



Wigan[♥]
Council

REQUEST 19352

1. Please provide any information regarding the council's grey/green belt reviews to date.
2. How many sites have you identified as being grey belt
 - a. What is the acreage of these sites individually.

RESPONSE

The concept of grey belt is a recent consideration for sites in the Green Belt and was first established through National Planning Policy Framework, December 2024.

The only assessment of grey belt land produced by the council is the 'Site selection assessment of sites promoted for employment uses in the Green Belt' which can be found here: <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Docs/PDF/Council/Consultations/Future-plan/Site-selection-assessment-employment.pdf>

The assessment, informed by national policy, was produced by the council in support of the recent Wigan Borough Initial Draft Local Plan consultation in April to June 2025. The assessment identified 8 sites that have been promoted for employment uses in the Green Belt to the council. Only 4 sites were assessed as 'grey belt' in the report.

These 4 sites were promoted through the Initial Draft Local Plan as employment-led site allocations. They include:

- Land north of M6 junction 26, Wigan – 60.60 hectares
- Moss Industrial Estate Extension, Leigh – 10.8 hectares
- Bridgewater West, Astley – 77.70 hectares
- West of Winwick Lane, Lowton - 72.8 hectares.