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Page 49, Transport and Infrastructure Policy TR1 conforms to: NPPF paragraphs 91, 102, 103, 104, 105, 109, 110 and 111. Bolton Local Plan Core Strategy: Policy P5 Accessibility and Transport, Policy S1 Safe Bolton, Policy IPC1 Infrastructure and Planning Contributions.

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Page 63, Natural Environment Policy NE1 conforms to: NPPF paragraphs 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 170, 174, 175,176 and 177. Bolton Local Plan Core Strategy: Policy CG1 Cleaner and Greener Bolton and Policy OA1Outer Areas of Horwich and Blackrod.

Page 66, Natural Environment Policy NE2 conforms to: NPPF paragraphs 170, 174, 175 and 177. Bolton Local Plan Core Strategy: Policy CG1 Cleaner and Greener Bolton and Policy OA1Outer Areas of Horwich and Blackrod.

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Housing Policy H2
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- 1. New, converted and extended independent, assisted living and extra care facilities for older people will be encouraged and supported providing that the design and scale of development is in keeping with the character of the location and that the impact on the residential amenity of surrounding residential properties is acceptable.
- 2. Development of suitable housing for the ageing population of Blackrod is a priority over the early years of the Plan as there will be a growing need for this type of housing and the current deficiency needs to be addressed.
- 3. In specific cases anywhere within the Plan area where an individual dwelling is proposed to directly accommodate a person/persons over the age of 55 (or for a person who requires specialist housing by virtue of personal incapacity or impairment) these proposals will be supported where the following criteria are met:
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- 1. The eligibility for affordable housing will be administered by Bolton Council as the Housing Authority. The definition of local need is therefore as laid down by the Homes for Bolton Lettings Policy.
- 2. The aim of this Policy is to offer the preference of letting 80% of new build properties to those in housing need with a local connection to Blackrod, unless it is demonstrated that this is not achievable and 50% of the scheme being allocated to those who are Economically Active.

Remaining property allocations to be in accordance with the Homes for Bolton allocations scheme.

#### **Local Connection**

- 3. In this context a local connection to Blackrod means that a person has a local connection if he or she has a connection with it because:
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- 1. Proposals for a new residential development on land behind Vicarage Road West between the Cricket Club and the Church School as shown on the Policies Map will be supported in principle, provided that the proposals conform to the Design Principles **Policy DES1**, Housing for an Ageing Population **Policy H3** and meet the requirements as set out in the other appropriate policies of this Plan.
- 2. This site allocation is for a designated development of Lifestyle Living for the Over 55's.
- 3. The development shall comprise a minimum of 20 and maximum of 60 dwellings.

**Notes / Constraints:** This site is allocated as a specialist housing and continuing care facility to meet the on-going and changing needs of older persons. This site is not allocated for conventional residential housing. This site is for use class C3.

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- 4. Developments within the Neighbourhood Development Area must conform to Policy IPC1 and the supporting SPD on Infrastructure and Planning Contributions 2016.
- 5. In addition to those specific contributions, outlined in Policy IPC1 and further detailed in the SPD, the following mitigation of development impacts will also apply for the Neighbourhood Development Area:
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- b. Public transport improvements, including items listed in points 1 to 9 of **Policy TR3**;
- c. Improvements and maintenance of the pedestrian and cycle network including items in points 1 to 2 of **Policy TR1**;
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#### **Policy DES1**

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- a. Recognise and reinforce the distinct local character in relation to height, scale, spacing, layout, orientation, rural skyline, design and materials of buildings;
- b. Respect and protect designated and non-designated local heritage assets and their settings;
- c. Consider the visual impacts of proposals on key views and vistas of the local landscape and adequately mitigate adverse impacts on these views and vistas. Developments will also need to comply with **Natural Environment Policy NE3**;
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- h. Ensure that new housing development proposals demonstrate that the design accords with National Design Standards Building for Life 12 (BFL12) or equivalent with as many "green" lights as possible and no "red" lights;
- i. Ensure all development proposals, where necessary, demonstrate how the design has been influenced by the need to plan positively to reduce crime and the fear of crime and how this will be achieved. Proposals which fail to satisfactorily create a safe and secure environment will not be supported;
- j. Demonstrate how they have conformed to the "Secured by Design" standard for homes;
- k. Seek and where appropriate incorporate the advice of a Police Architectural Liaison representative for all development of 10 or more dwellings;
- I. Wherever possible, provide adaptable homes through the Lifetime Homes Standards in order to cater for the changing demographic;
- m. Where possible make better connections to other areas of the Parish, including access to local services and public open spaces;
- n. Provide car parking within the curtilage of all new developments to comply with Appendix TRA1 under Transport and Infrastructure Policy TR4. Extensions and modifications of existing dwellings that would increase the number of bedrooms shall, wherever possible, increase the car parking provision in line with this Minimum standard where the curtilage allows;

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- r. Incorporate superfast (fibre optic) broadband connection equipped with a high speed ready in-building physical infrastructure, up to the network termination points in line with latest design practices;
- s. Incorporate solar energy capture, sympathetically built within the roof construction incorporating best current standards and should be sympathetic to the location in line with latest design practices; and
- t. Incorporate water efficient design principles and appropriate sustainable water management, such as reuse of rainwater and grey water for non- potable uses. Subject to viability and feasibility.
- 2. Design and Access statements should demonstrate how the above Design Principles are addressed in the development proposal and include perspective views from a minimum of three mutually exclusive directions.
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required to demonstrate:	<ol> <li>When submitting proposals for new development applicants are required to demonstrate:</li> </ol>	
a. How they will provide safe walking, cycle, and mobility scooter routes, along natural desire lines, through and within the proposed development, and how these will link to existing routes to the village centre, schools, local services and facilities and to the countryside where appropriate.	a. How they will provide safe walking, cycle, and mobility scooter routes, along natural desire lines, through and within the proposed development, and how these will link to existing routes to the village centre, schools, local services and facilities and to the countryside where appropriate.	
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# Transport and Infrastructure of Public Transport Services TR2: Improve the provision of Public Transport Services

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- b. Seek increased frequency of rail services connecting with Blackrod, together with greater provision of park'n'ride facilities for residents.
- c. Seek the introduction of cycle route(s) and the improvement of pedestrian routes to the railway station from the village.
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# Transport and Infrastructure Policy TR3: Getting about in Blackrod Community Project- Transport 2

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- a. Seeking the introduction of traffic calming measures along the main routes through the village through a combination of bay parking; "intrusive" landscaping and traffic direction priority signing.
- b. Seeking the introduction of traffic lights/mini roundabout at the Scot Lane/Manchester Road junction, together with general re-modelling of the junction.
- c. Seeking the introduction of a 7.5t weight restriction of HGV's (apart from access) along the main routes through the village (Scot Lane to Hill Lane and Chorley Brow).
- d. Identifying all footpaths/bridleways within the NDP area and, where appropriate, identify any footpaths/cycleways in use that are missing from the definitive listing.
- e. Undertaking an Accessibility Audit throughout the relevant areas of the village, including reviewing access to facilities, services and provision of disability parking.
- f. Developing a strategy for the improvement of existing ginnels in order to make them more welcoming and user-friendly including where necessary improving/providing:
  - Lighting;
  - Surfacing/steps;
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  - "opening up" the boundaries.
- g. Seeking the introduction of a shared use pedestrian/off-carriageway cycleway along the A6/Blackrod By-Pass.
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- b. Investigate and promote the adaptation of wide pavement areas (particularly along the main route through the village) to provide onstreet bay parking for residents, incorporating best-practice landscaped areas to soften the street scene, wherever possible.
- c. At the New Street retail block (105-123 New Street) seek the relocation of the footway to immediately in front of the shops and remodel the area to provide 60° parking bays, together with best-practice landscaping and high quality bicycle rack(s), in order to remove the conflict between pedestrian and vehicle movement.
- d. At the Blackhorse Street retail block (6 28 Blackhorse Street) seek the re-modelling of the service road and outer footpath area to provide  $60^{\circ}$  parking bays, together with best-practice landscaping and high quality bicycle rack(s).

Transport and Infrastructure Policy TR5: Car parking in Blackrod-Improvements
Community Project- Transport 3

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**Community Project- Transport** 

Para 6.85 This objective recognises the importance of good public transport provision for the benefit of the residents of Blackrod and visitors and enables less dependency on the use of the car. This takes into account that:  The vast majority of the working population of the village are employed outside of the village and therefore commute to Manchester, Preston and further afield, as well as the local surrounding employment areas; The residents of Blackrod need to be able to readily access such facilities lying outside of the village as hospitals and major retail and entertainment centres; An aging population means that those residents are less likely to drive or own a car; and Major developments within the surrounding area are likely to put	Para 6.85 This objective recognises the importance of good public transport provision for the benefit of the residents of Blackrod and visitors and enables less dependency on the use of the car. This takes into account that:  The vast majority of the working population of the village are employed outside of the village and therefore commute to Manchester, Preston and further afield, as well as the local surrounding employment areas; The residents of Blackrod need to be able to readily access such facilities lying outside of the village as hospitals and major retail and entertainment centres; An aging population means that those residents are less likely to drive or own a car; and Major developments within the surrounding area are likely to put increased pressure on an already overloaded road network, particularly at peak times. The community has identified a number of transport issues that cannot be tackled through land use planning policies, but which the Town Council would like to
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for enhancing the overall street scene through the provision of high	enhancing the overall street scene through the provision of high quality
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the identification and enhancement of the existing public car parking	including the identification and enhancement of the existing public car parking
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Para 6.92 Working with others, Transport Policy TR 5 sets down a	Para 6.92 Working with others, Transport Policy TR-5 The Community Project
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	issue of on-street parking; and
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	move around the village through the provision of appropriate and high
	Making it easier for pedestrians, the mobility impaired and cyclists to      make around the village through the provision of appropriate and high
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- Wighams Terrace- Land fronting the terrace up to Manchester Road
- Manchester Road- Land at junction with A6 By-Pass
- Scot Lane- Land at the Manchester Road Play Area

#### **Policy NE1**

# 1-A high quality green infrastructure network will be achieved by: **Protecting Local Open Spaces**

a. Existing Open Spaces, sport and recreation land and buildings will be preserved and maintained as such. This applies to all areas of Open Space not necessarily shown on the Policies map. Development of these sites and buildings will not be supported unless under the conditions set out in paragraph 97 of the NPPF. In such circumstances suitable compensation for loss of Open Space and associated facilities will be made, either through re-provision or commuted sum.

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- x. Where appropriate provide safe access for horses, particularly links to existing bridleways;
- xi. Cause no damage to archaeological sites and their setting;
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- a. They are compatible with existing neighbourhood uses;
- b. They fit in with the street scene;
- c. Adequate parking is provided;
- d. They are of a scale appropriate to the needs of Blackrod and are conveniently accessible to the local residents wishing to walk or cycle; and
- e. They do not have any adverse impact on the resident's amenities.
- 2. Blackrod Town Council will work with Bolton Council to ensure that all appropriate available monies, including Section 106 and any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), are ring-fenced for Blackrod, through a clear and transparent process, so that community facilities and infrastructure can be improved in line with future developments.
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#### New Para below 6.136:

Blackrod Town Council will seek to work with the local community to identify important community facilities and nominate them, where appropriate, for registration as Assets of Community Value.

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- 1. There is a presumption against the loss of existing retail floor space for Use Classes A1-A5 within the village and proposals that would result in a nett loss of these uses will not generally be permitted unless it can be demonstrated, to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, that no alternative user can be found.
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Where planning permission is required, the loss of shops, cafes, takeaways and services (A1-A5 uses) in the village, will not be supported unless it can be demonstrated that there is no prospect of a sale or letting for the existing use, following active marketing at a realistic market price for at least twelve months.

Para 6.155 This objective addresses a common concern raised by the Community that over the years there has been a general loss of retail facilities and support services throughout the village. Although there remains a good core of shops, it is essential that as far as possible the existing facilities should be retained and, based on demand, be encouraged to develop further to meet the needs of the growing Community. In particular, there is an understanding that Blackrod has an aging population and that the ability to meet the needs of this sector of the community "on the doorstep" was very important.

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- a. Be appropriate with and positively contribute to the street scene;
- b. Be supported by adequate parking;
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Proposals that provide for new or expanded facilities in use Class D1 (eg, clinics, health centres, creches, day nurseries, day centres, schools, art galleries (other than for sale or hire), museums, libraries, halls paces of worships, church halls) within or easily accessible to the village core, will be supported, subject to respecting local character, residential amenity and highway safety.

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All heritage assets and their settings must be conserved according to their significance. Development proposals affecting designation heritage assets and/or their settings must be accompanied by a heritage assessment that describes the significance of any heritage assets affected, including any contribution made by their setting. The assessment should demonstrate that the Historic Environment Record has been consulted.

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The enhancement of non-designated heritage assets identified on the Neighbourhood Area's Local List will be supported. Development proposals affecting a non-designated heritage asset should demonstrate how they will conserve that asset in accordance with its significance.

Para 6.186 Table 6.2 Is the Local List of the buildings important to the heritage of Blackrod that should be protected. This Local List of non-designated heritage assets will be protected under Built Heritage Policy BH2. Blackrod's Local List is set out in the accompanying document titled Blackrod Local List of Buildings and Structures, which outlines the selection, justification, criteria, photograph, and inset location maps of each building/structure on the Local List.

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#### **Policy BH3**

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- 3. The list will be reviewed and any further areas of special character that are identified will be added when the Neighbourhood Plan is reviewed.
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The following areas in Blackrod have been identified in recognition of their special character:

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The made Policies of the Neighbourhood Plan form part of the development plan for the Neighbourhood Area. As such, the Policies serve to control development and together with the rest of the development plan, form the basis upon which the local planning authority, Bolton Council, will determine planning applications within Blackrod.

Para 8.3 Monitoring and reviewing new development against the NDP's objectives and against the policies which implement them will ensure the success of the NDP. Bolton Council is responsible for determining planning applications in the Neighbourhood Development Area and for monitoring delivery of the development plan's policies. The Town Council will also monitor development and carry out an annual review.

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# Recommendations to delete the following tables:

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HO1 Ensure the future housing development needs of the wider community are met by promoting the findings from the latest Housing Needs Assessment and ensuring the right housing mix is implemented.	
HO2 Ensure growth in housing comes with compatible levels of improvement in local infrastructure, rights of way, community services & facilities.	The use of section 106 Agreements & Developer Contributions
Ensure new housing and existing neighbourhood developments are configured with quality construction, accessibility and safety in mind.	DES1 Design Principles
Ensure new housing developments and redevelopment of existing housing are of designs and materials compatible with the existing street scene, townscape and character of the village and its surrounds.	DES1 Design Principles

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TRO1 Ensure that applicants from the outset consider the provision of good nonvehicular connectivity with the village centre, services and facilities – particularly for the less mobile	applications.	
TRO2 Ensure that the village has good and easy to use public transport links with the neighbouring conurbations, facilities and services	TR2 Improve the provision of Public Transport Services.	
TRO3 Improve the overall experience for residents and visitors in getting around the village – including car parking facilities	TR3 Getting about in Blackrod.  TR4 Car parking in Blackrod – General.  TR5 Car parking in Blackrod – Improvements	

OBJECTIVE	SUPPORTING POLICY
NEO1 Preserve the Open Spaces, expand and protect the Green Spaces for the benefit, use and enjoyment of all ages.	NE1 Green Infrastructure.
NEO2 Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment.	NE2 Trees and Hedgerows. NE3 Vistas and Views.

OBJECTIVE	SUPPORTING POLICY
PRO1 Ensure pathways, pavements and public rights of way are safe and fit for purpose for all pedestrians and disabled users.	PR1 Safe and fit for purpose rights of way.
PRO2 Improve and maintain the character and quality of the urban/rural landscape and townscape environment.	PR2 Gateways.

OBJECTIVE	SUPPORTING POLICY		
CF01 To ensure that essential Community Facilities and infrastructure can meet the needs of current and future developments in Blackrod.	CF1 Community Facilities Infrastructure.		
CF02 To ensure there are sufficient primary school places in Blackrod for all children living in Blackrod.			
CF03 To ensure that the GP surgery and other essential health and care facilities are located in Blackrod with sufficient capacity to serve the needs of Blackrod's residents.			
CF04 To protect, retain and enhance Community Facilities in Blackrod.			
	CF2		
	Retention and Improvement of Community Facilities.		
CF05 To provide recycling facilities in Blackrod.	Blackrod Town Council will work with Bolton Council to address this.		
CF06 To ensure public access to toilet facilities in Blackrod.	Blackrod Town Council will work with a range of other agencies to address this.		
CF07 To provide an appropriate level of policing for Blackrod.	Blackrod Town Council will work with a range of other agencies to address this.		

OBJECTIVE	SUPPORTING POLICY
ERO1 Ensure the retention and extension of essential retail facilities in order to maintain a vibrant village.	ER1 Retain existing "core" retail facilities.
	ER2 Encourage more local retail space that meets the needs of the Village. ER4 Support the provision of a Farmers' and/or Craft Market.
ERO2 Ensure the continued provision of well-being support facilities in the village	ER3 Encourage the retention/expansion of well-being support services.

# Table H2.1

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Dwelling Type	% of Total	% of the total of this type of dwelling that should be suitable for older residents.
One/Two Bed	50%	90%
Three Bed (detached only)	20%	-
Four+ Bed (detached only)	30%	-

Table 8.1: Policy Delivery (entire table)

Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy	Main Delivery Mechanism
H1: New Housing Development	Through the determination of planning applications.
H2: Housing Mix	Through the determination of planning applications.
H3: Housing for the Ageing Population	Through the determination of planning applications.
H4: Local Occupancy	Through the determination of planning applications.
H5: Housing Development Site Allocation	Through the determination of planning applications.
H6: Use of 106 Agreements and	Through the determination of planning
Developer Contributions	applications.
DES1: Design Principles	Through the determination of planning applications.
TR1: Transport and Infrastructure – Information required to support planning	Through the determination of planning applications.
applications	11
TR2: Improve the provision of Public	Through the determination of planning
Transport Services	applications.

The following are the Protected Open Space sites, which are included within the Neighbourhood Plan as mentioned in the modification notes above.

LGS Site Ref 1: Nightingale Road -Land on both sides at junction with Chorley Road



LGS Site Ref 2: Coniston Road-Land opposite number 29



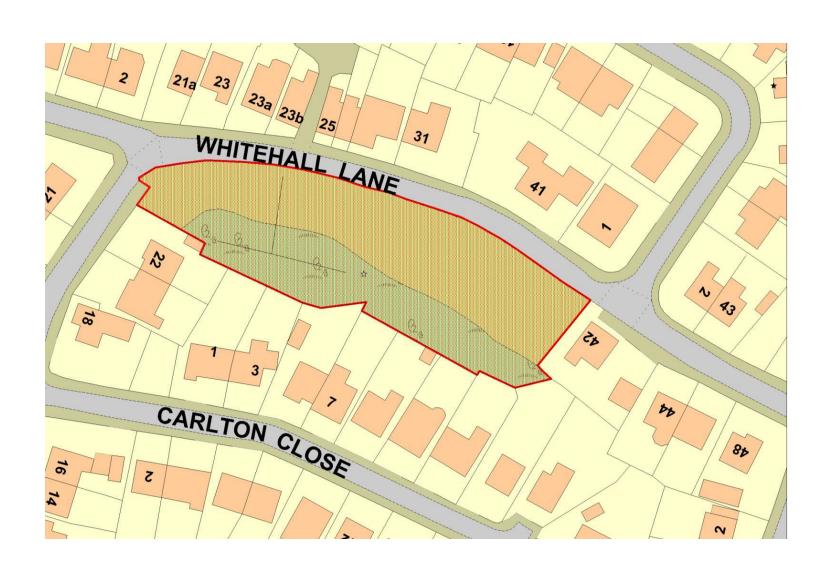
LGS Site Ref 3: Chorley Road-Land at junction with A6



LGS Site Ref 4: Ridgeway-Land at junction with New Street



LGS Site Ref 5: Whitehall Lane-Land opposite numbers 23b to 41



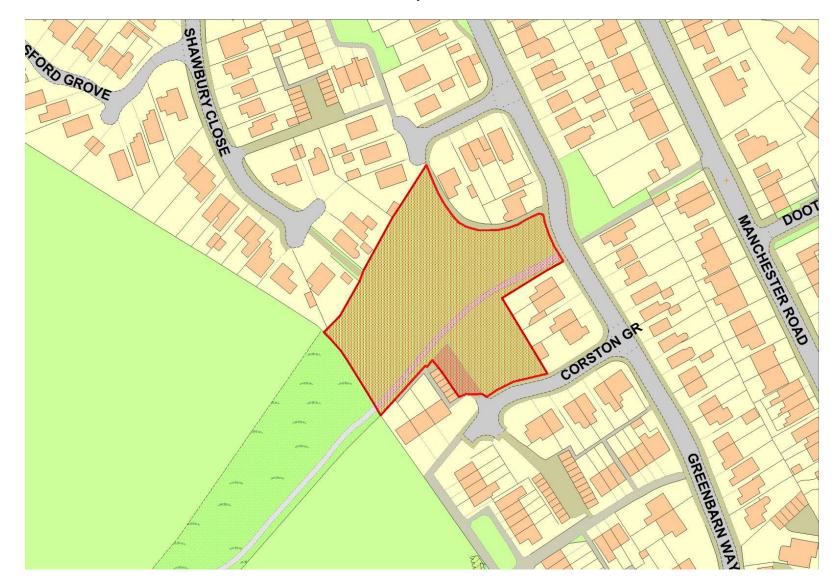
LGS Site Ref 6: GreenbarnWay-Land opposite number 2 to 6



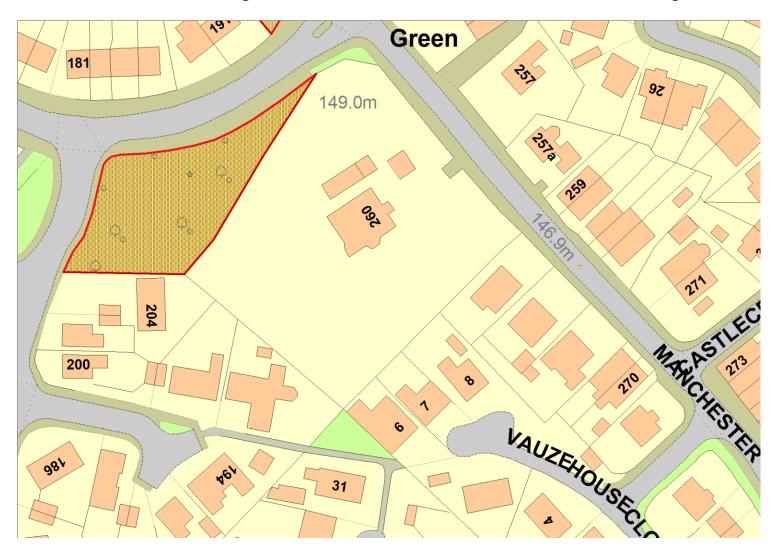
LGS Site Ref 7: Greenbarn Way-Land in front of Number 8 to 18



LGS Site Ref 8: GreenbarnWay-Land between number 47-57



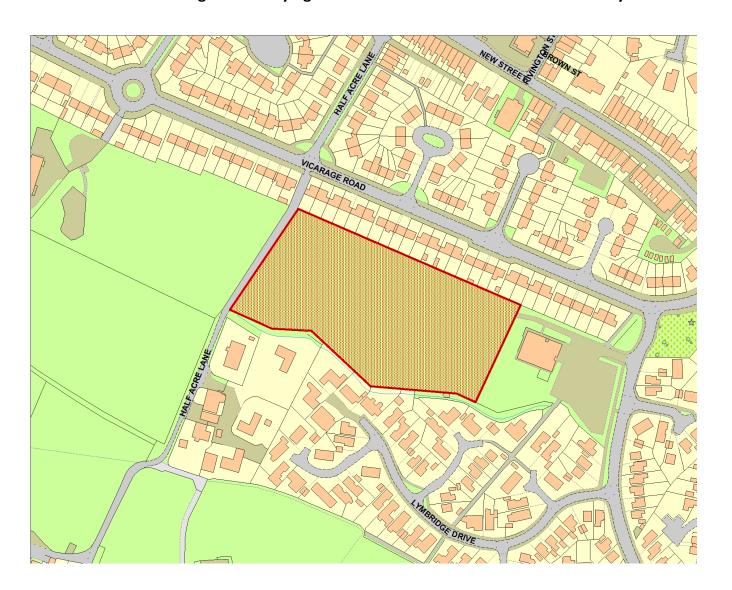
LGS Site Ref 9: Vicarage Road-Land at Greenbarn Junction and next to Old Vicarage



LGS Site Ref 10: Vicarage Road –Vicarage Road-Land at junction of Vicarage Road and Manchester Road near Pool Green



LGS Site Ref 11: Vicarage Road Playing Field—Land associated with the Community Centre



LGS Site Ref 12: Vicarage Road Playing Field-Land between Half Acre and the Cricket Club



LGS Site Ref 13: Cranleigh Close-Land adjoining Cranleigh Close and Manchester Road



LGS Site Ref 14: Blackrod Cemetery



LGS Site Ref 15: Wighams Terrace-Land fronting the terrace up to Manchester Road



LGS Site Ref 16: Manchester Road-Land at junction with A6 By-Pass



LGS Site Ref 17: Scot Lane-Land at the Manchester Road Play Area

