SITE ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The Site being surveyed is: ……………………………………………………………………

The survey team includes: …………………………………………………………………

Survey team contact is Name: …………………………….. **Phone:** …………………….

Address: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

Postcode: …………………….. **Email:** …………………………………………………..

Date: ………………………

- This survey is designed to help you examine and record key aspects of one of the suggested sites for development in and around Sonning Common
- The evidence and understanding provided by your work will enable appropriate choices to be made about possible development sites and about the form and nature of any development that might then take place.
- Please not that no sites have yet been formally allocated for development; most were suggested by landowners and potential developers. That will come in the next stage so this is not yet the point at which to say' yes, no, maybe' for development.
- Also, development is not all or nothing. Only part of a site might turn out to be appropriate – that is one thing this process will reveal.

We are giving you:
- *This introduction and form.*
- *A map of all the suggested sites, including 'yours'.*
- *A map of the specific site you are looking at - with apologies for the rather poor quality – we're working on that!*

Getting the survey done:
- *You do not necessarily have to get access onto the site to do this survey.*
- *Even if you (think you) know the site well, walk up and down, look all around.*
- *Start by taking some photos of the site from outside looking <u>in</u>.*
- *Only if you can (physically, safely ….. legally) get onto the site, then take a few photos from the site looking <u>out</u>.*
- *Mark on the map wherever you take any photos from, and in what direction (use a dot and a little arrow).*
- *For most (not all) of the form just add notes in boxes in response to the questions. If easier, more appropriate or in addition, add notes on the map.*
- *Don't get too hung up on our terms and feel free to add 'not sure' if that helps.*

When you have finished:
- *Place the form and site map back in the envelope (keep anything else if you wish).*
- *We also need your photos so please either:*
  - *call in to the Parish Office with your camera or memory card and we can download them on the spot, or*
  - *put the photos on a CD and drop that into the office at any time.*
- *Once you've sorted how to get us the photos, make sure you also get us the envelope!*

PART 1: Site Character and Features
In some boxes we offer hints – use, ignore or add to as you wish.

A. What is the landform of the site, eg. flat, sloping, in which direction?

B. What important views of the site are there from outside?

C. What important views of the village or landscape are there from inside?

D. Describe Important Site Features	
The Boundary: Materials Level of Enclosure And ….	
Any Buildings etc.: Use, Age, Quality, Condition And …	

The Landscape and Natural Features And …..	

E. What are the Character, Uses and Features of the surrounding area?

PART 2: Sustainability of the Site

For each sustainability question below, place an X in the box that you think most applies to the site.

A: Views and Setting. How important do you think the site is in terms of views of Sonning Common and the landscape?

Low Importance: *Likely to be able to accommodate development without harming views and the setting.*	
Medium Importance: *Some important views but these could be maintained with a well-designed development.*	
Highly Important and Sensitive: *Site is very important in village setting and landscape and unable to accommodate development without major harm.*	
Notes?	

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B: Green Space and Wildlife. From what you know and have recorded, how well do you think development on this site could conserve or enhance important existing natural features and wildlife?

Very Well: *There are few existing important natural features or signs of wildlife. There is potential to create new green environments.*	
Potential for Conservation: *Any important features could be conserved or replaced within a well-designed scheme.(You can note the features in the next section)*	
Too Sensitive for Development: *There are too many. too valuable features to accommodate development without causing major harm to local character.*	
Notes?	

C: Neighbouring Character and Uses. How well do you think development on this site could fit into the neighbouring character?

Development could improve character by removing eyesores or creating improved character.	
Well designed development could fit with neighbouring land uses and the area's character	
Development of any kind would not fit with, and would harm, character.	
Notes?	

D: Walking and Cycling. How well connected is the site to local facilities?

Good. *Safe unhindered access to a good range of facilities within about 400 metres.*	
Reasonable. *Safe, unhindered access to basic facilities within about 800 metres.*	
Poor. *Distance, connection and safety issues to limited facilities.*	
Very Poor. *Relatively isolated, poor connection and safety*	
Notes?	

E: Public Transport. How well connected is the site?

Good. *Good walking distance to public transport (400 metres).*	
Fair. *Good walking distance but accessibility and/or safety Issues.*	
Poor. *Distance and poor connections discourages use.*	
Notes?	

PART 3: Your Priority Issues and Suggestions

A: Key Features
From ALL your observations, what do you think are most important issues and features of this site?

B: Key Priorities
If you think this site could be considered for development, how much of it could be? What are the main problems that any development would need to solve?