

# AIREBOROUGH

## Landscape Value and Sensitivity



### Workshop no 1



# PURPOSE OF STUDY

Improve understanding of the open spaces  
of Aireborough and how they shape the  
character of the settlements

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Build up a picture of spatial subdivisions and an objective record of the qualities that define each ‘unit’.

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Assess the sensitivity to change in each unit  
that would take place if built development  
were to take place on part or all of it

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Use the findings of the study to inform the Neighbourhood Plan and, through its influence, seek the best deal for Aireborough in Leeds City Council's strategic plans

# PURPOSE OF STUDY

Formulate some design principles that will guide those responsible for development and change, so that Aireborough's distinctive character is safeguarded and enhanced over time

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Survey:** look, question and judge

**Report findings and debate conclusions**



Google earth



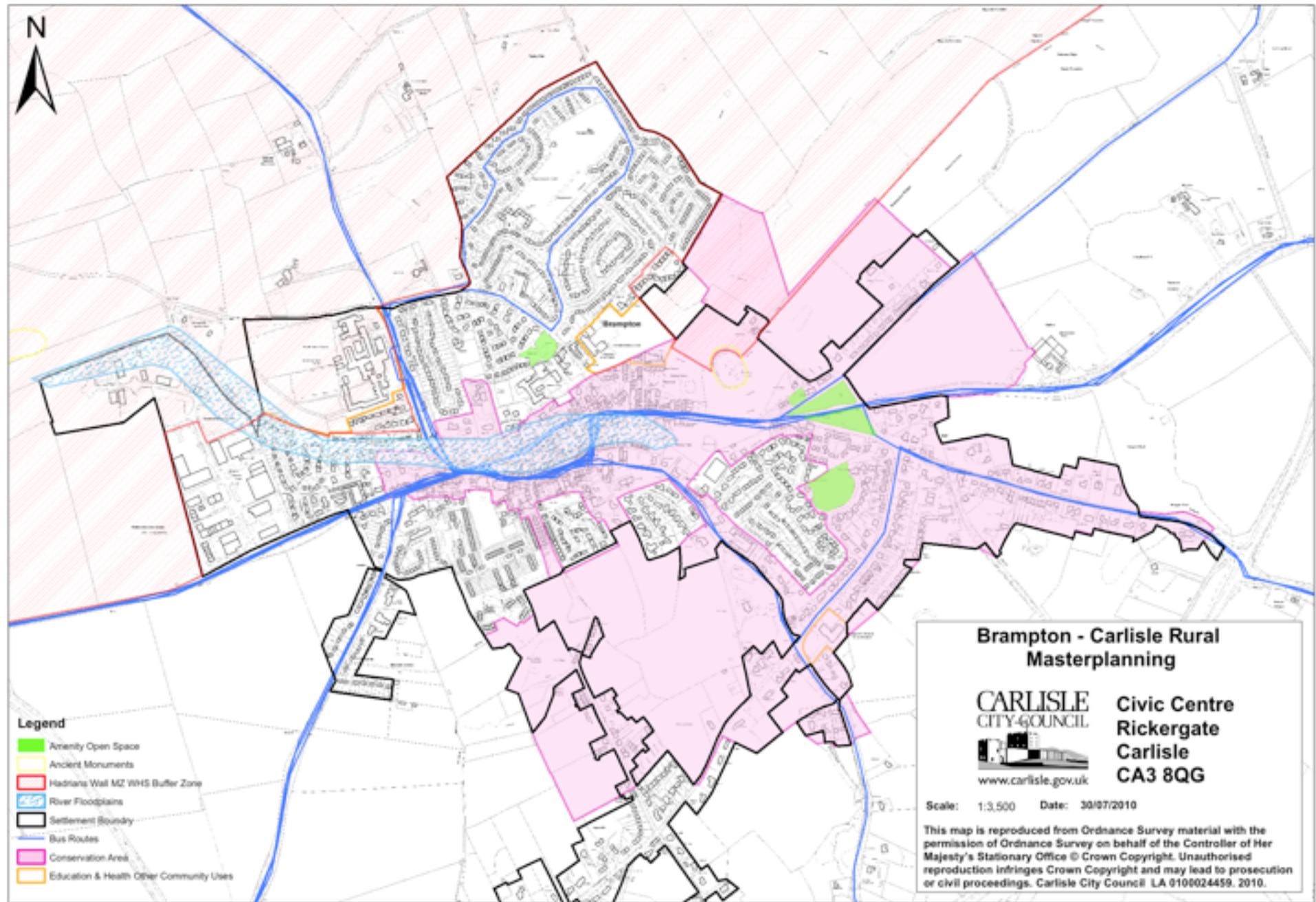








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*Detailed assessment of Hadrian's Wall Buffer Zone and impact on Brampton Ridge*

*Development not to encroach northwards into the Irthing Valley*

*Protect openness and visibility of Brampton Ridge and Motte*

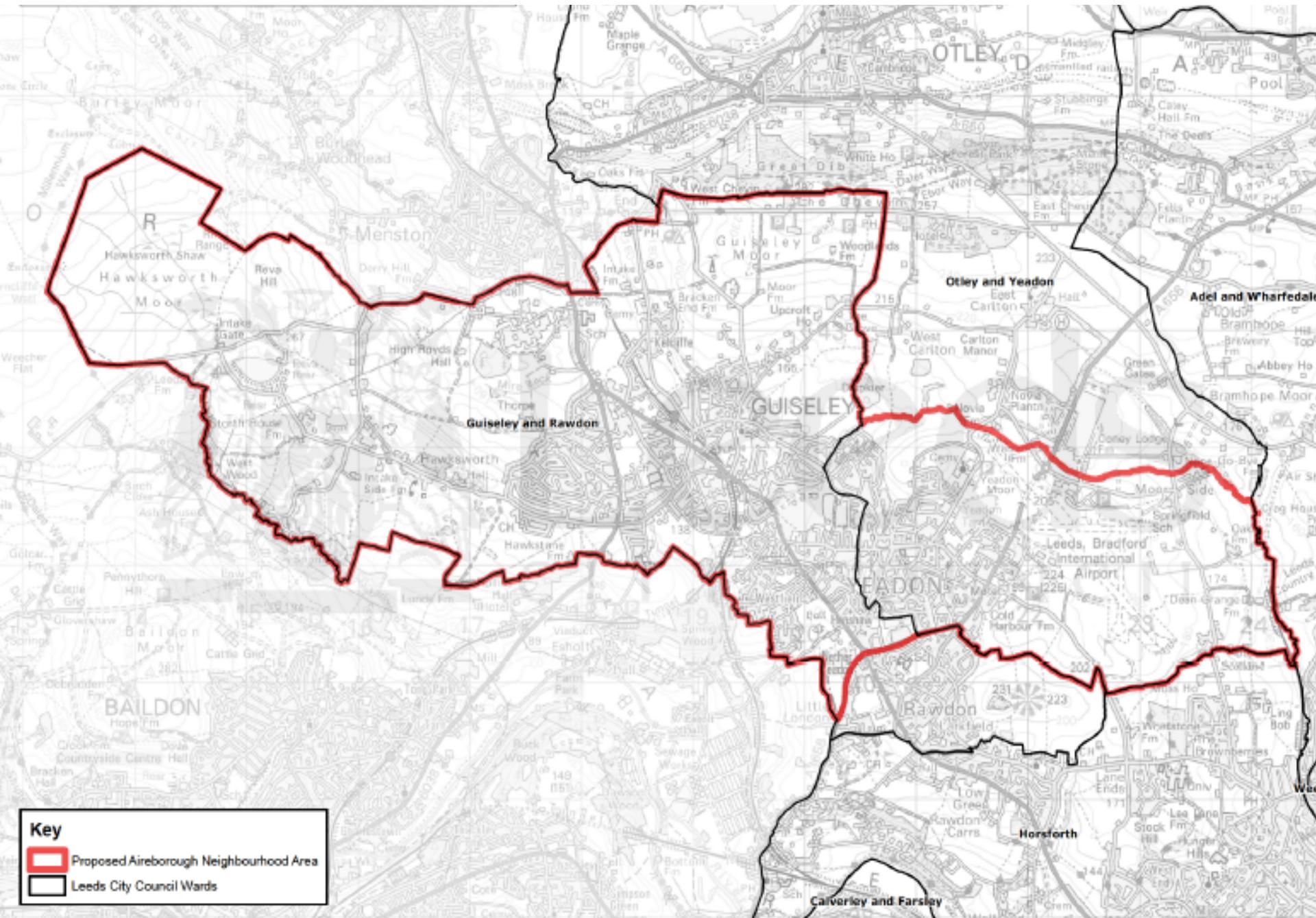
*No development to creep onto high ground*

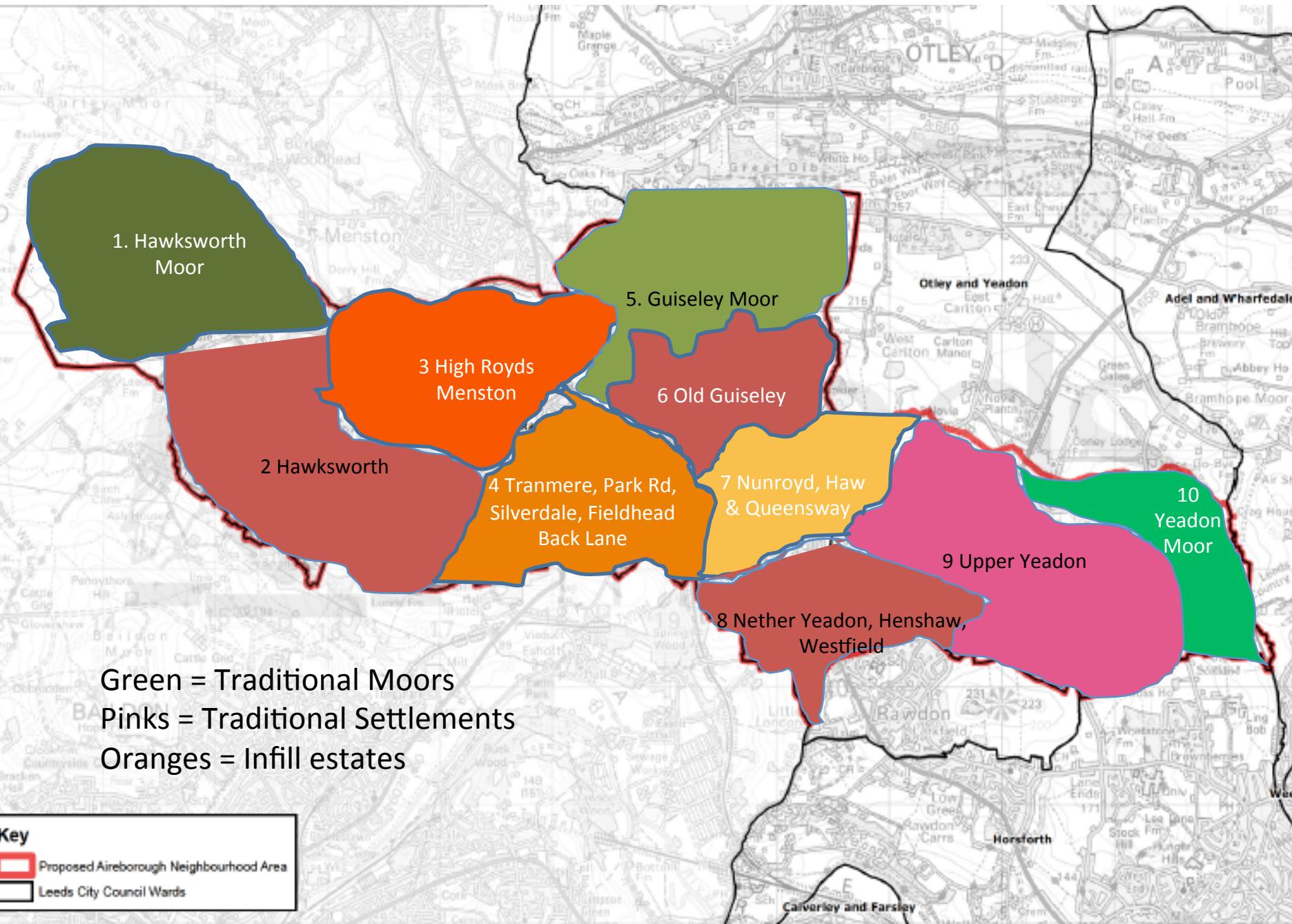
*Some potential on good level ground but edge treatment and approach to town require detailed assessment and skilful design.*

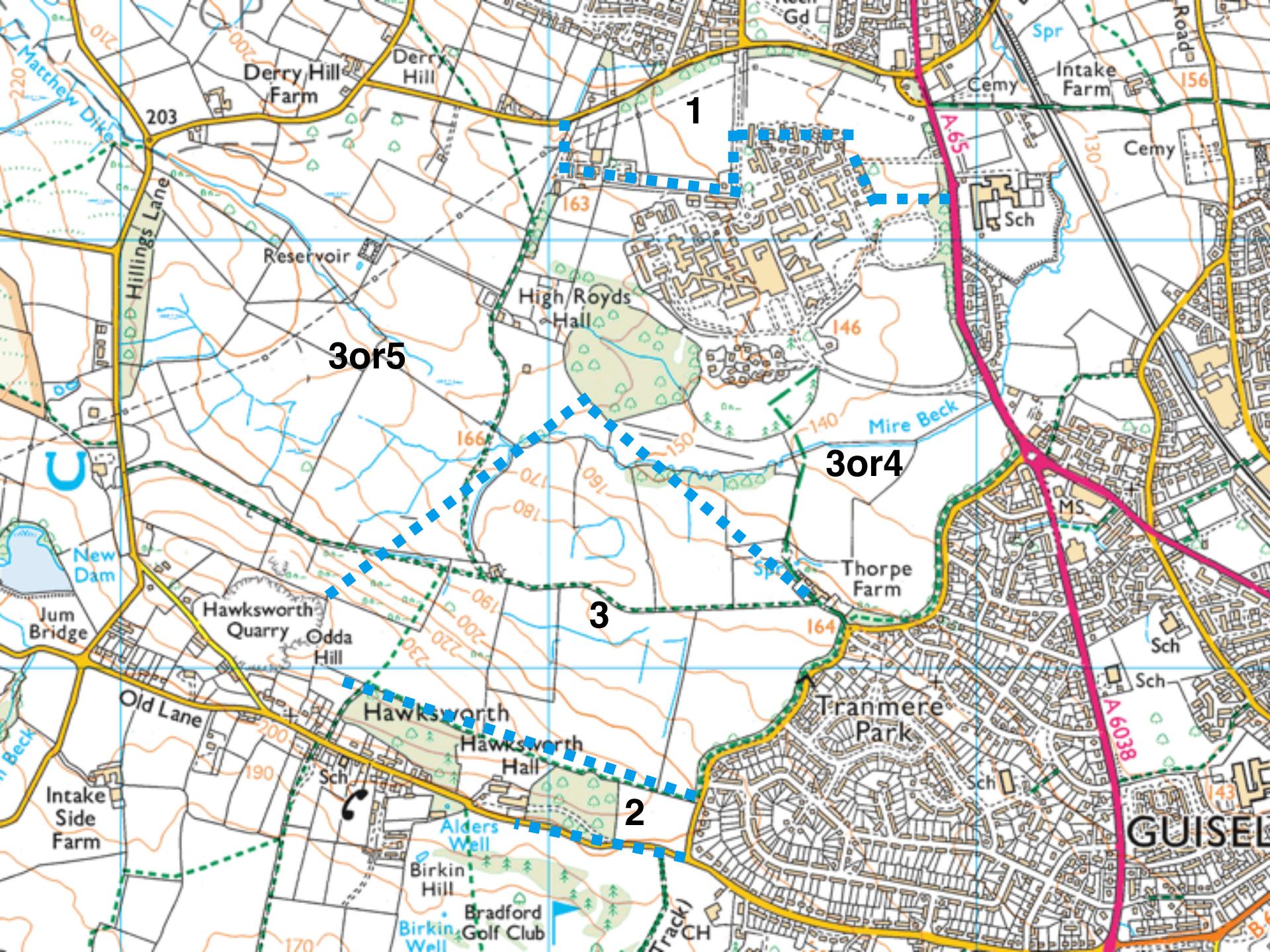
*Very limited infill subject to detailed appraisal*

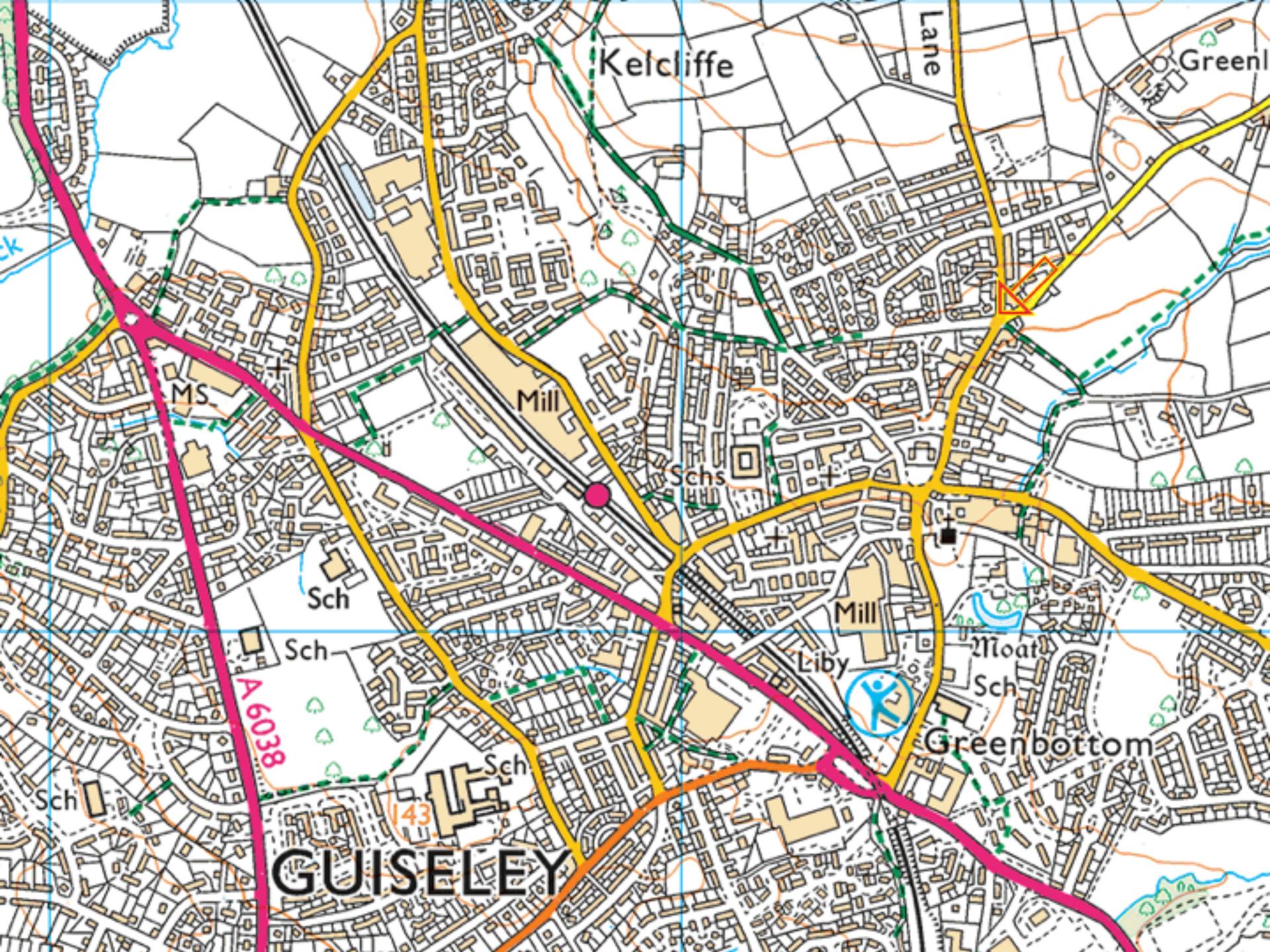
*Detailed assessment of accessibility and visibility of high ground likely to limit opportunities*

*Development on or south of shallow ridge likely to impact visually over a large area and impair skyline of town.*









**Area of land (as referenced on your map)**

**1. Appearance: Is the land scenically attractive in itself? (Scenic – a pleasing view of open land)**

(please tick a point between the two ends of each box that is relevant to your view on all questions on the survey with this format)

Beautiful  Ugly

Gentle  Dramatic

Uplifting  Depressing

**2. Usage: a) Is the land currently in active use? (include farming) (tick the relevant boxes)**

By others



Yes all of it



Part of it



No

By you or your family



Yes all of it



Part of it



No

Short description of use and users

*Grazing of horses, commercial livery*

**b) Do you consider this use/uses to be beneficial or detrimental to the 'character' of Aireborough?**

Beneficial

Detrimental

**3. Setting: a) How would you describe the area surrounding the land?**

(tick one)  Built up all round  Open countryside  Edge of town

Noisy  Quiet

Bustling  Tranquil

**b) How would you describe the topography? (tick one)**

Slope  Undulating  Flat  Hollow

**c) Is there public right of access to the land?** By car:  Yes  No

On foot:  Yes  No

**d) What part does vegetation (e.g. trees, hedgerows, scrub etc) play in the character of the**

Enhances it  Detracts from it

Include a short description of how and why

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**d) Are there other notable natural or man-made features that give character to the area or its setting eg rocks, stone walls, lanes, gradients, copse (Note the features, pictures may be useful)**

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**4. Visibility: Is the land overlooked, is it a viewpoint, can views be seen from the land?**

(tick one of each pair)

<input type="radio"/> Overlooked by many houses	<input type="radio"/> Few or no buildings overlook
<input type="radio"/> Overlooked from roads	<input type="radio"/> Not overlooked from roads
<input type="radio"/> A viewpoint	<input type="radio"/> Secluded
<input type="radio"/> A point that is highly visible from many places	<input type="radio"/> Hidden away



## 5. Hydrology: a) What water features does the land have (eg watercourses, ponds, boggy ground)?

Short description:-----

**b) Does this natural or artificial water features play a significant part in the character and condition of all or part of the land?**

Yes

No

If yes, explain how and why in a few words -----  
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6. **Biodiversity:** To your knowledge does this land have any animal/or bird habitats or contain any uncommon plant or tree species? (Write in what you know, an Ecologist will explore further )

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7. **Cultural & Historic Traces:** Are there obvious historic relics on the land? Do you know about any history associated with it? Do you know anything of the historic use of the site?

Write in Historic features identified

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Any other historic information (include source if known)

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Medieval Ridge

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# REPORT BACK

## Workshop no 2, 2nd April



Debate sensitivity and design principles