

Where would be the best site for new housing in our local area?

- Aim:**
1. To think about what decisions planners must make when deciding where to locate areas of new development
 2. To understand the issues of 'Greenfield' v. 'Brownfield' sites

The task:

Two sites have been suggested as being an area suitable for the construction of new housing. You need to examine the two sites and analyse the advantages and disadvantages of them. However, the council want a further option, which you must provide! I will allocate your group a site to study and your group must produce a short presentation/Movie explaining why your site should be chosen to build the new housing development. There will be fiery a debate, but remember the theory / issues discussed.

The Possible sites:

Site 1: Horsea Island (Groups 1 & 2)

Examine the case for putting houses on a site recently made available at the landfill site in grid square 6304

Site 2: Waterlooville (Groups 3 & 4)

Examine the case for putting houses west of Waterlooville in Grid Square 6709

Site 3: Free Choice (Groups 5 & 6)

You have a free choice! Explain you decisions fully

Things to consider:

- Does the site have good transport access? (Not necessarily just road/ motorway access).
- Are there going to be jobs nearby?
- Will the existing shops and services be able to cope?
- The site itself- is it flat? Is there room to expand?
- What sort of issues may arise from your development?
- Who will benefit? Who will lose out?
- Is your site going to be easy to build on- what issues could arise from your development?

You now need to give each of the sites a score. Scores range from 1 to 5- e.g. if you think site 1 has a good flat site it can score a 5. If you think it is not a flat site, give it a 1. If you think it is average give it a 3. It is a sliding scale so you can give it a 2 or a 4 too- it really is up to you!

Once you have scored all the sites, add up the scores in each column at the bottom and you should find a site that wins.

Criteria	Site 1	Site 2	Site 3
Flat site?			
Room to expand?			
Likelihood of jobs nearby?			
Transport Access?			
Local Service Provision?			
Likely to cause congestion?			
Pleasant environment for development?			
Site easy to build on?			
Sustainable form of development?			
Total Score for site			

Most Suitable Site = Site _____

Tasks:

1. Use OS map and the complete the table above
2. Produce a graph(s) of your choice to display the data in the table
3. Group task- in your groups of 4/5, you need to produce a presentation (PowerPoint/Moviemaker video/annotation of map slides on the interactive whiteboard) putting forward the case for the site you have been allocated
4. Listen to the presentations and be prepared to question the other group proposals- which group had the best presentation and why?
5. Which site was the best and why?
6. Which site was the worst and why?
7. What are your general views on the Greenfield v. Brownfield debate?
8. (complete once we have discussed Waterlooville case study) In what circumstances might development of a Greenfield site actually be better than developing Brownfield sites? Use the West of Waterlooville MDA example as a focus for your response.