SITE ASSESSMENT SURVEY

The Site surveyed: SON …………………………………………………

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

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

Address: ……………………………………….……………….

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

Date: …………………………

- This survey is designed to help you examine and record key aspects of one of the possible sites registered by SODC for development in Sonning Common.
- The evidence and understanding provided by your work will enable appropriate choices to be made about potential development sites and about the form and nature of any development that might then take place.
- Please note that no sites have yet been formally allocated for development; the majority were put forward to SODC by landowners. Allocation is further down the line after further consideration and public consultation.
- 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. If you believe only part of a site is suitable for development, please say so.

We are giving you:
- *This introduction and survey form, an envelope for returning the survey(s) if necessary.*
- *A map of all the sites registered by SODC for development within Sonning Common.*
- *A map of the specific site(s) you are surveying.*
- *Site access information.*

Getting the survey done:
- *Using a clipboard will make completion easier.*
- *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.*
- *It might be helpful to you to take some photos of the site from outside looking in.*
- *Only if you can (physically, safely ….. legally) get onto the site, also take a few photos from the site looking out.*
- *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 survey form just add notes in boxes in response to the questions.*
- *Don't get too hung up on our terms and feel free to add 'not sure' if that helps.*
- *It would help the subsequent collation and analysis if you could complete your survey electronically; we will email you a blank form.*

When you have finished:
- *Ensure you have completed the required detail at the top of this page.*
- *Email your completed survey to ndp@sonningcommonparishcouncil.org.uk or*
- *Put your completed survey in the envelope provided through the Parish Council letterbox at the front of the Village Hall. On the outside of the envelope write: Completed survey and your name and the date.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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?	

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 list the features in the Notes section below).*	
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 the village centre?

Good. *Safe unhindered access to a wide 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 issues.*	
Notes?	

E: Public Transport. How close is the site to a bus stop?

Good. *Walking distance to public transport (400 metres) on accessible pathway.*	
Fair. *Walking distance but accessibility and/or safety Issues.*	
Poor. *Distance and safe accessibility discourage 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?