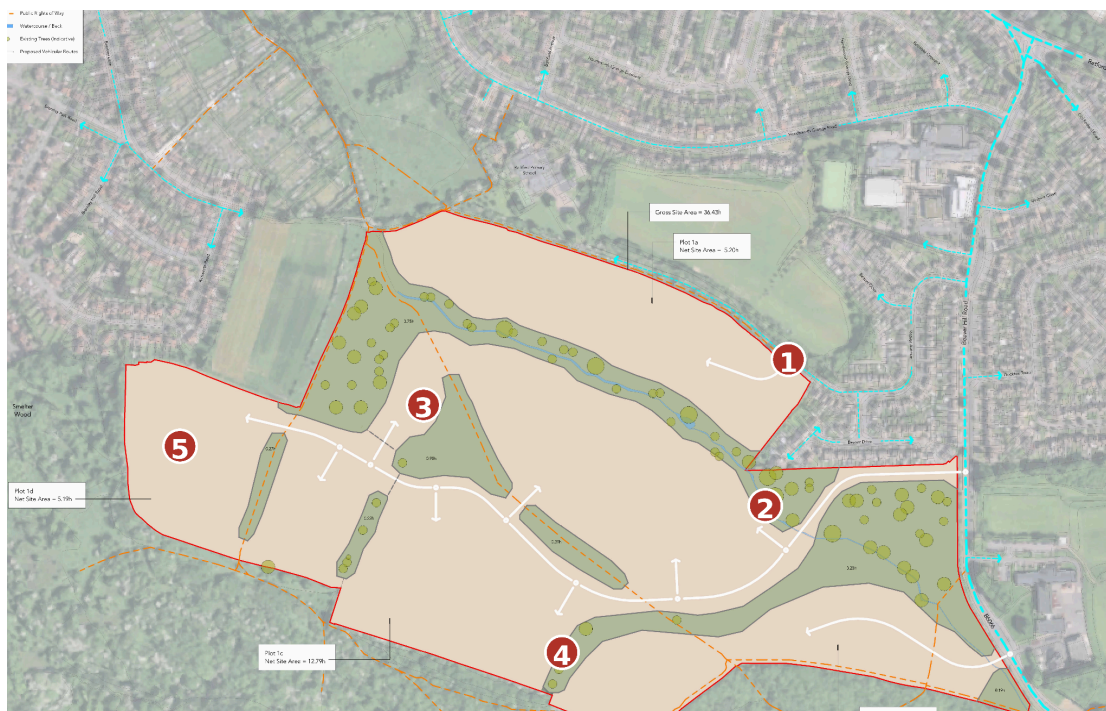


Illustrative plan for SES30 shows no School or Burial Ground or ecological buffers

EXAM 168 was published on 10 October 2025 as the illustrative concept plan for SES30. Set against the Council's evidence base, it draws housing plots over an archaeological site its heritage advice says should be excluded from development, right up to local wildlife sites where buffers should shield vulnerable habitats; over a no-build buffer its flood assessment requires; and over the nine hectares reserved for a school and a burial ground.



EXAM 168, SES 30 Illustrative Concept Plan, drawing (99) 001 rev B, prepared by Enjoy Design Ltd, dated 6 October 2025. Numbered markers added by Sheffield Green Belt Alliance.

27.40 ha

area of housing plots drawn

23.65 ha

housing land EXAM 180 allows,
after the school and burial ground

3 ha

of major archaeological constraint,
drawn as housing

0

schools, burial grounds or
woodland buffers drawn

1 ACCESS THROUGH THE BEAVER ESTATE

All access to Plot 1a - 5.20 ha, around 180 homes - runs through residential streets barely wide enough for two cars, and which are frequently reduced to single-car width by on-street parking. EXAM 130 and 130B record constrained access of this kind as a reason for not allocating other Green Belt sites. An historic Quaker burial ground lies immediately west of Beaver Drive, where this access is drawn.

3 WHERE ARE THE SCHOOL AND BURIAL GROUND?

EXAM 180 reaches 827 homes by removing 5 ha for a school and 4 ha for a burial ground. Neither appears anywhere on the drawing. The four housing plots total 27.40 ha - 3.75 ha more than EXAM 180 allows for housing - and the 9.03 ha left over is drawn as green corridor and watercourse.

5 THREE HECTARES ITS OWN ADVICE EXCLUDES

The Archaeological Scoping Assessment classes roughly 3 ha in the south-west as major archaeological constraint, of possibly Regional significance, and records no part of the site as free of constraint. EXAM 127A para 5.5 says areas of archaeological importance should be "excluded from development". EXAM 130 scored the site green/positive, noting: "little or no archaeological constraints".

2 THE ROAD CROSSES THE NO-BUILD ZONE

The Level 2 SFRA requires an 8 metre no-development buffer either side of the watercourse. The drawing routes its northern access straight across it. The Council's ecologists record nine veteran trees - irreplaceable habitat - along this watercourse, and the drawing's own tree symbols cluster at the crossing. National policy says development causing the loss of irreplaceable habitat should be refused.

4 NO 15 METRE BUFFER AT SHIRTLIFF WOOD

MM411 requires a minimum 15 m buffer to the adjoining Local Wildlife Sites. Housing plots are drawn to the boundary with Shirtcliff Wood, ancient woodland. EXAM 153 records four Local Wildlife Sites directly bounding the site; MM411 names three.

— WHAT IS MISSING, IN TOTAL

Not drawn anywhere on this plan: the 5 ha school, the 4 ha burial ground, 3 ha of major archaeological constraint, the c.3.5 ha of flood storage the Level 2 SFRA requires, the absolute minimum 15 m woodland buffers, and the areas of mining risk in EXAM 188.

The plots are drawn as though none of it applies.

Every constraint is recorded in a document the Council commissioned or published, and none of them is drawn. Represent them accurately and **one of two things gives: the 827 homes, or the school, burial ground and buffers used to justify releasing the Green Belt.**