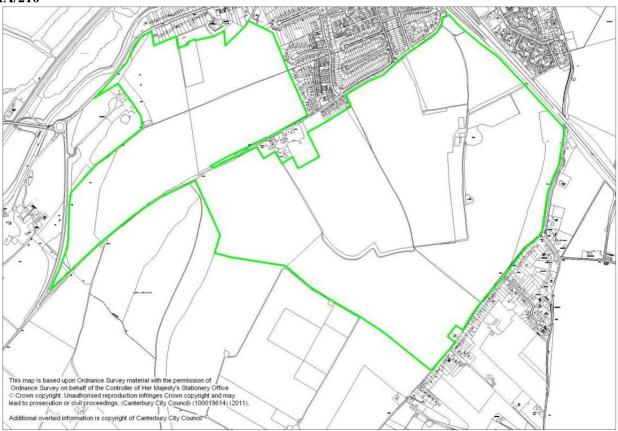
SITE DETAILS		
Site Reference Number:	SHLAA/210	
Site Name:	Land at and adjacent to Cockering Farm	
Location/Address	Cockering Road Canterbury	
Greenfield/PDL/Mixed:	Greenfield	
Proposed Use:	Residential	
Site Area:	154 ha	

This SHLAA submission includes the land the subject of SHLAA sites 70 (Cockering Farm), 84 (Land east of Milton Manor), 106 (Land adjacent Ashford Road, Thanington), 137 (Cockering Road)

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Aerial View





Description of Site:	The site is a large area of agricultural land located broadly between the A28, the A2, and New House Lane, bounded at the south-west side by Larkey Valley Woods. The land is quite steeply undulating in the southern "block", with a valley running SW to NE, where the site abuts the A2. There is also a steep slope in the vicinity of Milton Manor, at the western end of the northern "block"
Current Use:	The land is primarily is use as agricultural land.
Surrounding Uses:	The land is bounded to the south and west by the open countryside, primarily in agricultural use, but also includes the Larkey Valley Woods SSSI. To the north is the urban area of Canterbury (Wincheap) and to the south-east is the small settlement at New House Lane.
Character of Surrounding Area:	This is an urban fringe site, with an urban edge character to the north, but with largely rural areas and character to the southern side.
Planning History: e.g. Housing Allocation or Planning Permission? Previous site proposal at LPI accepted and rejected	Part of site (Land at Ashford Road) was the subject of representations to the 2006 CDLP, but was rejected by the Inspector. Planning consent has been granted some time ago in 2003 for a golf course and club house on part of the site. This has not been implemented.
Potential site Capacity: as proposed	2000 dwellings; 8ha business land
Calculated by CCC at x units / ha	

STAGE 1 ASSESSMENT: POLICY CONSTRAINTS		
A - Is the site within any of the following Areas?		
Category 1: National and Regional		
SPA, Ramsar, SAC, SSSI, National Nature Reserve, AONB, Ancient Woodlands	SSSI adjacent to site (Larkey Valley Woods	
Category 2: Local		
Special Landscape Are	Adjacent to SLA. Site partly located in SLA at Milton Manor.	
B - Is the site currently in use or allocated for employment or other use and remains suitable and required for that use or is protected by a current development plan policy from development for other uses?	No	
C - Is the site in or adjacent to a settlement?	Yes	
D - Does the site fall within or adjacent to a settlement which has not been identified in a development plan document as a settlement/settlements suitable for future housing development with sufficient capacity to meet future housing requirements?	No – site adjacent to main urban area in the district.	
CONCLUSION:		
Site not suitable for housing at this stage existing policy objections		
Site may be suitable - continue to Stage 2	Yes.	

STAGE 2 ASSESSMENT: SUITABILITY

A. Is the site allocated for housing in an existing development plan or does it have planning permission for housing?

If yes, the site will be suitable unless circumstances have changed to render it unsuitable.

If no, the site should be assessed against the questions set out in B to E as follows.

No

B. Is the site in a suitable location when measured against the following criteria?

 Within 800m walking distance of a bus stop or railway station providing two or more services per hour. Limited part of site falls within this category..

 Within 800 m walking distance of a convenience store, a primary school and a GP surgery.

Limited part of site falls within this category.

 Within 30 minutes public transport time of a hospital/health centre, secondary school, employment area, town or district centre. 20 to 30 minutes to secondary school, health centre & town centre.
30 minutes to employment
Over 30 minutes to Kent & Canterbury
Hospital

TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

C. Does the site have any of the following physical or infrastructure constraints?

- Access
- Highway capacity

This is a major development which has the potential to provide a significant amount of new infrastructure on the strategic road network and in the city provided that the issues of trip generation and congestion can be addressed.

The site has a boundary with the highway at A2, Hollow Lane, Cockering Road, Milton Manor Road and A28 Ashford Road. Neither Cockering Road nor Hollow Lane is suitable for additional traffic without significant widening which will alter the strategic road network.

An access utilising and altering the A2 off slip has been discussed but the effect of significant additional traffic at the traffic signal junction has not yet been resolved.

Accesses onto Ashford Road or Milton Manor Road would be possible and both roads have

	capacity at the site location, but a significant proportion of the traffic generated would be likely to travel towards Canterbury and would need to be accommodated within the signals at Thanington and along Wincheap which is already at capacity. The developer would need to demonstrate a robust travel plan including how a bus rapid transit system could be developed from the site to the city centre. The site is remote from existing bus cycle and rail facilities and any local amenities.
Infrastructure – Water Supply	Would need to be provided on site, consultation would be required with all the service providers
Sewerage/Drainage	
Electricity supply	
Gas Supply	
Electricity Pylons	
Contamination/Pollution	Air Quality Assessment, Noise Assessment and Contaminated Land Assessment.
Adverse Ground Conditions	None known.
Hazardous Risk	None known.
● Topography	Significantly sloping and undulating in parts of the site. However, this is likely to be a detailed design issue, rather than an issue of whether development can take place. The new part of the site added (at Milton Manor) is particularly sensitive to views from west.
Flood Zone	No

STAGE 2 ASSESSMENT: SUITABILITY (Cont.)

• Other e.g. Archaeology, Conservation area, AHLV

Archaeology - field survey assessment evaluation required.

Site located in Area of High Landscape Value – landscape impact assessment required.

Agricultural Land Classification – Grade 1-3

If yes, how and when can the constraint be overcome?

Sensitive part of AHLV, particularly the land subject of SHLAA70. This is noted in the revised Canterbury Conservation Area Appraisal in 2010.

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D. Would development have a detrimental impact on the following, either within or adjacent to the site or in its vicinity?

- Townscape Landscape
- Trees
- Conservation Areas
- Historic Parks and Gardens
- Listed Buildings
- Scheduled Ancient Monuments
- Sites of Nature Conservation Interest/Protected Species

If yes, could the impact be mitigated through the design process, the imposition of a condition or a legally binding agreement? Potential for protected species to be present. Ecological surveys will be necessary. Directly adjacent to SSSI designated woodland.

The Old Manor, a Grade 2 Listed building is located on Cockering Road.

The site is within the Area of High Landscape Value.

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E. Would the amenity of residents be adversely affected by any external, environmental factors?

If yes, could the impact be mitigated to such an extent that the residents' living conditions would be acceptable?

IF THE NATURE AND SCALE OF THE IMPACT ON AMENITY IS SUCH THAT IT CANNOT BE SATISFACTORILY MITIGATED, THE SITE SHOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM THE ASSESSMENT AT THIS STAGE.