

Table 1: Assessment of Green Belt functions relating to Land to the north and east of Barrington Road, Foxton (Ref: 40412)

Green Belt Purpose	Assessment
To check the unrestricted sprawl of large built-up areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The landform rises to the east, associated with Rowley’s Hill which forms a degree of physical and visual containment between the site and the northern part of Foxton with the wider landscape; Defining features and mature riparian vegetation of the River Rhee to the north also provides a robust boundary that prevents sprawl in terms of physical spread as well as perception;</li> <li>• The area of landscaping proposed on the eastern edge of the site would form a defined physical boundary of the settlement and provide a degree of containment from the wider landscape to the east; and</li> <li>• The mature vegetation and residential properties to the north and west of the site provide a defined physical boundary.</li> </ul>
To prevent neighbouring towns merging into one another	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Considerable physical distance between the northern part of Foxton and the site from the nearby settlements including Barrington and Shepreth;</li> <li>• The northern part of the settlement of Foxton is defined to the north, east and west by the strong physical boundary of the River Rhee and Hoffer Brook; and</li> <li>• The development of the site would not extend the settlement of Foxton further than it is already existing in any direction.</li> </ul>
To assist in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationship with the existing settlement edge is strong within the western parts of the site;</li> <li>• Transport infrastructure has a strong influence on the site due to its proximity visually and aurally to the A10 and railway corridors; and</li> <li>• Notwithstanding these influences, the wider parcel context remains ‘countryside’ but this is considered to be relatively ‘ordinary’ in landscape and visual terms.</li> </ul>
To preserve the setting and special character of historic towns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This purpose is referred to above in published guidance and the opportunity to enhance the ‘Key views’ to and from Foxton with native landscape planting is considered to meet the requirement of this purpose; and</li> <li>• Published guidance also notes that the site does not have intervisibility with the historic village of Foxton to the south.</li> </ul>
To assist in urban regeneration, by encouraging the recycling of derelict and other urban land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This purpose, and the principles behind it, are applicable to all sites within the Green Belt.</li> </ul>