria	Is the site within an Air Quality Management Area?		
	SA rating	Comments	
Sustainable	+	<400m from the nearest bus stop (Brookes University B5) (services	
transport links		from here include no. 8 City, 9 City, 120, 275, 400 P&R)	
(bus stop)			

Sustainable	-	>1600m from Oxford rail Station
transport links		
(rail station)		
Primary schools	+	<800m from the nearest primary school (St Michaels CE primary)
Secondary	-	>800m from the nearest secondary school (Cheney School)
schools		
GP surgeries	+	<800m from the nearest GP surgery (Brookes medical centre)
Post office	-	>800m from the nearest post office (St Clements post office)
Air quality		The whole city is within an 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	No

SA Objective Decision-making	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. Does the site contain any historical, or archaeological features?	
criteria	SA rating	Comments
	3A rating	
Archaeology	-	Previous assessment for LP2036 noted: The site has archeological
		interest as it lies in the vicinity of the poorly understood
		Parliamentarian siege line and has general topographical potential
		being break of slope at the top of Headington Hill.
Conservation		The site is entirely within Headington Hill Conservation Area. The
Areas & Register		impact of development on the character of the area would depend
of Parks and		on design.
Gardens (RPG)		
Listed Buildings		The site contains grade I and II listed buildings. The impact of
		development on the listed buildings would depend on design.
View Cones	-	Site lies partially within a view cone (northern part of site)
High Buildings	0	Site lies outside the City Council's locally designated 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	1	Depends on implementation
knowledge-		
based economy		
Support	1	Depends on implementation
diversification or		
affordable		
workspace		

Other constraints which could affect suitability of site for development			
Can access for vehicles be achieved?	Yes, but previous assessment for LP2036 noted this may need improvement		
Can walking and cycling connections with the surrounding area be achieved?	The site is within an 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?	Previous LP2036 assessment notes: trees cover approximately 50% of the site. There appear to be TPOs very close, if not within the site, including a TPO area. Changes in ground level may affect the ability to develop some parts of the site.		
Are land contamination issues likely?	Previous LP2036 assessment noted: Current land use suggests that land contamination issues are unlikely. Current assessment notes: OK. No major contamination issues likely.		
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?	Allotments to the east, also OCWS to the north.		

Stage 2 conclusion

The site has several historic environment/heritage constraints that would need to be carefully considered in the design of any new development. Proximity to the local wildlife site to the north will also need to inform the design and sufficient mitigation measures put in place to limit impacts on the functioning of that ecological site. There are several large trees, including some subject to TPOs which should be retained.

The site's location is fairly positive for encouraging walking/cycling and is served by a good range of bus services.

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

Is there confirmed landowner intention to develop	Planning permission Feb 2022 indicates landowner intent to develop.
Does the landowner specify types of development	Planning permission was for student accommodation.

Stage 3 conclusion

Subject to the considerations set out at stage 2, the site should be taken forward for a potential allocation within the preferred options consultation. Allocate for Student Accommodation and/or Housing