# Land off Villa Road, Impington

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Site boundary

Distance from Site boundary (1,2,3,4 and 5km)

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Distance from Site boundary (1,2,3,4 and 5km)

Elevation (m AOD)



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The model does not take into account any localised features such as small copses, hedgerows or individual trees and herefore s ill gives an exaggerated impression of the extent of visibility. The actual extent of visibility on the ground will be less than that suggested by this plan.

The ZTV includes an adjustment that allows for Earth's curvature and light refraction. It is based on Nextmap 25 terrain data and has a  $25m^2$  resolu ion.



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Figure 5 - Zone of Theoretical Visibility (ZTV) Study and Representative Viewpoints

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Site boundary

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Site Viewpoint A (Left) - Eastern parcel (within site)

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Site Viewpoint A (Right) - Eastern parcel (within site)

This viewpoint is located within the site's eastern parcel and looks south towards Cambridge. To the left-hand side of the view, the eastern boundary is defined by well vegetated gardens of inter-war housing backing onto the site from South Road. Towards the cenre of the view the site's southern boundary is marked by a mature hedgerow, beyond which fields extend towards the A14 and the edge of Cambridge. To the right-hand side of the view, the western boundary is defined by a watercourse known as Public Drain. This boundary is open and views extend across neighbouring fields traversed by pylons leading towards the well-treed edge of Girton.

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Wooded tree line along Public Drain

Play area associated with Primrose Lane development



Representative Viewpoint 1 (ILeft) - Villa Road (northern site boundary)

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Representative Viewpoint 2 (Centre Left) - Villa Road, (northern site boundary)

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Mature scrub within site (with orchard characteristics)

Hedgerow marking site

boundary

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The site (eastern parcel)



Representative Viewpoint 1 (Centre Right) - Villa Road, (northern site boundary)

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Representative Viewpoint 1 (Right) - Villa Road, (northern site boundary)

This viewpoint is located on Villa Road, adjacent to a watercourse known as Public Drain that divides the two parcels of the site.

To the left-hand side, the view looks towards a relatively recently constructed residential development, comprising houses up to 2.5 storeys fronting an area of public open space. To the centre and right-hand side, the view looks towards the site's northern boundary defined by a hedgerow beyond which mature scrub, with orchard charactersitics, prevents open views towards the core of the site. To the far right of the view, a secure boundary to the NIAB facility and the watercourse separate the western and eastern parcels.

The proposals should seek to create a relationship with the neighbouring development, potentiually through the location of open space at the site's north-western corner which, in combination with the existing play area, would provide greater community benefit. The site could accommodate buildings up to 2.5 storeys, in keeping with the existing context.

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Secure boundary of NIAB facility

The site (western parcel)

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Representative Viewpoint 02 - Villa Road (60m east)

This viewpoint, located on Villa Road, looks west towards the site. Vegetation within the northern reaches of the site's larger, easternmost parcel, prevents open views across countryside.

There is potential to reflect the scale and rhythm of houses along Villa Road, tieing the proposals into their context.

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Representative Viewpoint 03 - Public Footpath 127/4, Histon (700m north-west)

This viewpoint, located on Public Footpath 127/4, looks across an area of public open space encompassing Histon and Impington Community Orchard, towards vegetation marking the boundary of Histon Sweet Spreads facility and vegetation lining the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway. This vegetation prevents views towards the site and would likely screen the proposals from view, including in winter months.

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Approximate extent of site

#### Representative Viewpoint 04 - Public Footpath 127/4, (930m north-west)

This viewpoint, located on a public footpath connecting Histon and Impington to Girton, looks across arable land charactersied by large fields bounded by hedgerows, hedgerow trees and woodland blocks preventing views towards the site and Histon and Impington. To the right-hand side of the view, out of shot, Girton is also screened by numerous hedgerows, trees and belts of woodland along the settlement's eastern boundary.

Should filtered views be possible in winter, the proposals would be seen in the context of the existing settlement edge.

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Representative Viewpoint 05 - Girton Recreation Ground (1km west)

This viewpoint, located from within Girton Recreation Ground, looks out across playing fields towards field boundaries defined by mature hedgerows, hedgerow trees and tree belts. The layering effect of this vegetation prevents open views towards the site. In winter months, views towards the site may be possible, but they would be heavily filtered and the proposals would be visible in the context of the existing edge of Impington. Further layering vegetation along the site's western boundary would integrate the development with the well-treed settlement edge.

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Representative Viewpoint 06 - Public Footpath 135/5 (1.6km south)

This viewpoint, located to the south of the A14 on Public Footpath 135/5, looks across arable land and the A14 towards Impington. The majority of the site is screened by intervening vegetation, although glimpsed views of the recently constructed houses off Villa Road are possible.

Views of the proposals would be possible (although the baseline will change once land allocated for development is built). From this location, the site is visible in the context of houses at the south-western edge of Impington and larger buildings associated with the NIAB facility and employment area to the north of the busway.

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#### Approximate extent of site



Representative Viewpoint 07 - Oakington Recreation Ground (2.7km north-west)

This viewpoint, located from within Oakington Recreation Ground, demonstrates views from the edge of the settlement. Views from this location would be more open in winter months, given the narrow treeline bounding the recreation ground. Views towards the site would be restricted by vegetation in the wider landscape, comprising woodland, hedgerows and treebelts.

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# Landscape Strategy

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	Site boundary
	Proposed open space
-1-1-1	Green space to be retained for habitat creation (potential community orchard)
	Proposed tree planting including 10m buffer from the public drain
m	Defensible edge (public drain and associated trees)
-	Existing hedgerow to be retained
	Proposed hedgerow
	Open space cluster (potential wildlife and community benefits)
-	Strong frontage
-	Proposed frontage
-	Existing dwellings backing onto Site
	SuDS features (swales)
0	Potential pedestrian link
*	Potential play area (different play opportunity)

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