

# Matter 1 – Chris Wedgwood

'Green Belt Boundaries – Inner (Topic Paper 1 Addendum Annex 3 – Sections 5-7)':

CYC has not completely or correctly identified all Green Infrastructure in York and has therefore not fully taken account of its presence in defining the LP Green Belt boundary.

The Green Belt boundary is not 'justified' and is not supported by a robust evidence base.

-CYC's map of Green Wedges does not include all Green Wedges.

-The 2003 Green Belt Appraisal does not identify the sites that were assessed, does not provide scores for all sites against the methodology and does not assess all 5 purposes of Green Belt in NPPF s80.

-The 2018 York Urban Area arbitrarily lumps densely developed land together with open space resulting in the open space being treated as if it were densely developed when it is not. Average density is not the same as density.

None of this constitutes a robust evidence base.

There is an overlapping Green Wedge/Buffer/Corridor to the North of the University of York which has been missed off the LP map.

These 3 different types of Green Infrastructure can be defined as follows.

1) Green Wedges are open space on either side of a boundary between the main body of York and an area on its periphery. Green Wedges prevent coalescence of these areas and therefore are located on either side of the boundary between those areas.

2) Green Buffers are open spaces that surround areas of particular character and importance such as the University of York. Green buffers protect the character of that area from external encroachment.

3) Green Corridors are open spaces that stretch from the Ring Road deep into the urban area. They bring the countryside into the city, provide routes for wildlife and make the city more walk-able.

Green Wedges/Buffers & Corridors all fulfil Green Belt purpose in NPPF s80, including the 4th purpose of Green Belt.

The Heslington Parish Council Area is also the approved area for the Heslington Neighbourhood Plan.

Land within this area is in the area of Heslington.

The Heslington Parish Council Area abuts the main urban area of York to the North and North West. The North and North West sections of the Heslington parish council boundary therefore form the dividing line between land on one side which is in York Area and land on the other which is in Heslington Area.

Any Open Space on either side of this boundary will therefore act to prevent coalescence of these areas and must be a Green Wedge.

As can be seen from the maps the Open Space of the Green Wedge to the North of the University straddles the Heslington Parish Council boundary and therefore is a Green Wedge.

The Green Buffer is to the North of the university between the University and the main area of York. It therefore forms a Green Buffer which protect the character of the University by preventing encroachment from the North.

The Green Corridor encompasses the open space on the edge of 3 University Campuses(Including the former campus of YSJ). It forms a contiguous strand of open space between Walmgate Stray And the Ring Road Via Ponds Field.

The ELP does accept that both Walmgate Stray and Ponds Field are in the Green Belt so it is the land between these 2 points that is evidenced below. From Ponds Field the Green Corridor heads out to the Ring Road along the edge of UOY East Campus.

Evidence:

- 1) Map of Open Space(coloured Black).
- 2) 2005 Draft Local Plan(4th Set of Changes) Proposals map.
- 3) Heslington Parish Council/(Neighbourhood) Boundary map.  
(Also shows the position of Siward's How SAM)
- 4) Rural land map.
- 5) Priority habitat map.
- 6) Tree Reservation Orders(TPO) map.
- 7) Historic Environment Record map.
- 8) Sustrans Route 66 Cycle Track map.
- 9) 1995 York Green Belt Local Plan Map
- 10) Technical Officers assessment of site 138
- 11) Heslington Village Design Statement SPG

Land within the Former YSJ playing fields site is identified as falling within a Green Wedge that protects the rural character of the village of Heslington and prevents coalescence within the Heslington Village Design Statement, which is approved by CYC as Supplementary Planning Guidance.

Technical officers in the LP site selection process identified Site 138 as being within a Green Wedge/Buffer to the North of the university of York that protected it's setting.

Start at Walmgate Stray.

1) UOY land next to Walmgate Stray:

- Open Space(Open Space Map)
- Rural Land
- Sustrans Route 66 cycle track
- Ridge and Furrow

2) UOY land between University Roar and the Monument at Siward's Howe

- Open Space(Open Space Map)
- Rural land
- Sustrans Route 66 cycle track
- Setting of the ancient Monument
- Ridge and Furrow

3) Land around Siward's Howe

- Open Space(Open Space Map)
- Open Space(2005 DLP(4th))
- Setting of the ancient Monument
- Priority Habitat
- Sustrans Route 66 cycle track
- Ridge and Furrow

4) UOY land between Siward's Howe and former YSJ campus.

- Open Space(Open Space Map)
- Setting of the ancient Monument
- Sustrans Route 66 cycle track
- Ridge and Furrow

5) Former YSJ land with archaeological potential(part of LP Site 138)

- Open Space(Open Space Map)
- Open Space(2005 DLP(4th))
- Setting of the ancient Monument
- Ridge and Furrow

6) Former YSJ land Woodlands facility(1.42 Ha Open Space)

- Open Space(Open Space Map)
- Open Space(2005 DLP(4th))
- Setting of the ancient Monument
- TPO trees

7) Former YSJ land Site H56(undeveloped ~49% of 4 Ha) inc Trees of Plantation Fields

- Open Space(Open Space Map)
- Open Space(2005 DLP(4th))
- Setting of the ancient Monument
- TPO trees

8) UOY Trees of Plantation Fields Continued

- Open Space(Open Space Map)
- TPO trees
- Priority Habitat
- Setting of the ancient Monument
- Views of Heslington Church
- Rural land(partly)

9) Dean's Acre

- Open Space(Open Space Map)
- Views of Heslington Church
- Rural land

Reach Pond's Field