

Appendix 6 – Site Scoring System

Site Location and Access	Proximity to strategic highway network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site adjacent to primary route (motorway, strategic highways network route) - M6, M61, M65, M55, A6 junction – score 10 • Site 0.5 km from primary route – score 9 • Site 1.0 km from primary route – score 8 • For each further half km distance from junction, reduce score by one point, i.e. any site 5.0 km or further from primary route scores zero.
	Proximity to key local routes	Proximity to key county routes (A49, A59, A583, A582): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site within 1.0 km from A49, A59, A583, A582 junction – score 10 • Site within 5.0 km from A49, A59, A583, A582 junction – score 6 • Site within 10.0 km from A49, A59, A583, A582 junction – score 3 • Site more than 10.0 km from A49, A59, A583, A582 junction – score 0.
	Prominence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site adjacent to, and visible from M6, M61, M65, M55, A6 – score 10/9 • Site adjacent to, and visible from other dual carriageway – score 8/7 • Site adjacent to, and visible from other A road – score 6/5 • Site has local prominence, e.g. within its industrial location – score 4/3 • Site located in 'backlands' – score 2/1/0.
	Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site close to bus route (within 0.5 km) and near to rail station (within 2 km) – score 10 • Site within 0.5 km of a bus route – score 5 • Limited public transport – score 0.
Planning Status		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If site has detailed/full planning status – score 10 • If site has outline planning status – score 8 • If site allocated in the development plan – score 4 • If site is available, subject to planning – score 1.
Site Conditions	Services Availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If all services are provided and in place – score 10 • If priority services are available with no abnormal costs – score 7 • If all priority services are available, but with abnormal costs – score 3 • Some services are unavailable – score 0.
	Constraints	May be physical (including access), planning, or legal Reduce score by 2 for each constraint If there are none – score 10.
	Environmental Setting	Subjective, score 0 to 10, examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality business park/greenfield location – score 10 • Moderate quality industrial estate – score 5 • Poor quality industrial estate/in-fill location – score 2.
	Flexibility	Subjective, score 0 to 10: Score site in terms of site shape and ability to sub-divide to suit smaller occupiers Consider the site within its context/category. Score 10 if it is flexible, 0 if it is inflexible.
Site Availability		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site available to develop within 0-1 year – score 10 • Site available to develop within 1-5 years – score 6 • Site available to develop 6-10 years – score 3 • Site available to develop 10+ years – score 0.

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