

# Mendlesham: Heritage Assessment of Potential Growth Sites



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## **1 Introduction**

Place Services at Essex County Council was commissioned to undertake an assessment of the heritage impact of potential sites for inclusion within the Mendlesham Neighbourhood Plan.

This report provides an assessment of the historic environment sensitivity to development of 15 separate sites around Mendlesham submitted as a call for sites in the Local Plan for Babergh and Mid Suffolk councils.

As a first step a pro-forma assessment sheet was developed to hold the heritage assessment data for each of the potential allocation sites which was based on the sheets used in assessing historic settlements for Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils for their local plan.

Data for each allocation site reference number; date of assessment; the historic environment evidence base from the Historic Environment Record (EHER) and cartographic data; which contains a summary of designated assets, including listed buildings, conservation areas and archaeological sites in area.

This is followed by a high level assessment of the impact of the development of the different sites on the historic environment. Finally recommendations and a sensitivity RAG (Red/amber/green) score is provided as part of each site assessment.

All of the site allocations are shown on figure 1.

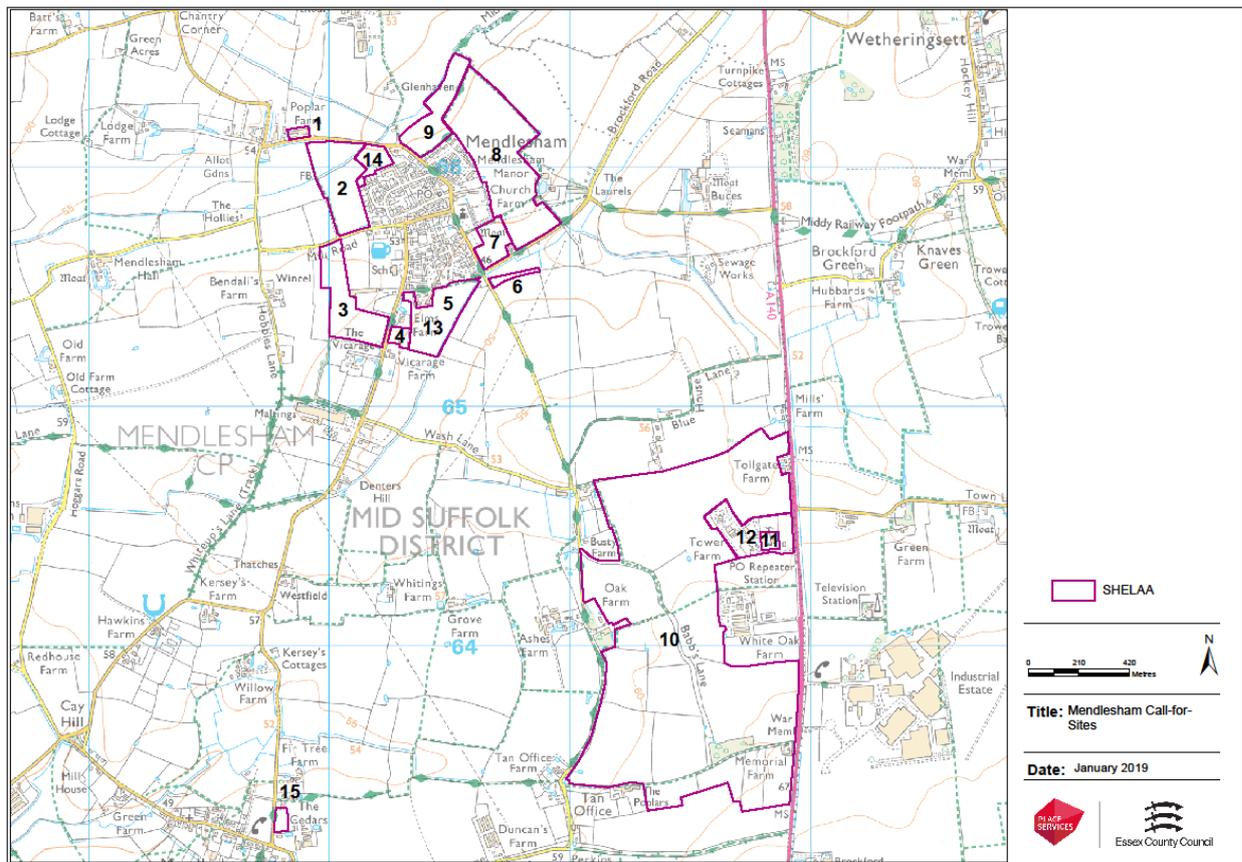


Figure 1: Plan of potential site allocations

## 2 Heritage Sensitivity assessment

Heritage sensitivity is identified on a three-tier traffic light scoring system where:

**GREEN** represents sites which present no concerns for inclusion as a site allocation although may well still require mitigation in the form of archaeological investigations or landscape enhancements to protect setting of heritage assets such as listed buildings.

**AMBER** represents sites presenting moderate to major impacts which will affect the allocation but can be overcome by design solutions and needs detailed assessment in order to achieve this.

**RED** represents sites which have a significant adverse effect which would be difficult to mitigate.

### 3 Assessment Sheets for Potential Site Allocations in the Mendlesham Area

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<b>Historic Environment Evidence Base</b>
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Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.

Site 1 lies to the west of the historic core immediately adjacent to two listed buildings both comprising farmhouses, one at Poplar Farm and the second called Hunters Moon, both being Grade II listed. The site of Hunters Moon lies within a moated enclosure which is likely to have its origins in the medieval period.

The Conservation Area (lying to the east of this site) contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street.

The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area especially of medieval finds largely along the edges of the road implying possible earlier farm sites.

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Site 1 located some distance to the west of the historic core maintains long distance views of the church tower. The site lies in close proximity to two grade II listed buildings, both comprising farm houses.

Mendlesham is located within a rural agricultural landscape with dispersed farmsteads, a number of which contain listed buildings and are moated. In the case of Site 1, it lies immediately to the east of two of these farms.

The Site lies on existing modern farm buildings which would have caused some disturbance to any surviving archaeological deposits.

<b>Recommendations</b>
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The potential for impacting the setting of the grade II listed buildings needs to be considered

<b>RAG score: Green</b>
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*Specific work required for any pre app. submission:*

Heritage impact assessment	Detailed impact assessment targeted on the two adjacent listed buildings
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<b>Site ref no.</b>	2	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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<b>Historic Environment Evidence Base</b>
<p>Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.</p> <p>Site 2 lies to the west of the historic core, covering a large area. The Conservation Area lying to the east of this site contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street. The recent settlement assessment of Mendlesham identified the views looking eastward into the conservation area from Mill road as important.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area especially of medieval finds largely along the edges of the road implying possible earlier farm sites.</p>
<b>High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment</b>
<p>Site 2 located to the west of the historic core would expand this side of the settlement thus beginning to encircle the historic core on the western side. The site lies in close proximity to the eastern side of the Conservation Area and will have an impact on the setting of this.</p> <p>Mendlesham is located within a rural agricultural landscape with dispersed farmsteads, a number of which contain listed buildings and are moated. In the case of Site 2 a large expansion to the west of the Conservation Area is further separating the historic core from its agrarian landscape.</p>

<b>Recommendations</b>	
<p>The potential for impacting the setting of the conservation area and the grade II listed buildings needs to be considered. Impact on the entrance to the historic settlement would need to be carefully designed. Assessment of the archaeological potential will also be required to ensure no significant archaeological deposits are impacted and opportunities for preservation <i>in situ</i> is explored as part of any master planning</p>	
<b>RAG score: Green/Amber</b>	
<i>Specific work required for any pre app. submission:</i>	
Heritage impact assessment	Impact assessment on the conservation area and associated listed buildings.
Archaeological Evaluation	Discussions should take place with the Suffolk County Historic Environment Advisors to assess when they require an archaeological evaluation.

## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<b>Site ref no.</b>	3	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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<b>Historic Environment Evidence Base</b>
<p>Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.</p> <p>Site 3 lies to the west of the historic core, covering a large area. The Conservation Area contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street. The recent settlement assessment of Mendlesham identified the views looking eastward into the conservation area from Mill road as important.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a medieval pottery scatter in the northern area of the Site comprising a quantity of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> century rims and body sherds.</p> <p>The route of the Mid Suffolk Light Railway cuts across the central part of Site 3. The Mid-Suffolk Light Railway was a standard gauge railway intended to open up an agricultural area of central Suffolk.</p>
<b>High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment</b>
<p>Site 3 located to the south west of the historic core would expand this side of the settlement thus beginning to encircle the historic core. The site lies in close proximity to the western edge of the Conservation Area and the Site area abutting Mill Road will have an impact on the setting of this.</p> <p>Mendlesham is located within a rural agricultural landscape with dispersed farmsteads. In the case of Site 3 a large expansion to the west of the Conservation Area is further separating the historic core from its agrarian landscape.</p> <p>The presence of field walking scatters indicates the potential of archaeological remains being present.</p>

<b>Recommendations</b>	
<p>The potential for impacting the setting of the conservation area and the grade II listed buildings needs to be considered. Impact on the entrance to the Conservation Area would need to be carefully designed. The presence of a field walking scatter identifies the potential for medieval occupation on the road frontage.</p>	
<b>RAG score: Amber</b>	
<i>Specific work required for any pre app. submission:</i>	
Heritage impact assessment	Impact assessment on the conservation area and associated listed buildings as well as the grade II* listed building at Elm Farm.
Archaeological Evaluation	Discussions should take place with the Suffolk County Historic Environment Advisors to assess when they require an archaeological evaluation.

## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<b>Site ref no.</b>	4	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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<b>Historic Environment Evidence Base</b>
<p>Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.</p> <p>The Conservation Area contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street.</p> <p>A grade II* listed building is located at Elms Farm to the south of the settlement and immediately north of site 4. The listing description describes the building as a former farmhouse dating to the late 15<sup>th</sup> century with 16<sup>th</sup> century alterations. The farm complex retains all of its associated farm buildings.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area with medieval finds from the school area to the west and a dense scatter of Roman material south east of the site.</p> <p>Metal detector finds of Saxon metal work indicate that there is potential earlier occupation, with the present evidence indicating occupation near to the present church and manor within the Conservation Area.</p>
<b>High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment</b>
<p>Site 4 is located to the south of the historic core will not have any direct impact on the conservation area as it is separated by a block of modern housing.</p> <p>Mendlesham is located within a rural agricultural landscape with dispersed farmsteads, a number of which contain listed buildings and are moated. The grade II* former farmhouse at Elms Farm, formerly Streets Farm is situated immediately to the north of site 4. This has already been partially divorced from its historic setting by its proximity to the adjacent modern development on the western side of Old Station Road. Site 4 will further enclose the farm complex divorcing it from its agricultural setting and linking it into the settlement area creating ribbon development along Station Road.</p> <p>The historic environment record identifies few archaeological records within the immediate vicinity of the Site. A scatter of medieval pottery is recorded within the school immediately to the north.</p>

<b>Recommendations</b>		
<p>The potential for impacting the setting of the grade II* listed building needs to be considered in any design to ensure the farm complex retains as much contact to its rural setting as possible. The full impact of this also depends on the progress of site 5/13.</p>		
<b>RAG score: Amber/red</b>		
<i>Specific work required for any pre app. submission:</i>		
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## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

Archaeological Evaluation	Discussions should take place with the Suffolk County Historic Environment Advisors to assess when they require the archaeological evaluation.

## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<b>Site ref no.</b>	5	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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### Historic Environment Evidence Base

Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.

The Conservation Area contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street.

A grade II\* listed building is located at Elms Farm to the south of the settlement and immediately west of site 5. The listing description describes the building as a former farmhouse dating to the late 15<sup>th</sup> century with 16<sup>th</sup> century alterations. The farm complex retains all of its associated farm buildings.

The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area with medieval finds from the school area to the west and a dense scatter of Roman material south east of the site.

Metal detector finds of Saxon metal work indicate that there is potential earlier occupation, with the present evidence indicating occupation near to the present church and manor within the Conservation Area.

The route of the Mid Suffolk Light Railway cuts across the northern boundary of Site 5. The Mid-Suffolk Light Railway was a standard gauge railway intended to open up an agricultural area of central Suffolk.

### High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment

Site 5 located to the south of the historic core will not have any direct impact on the conservation area as it is separated by a block of modern housing.

Mendlesham is located within a rural agricultural landscape with dispersed farmsteads, a number of which contain listed buildings and are moated. The grade II\* former farmhouse at Elms Farm, formerly Streets Farm is situated immediately to the west of site 5. This has already been partially divorced from its historic setting by its proximity to the adjacent modern development on the western side of Old Station Road. This site will further enclose the farm complex divorcing it largely from its agricultural setting apart from along Station Road.

The historic environment record records few archaeological records within the immediate vicinity of the Allocation Site. A scatter of medieval pottery is recorded within the school immediately to the north.

### Recommendations

The potential for impacting the setting of the grade II\* listed building needs to be considered in any design to ensure the farm complex retains as much contact to its rural setting as possible. Retention of the line of the former railway should be incorporated into the design along the northern boundary. Site 4 has potential to further harm the setting of the listed building.

**RAG score: Amber**

## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<i>Specific work required for any pre app. submission:</i>	
Heritage impact assessment	Detailed impact assessment targeted on Elms Farm and its associated buildings
Archaeological Evaluation	Discussions should take place with the Suffolk County Historic Environment Advisors to assess when they require the archaeological evaluation.

## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<b>Site ref no.</b>	6	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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<b>Historic Environment Evidence Base</b>
<p>Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.</p> <p>Site 6 lies to the south-east of the historic core formed a thin strip of land which was part of the former Mid Suffolk Light Railway. The Mid-Suffolk Light Railway was a standard gauge railway intended to open up an agricultural area of central Suffolk.</p> <p>The Conservation Area lying to the north west of this site contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area especially of medieval finds located especially along the edges of the roads implying medieval rural cottage or farm sites.</p>
<b>High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment</b>
<p>Site 6 is located to the south-east of the historic core beyond the existing residential development. The residential development will have an impact on the setting of the Grade I listed church and Conservation Area separating the core from the surviving open agrarian landscape. It will also seriously impact the historic route of the disused Suffolk Light Railway.</p>

<b>Recommendations</b>	
<p>The development of this site would impact the setting of the Grade I church separating it from its agrarian landscape to the south. This development lies on the route of the historic light railway line. If this site proceeds it will destroy part of the non-designated heritage asset. The amber red score is largely to do with the size and shape of the site as there is little movement for design.</p>	
<b>RAG score: Amber/Red</b>	
<i>Specific work required for any pre app. submission:</i>	
Heritage impact assessment	Impact assessment on the conservation area and associated listed buildings.
Archaeological Desk Based Assessment	Assess surviving elements of the Light railway and identify the routes importance.

## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<b>Site ref no.</b>	7	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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### Historic Environment Evidence Base

Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.

Site 7 lies to the south-east of the historic core abutting the conservation area. The Conservation Area lying to the north west of this site contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street. The present church has its origins in the 13<sup>th</sup> century; however, there is reference to the church in the Domesday book.

A moated site abuts the northern edge of Site 7 which is recorded as the potential site of a medieval Manor house probably originating as a church manor complex. There is evidence that this was originally a double moated enclosure. Quantities of medieval pottery have been recovered from the site.

The Manor seems to have moved at a later date to the east.

The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a find spot to the east of the Site there is the find spot of an Anglo Saxon bronze wrist clasp of 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> century date.

### High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment

Site 7 is located to the south-east of the historic core abutting the church yard and conservation area boundary. The church lies directly to the north of Site 7 and its setting will suffer harm if it was developed. There would also be a direct impact on the setting of the conservation area with any development of this site resulting in the loss of the historic cores link to the agrarian landscape.

The moated site to the east of the church would also be impacted in a similar manner. These heritage assets all have an integral relationship with the adjacent agrarian landscape and any development on the eastern side of Mendlesham would seriously impact this.

There is also a high potential for below ground archaeological deposits of material dating from the Anglo Saxon period onwards.

### Recommendations

This area is highly susceptible to development with the result of considerable harm being caused to the setting of the conservation area, Grade I church and moated site.

**RAG score: Red**

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<b>Site ref no.</b>	8	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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### Historic Environment Evidence Base

Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.

Site 8 lies to the east of the historic core abutting the conservation area.

The Conservation Area lying to the west of this site contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street. The present church has its origins in the 13<sup>th</sup> century; however, there is reference to the church in the Domesday book implying the presence of an earlier church on the site.

A moated site abuts the western edge of Site 7 which is recorded as the potential site of a medieval Manor house probably originating as a church manor complex. There is evidence that this was originally a double moated enclosure (HER MSF8597). Quantities of medieval pottery have been recovered from the site.

To the immediate east of the Site a group of listed buildings are located at Mendlesham Manor (formerly Park Farm). These buildings are set within an agrarian landscape and have been since the late medieval period.

The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a find spot within the Site there is the find spot of an Anglo Saxon bronze wrist clasp of 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> century date.

### High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment

Site 8 is located to the south-east of the historic core abutting the church yard and conservation area boundary. The church lies directly to the north of Site 8 and its setting will suffer harm if it was developed.

There would also be a direct impact on the setting of the conservation area with any development of this site resulting in the loss of the historic cores link to the agrarian landscape.

The moated site to the east of the church would also be impacted in a similar manner. These heritage assets all have an integral relationship with the adjacent agrarian landscape and any development on the eastern side of Mendlesham would seriously impact this.

The Site would also impact the setting of the two listed buildings at Mendlesham Manor, both of which date from the late medieval or early post medieval. There is also a high potential for below ground archaeological deposits of material dating from the Anglo Saxon, medieval and post medieval periods.

### Recommendations

This area is highly susceptible to development with the result of considerable harm being caused to the setting of the conservation area, Grade I church and moated site.

**RAG score: Red**

## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

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### Historic Environment Evidence Base

Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.

Site 9 lies to the north of the historic core, extending north into the rural landscape. The Conservation Area lying to the south of this site contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street. The recent settlement assessment of Mendlesham identified the views looking eastward into the conservation area from Mill road as important.

The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area especially of Roman finds.

### High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment

Site 9 is located to the north of the historic core expanding the town area into the rural landscape

It is unlikely that there would be any impact on the conservation area as there is a Mid-20<sup>th</sup> century housing estate between the site and it. The site does have potential for disturbing archaeological deposits as finds scatters of Roman material have been found in the immediate vicinity.

### Recommendations

No impact on the historic core but does create urban expansion into the historic rural landscape.

### RAG score: Green

*Specific work required for any pre app. submission:*

Archaeological Evaluation

Discussions should take place with the Suffolk County Historic Environment Advisors to assess when they require an archaeological evaluation.

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<b>Site ref no.</b>	10	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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### Historic Environment Evidence Base

Site 10 lies to the south east of Mendlesham.

Site 10 comprises a series of fields to the south east of the historic settlement of Mendlesham covering a large area with only a single listed building on the eastern edge of the area (Tollgate Farm Cottage just outside area). Two further listed buildings are located off the south west corner comprising two former farmhouses.

The Historic Environment Record shows a number of archaeological sites directly affected. Running along the eastern side of the area is the Coddendam to Scole Roman Road. The Roman road would have had rural settlements associated with it as identified by a series of Roman finds scatters within the Site. The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of numerous field walking scatters in the area comprising Roman and medieval finds. These imply considerable occupation within the Site during the Roman, Saxon and medieval period.

A number of areas within the Site are the remains of dispersal sites associated with the Second World War airfield at Mendlesham airfield. Comparison of the aerial photographic evidence indicates that a number of the buildings on these dispersal sites still survive.

### High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment

Site 10 lies to the south east of Mendlesham on part of the dispersal sites of the World War II airfield which lies to the east of Site 10. Only three listed buildings would be impacted by the Site, all of which lie outside the Site itself. The settings of these buildings would need to be carefully assessed as part of any master planning or proposed application.

The presence of the Roman road to the immediate east of the site increases the potential for Roman sites to be present within it. This is supported by the field walking evidence which indicates the presence of both Roman and medieval occupation in various locations across the site.

### Recommendations

Site 10 will need to assess the setting of the three adjacent listed buildings and ensure these would be considered in any master plan. A full detailed programme of archaeological evaluation would be needed on the numerous archaeological field walking scatters recorded on the HER.

### RAG score: Green

*Specific work required for any pre app. submission:*

Archaeological Evaluation	Discussions should take place with the Suffolk County Historic Environment Advisors to assess the nature of the archaeological evaluation required. This would need to include an assessment of the standing buildings and their association with the World War II airfield.
Heritage impact assessment	Detailed impact assessment targeted on the three listed buildings just outside the site boundary

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<b>Historic Environment Evidence Base</b>
<p>Site 11 lies to the south east of Mendlesham within site 10.</p> <p>Site 11 comprises the site of a reclamation yard and former World War II dispersal site.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area around the site comprising Roman and medieval finds.</p> <p>The Site comprises the remains of one of the dispersal sites associated with the Second World War airfield at Mendlesham airfield. Comparison of the aerial photographic evidence indicates that a number of the buildings on these dispersal sites still survive from the war period.</p>
<b>High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment</b>
<p>Site 11 lies to the south east of Mendlesham on one of the dispersal sites of the World War II airfield which lies to the east.</p> <p>There would be the potential for surviving archaeological deposits considering the number of field walking scatters in the immediate vicinity of the site; however, these are likely to have suffered some disturbance due to the WWII uses and later development.</p>

<b>Recommendations</b>		
<p>Site 11 will need to assess the importance of the surviving buildings on site and their original function. An assessment of the potential for surviving archaeological deposits is likely but this would not affect housing on this site.</p>		
<b>RAG score: Green</b>		
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<b>Historic Environment Evidence Base</b>
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Site 12 lies to the south east of Mendlesham within site 10.

Site 12 comprises the site of a pylon and former World War II dispersal site associated with the World War II airfield to the east. .

The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area around the site comprising Roman and medieval finds.

The Site comprises the remains of one of the dispersal sites associated with the World War II airfield at Mendlesham airfield.

<b>High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment</b>
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Site 11 lies to the south east of Mendlesham on one of the dispersal sites of the World War II airfield which lies to the east.

The present buildings on the site would have significantly disturbed the archaeological deposits if they survived in this area.

<b>Recommendations</b>
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Site 11 will need to assess the importance of the surviving buildings on site and their original function.

<b>RAG score: Green</b>
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## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<b>Site ref no.</b>	13	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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### Historic Environment Evidence Base

Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.

The Conservation Area contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street.

A grade II\* listed building is located at Elms Farm to the south of the settlement and immediately west of site 13. The listing description describes the building as a former farmhouse dating to the late 15<sup>th</sup> century with 16<sup>th</sup> century alterations. The farm complex retains all of its associated farm buildings.

The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area with medieval finds from the school area to the west and a dense scatter of Roman material south east of the site.

Metal detector finds of Saxon metal work indicate that there is potential earlier occupation, with the present evidence indicating occupation near to the present church and manor within the Conservation Area.

The route of the Mid Suffolk Light Railway cuts across the northern boundary of Site 13. The Mid-Suffolk Light Railway was a standard gauge railway intended to open up an agricultural area of central Suffolk.

### High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment

Site 13 located to the south of the historic core will not have any direct impact on the conservation area as it is separated by a block of modern housing.

Mendlesham is located within a rural agricultural landscape with dispersed farmsteads, a number of which contain listed buildings and are moated. The grade II\* former farmhouse at Elms Farm, formerly Streets Farm is situated immediately to the west of site 13. This has already been partially divorced from its historic setting by its proximity to the adjacent modern development on the western side of Old Station Road. This site will further enclose the farm complex divorcing it largely from its agricultural setting apart from along Station Road.

The historic environment record records few archaeological records within the immediate vicinity of the Allocation Site. A scatter of medieval pottery is recorded within the school immediately to the north.

### Recommendations

The potential for impacting the setting of the grade II\* listed building needs to be considered in any design to ensure the farm complex retains as much contact to its rural setting as possible. Retention of the line of the former railway should be incorporated into the design along the northern boundary. The higher the density of housing the more impact it will have on the setting of the listed building.

**RAG score: Amber**

## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<i>Specific work required for any pre app. submission:</i>	
Heritage impact assessment	Detailed impact assessment targeted on Elms Farm and its associated buildings
Archaeological Evaluation	Discussions should take place with the Suffolk County Historic Environment Advisors to assess when they require the archaeological evaluation.

## Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<b>Site ref no.</b>	14	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham
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<b>Date of desktop assessment</b>	4-1-19
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### Historic Environment Evidence Base

Mendlesham contains an important historic core protected by a conservation area. During the late 20<sup>th</sup> century residential expansion occurred in the area to the north and south of the historic core expanding after 1980.

Site 14 lies on the north-western edge of the present settlement. The Conservation Area lying to the south east of this site contains a single Grade I building, the Church of St Mary and 22 Grade II listed building largely concentrated along Mill Road and Old Market Street.

The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area especially of Roman and medieval date.

### High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment

Site 14 is located to the north-west of the historic core and is unlikely to impact on the conservation area as there is a Mid-20<sup>th</sup> century housing estate between the site and the Conservation Area. The site does have potential for disturbing archaeological deposits as finds scatters of Roman material have been found to the north of the site.

### Recommendations

No impact on the historic core. Possible archaeological deposits present.

**RAG score: Green**

Archaeological Evaluation	Discussions should take place with the Suffolk County Historic Environment Advisors to assess the nature of archaeological investigation required
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Assessment of Mendlesham potential allocation sites

<b>Site ref no.</b>	15	<b>Site name</b>	Mendlesham Green
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<b>Date of desktop assessment</b>	7-1-19
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<b>Historic Environment Evidence Base</b>
<p>Mendlesham Green lies to the south of Mendlesham.</p> <p>Site 15 lies to the west of the core of the developed Green comprising an open field with rough pasture. A single Grade II listed building is located to the north of the Site at Fir Tree Farm. The listed building lies to the north of the Site with further buildings between the site and the listed structure.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Record shows the presence of a number of field walking scatters in the area comprising Roman and medieval finds. None of these</p>
<b>High Level Assessment of impact on the historic environment</b>
<p>Site 15 lies within the village of Mendlesham Green. It lies to the south of a single grade II listed buildings at the Fir Tree Farm, which itself is largely enclosed by woodland. There is archaeological evidence for finds scatters of Roman and medieval date around the village, but none directly impact Site 15.</p>

<b>Recommendations</b>
Limited heritage impact
<b>RAG score: Green</b>

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