

SETTLEMENT PROFILE

CHESTERS

This profile should be read in conjunction with the relevant settlement map.

DESCRIPTION

Chesters is situated on the A6088 Hawick to Carter Bar road, approximately 10 miles south east of Hawick and 8 miles south of Jedburgh. It is outside the Central Borders Strategic Development Area as defined in the SESplan. Chesters has a population of 49 (2001 Census).

PLACE MAKING CONSIDERATIONS

The village is centred at the crossroads where the A6088 road is met by minor roads from Camptown and Jedburgh. A war memorial is located at the crossroads. The village has developed in a linear form, mainly eastwards along Chesters Brae (the Camptown road). The existing trees and hedges around the village add to its rural character. The area around the ruined churchyard, site of the former tower and former school is particularly attractive.

The village has a southerly aspect and sits in an agricultural upland landscape with impressive views of the Cheviot Hills to the south. The land slopes to the south towards Jed Water. The Teviot Valleys Special Landscape Area is located to the north of the settlement.

The cemetery is identified as a key greenspace.

The absence of local services, the topography of the settlement and its location outside the Strategic Development Area means that it does not lend itself to significant levels of development. Development beyond the Local Development Plan period should be kept to a minimum.

INFRASTRUCTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Affordable Housing will require to be provided under the provisions of Policy HD1 and the Supplementary Guidance/ Supplementary Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing.

There is no requirement for contribution towards education provision.

In respect of both the Waste Water Treatment Works (which serve only part of the village) and the local water network, Chesters has limited capacity. Contributions may be required where upgrades are necessary to enable development.

Further information is available from Supplementary Guidance/Supplementary Planning Guidance on Developer Contributions and Planning/Development Briefs where applicable.

DEVELOPMENT AND SAFEGUARDING PROPOSALS

HOUSING

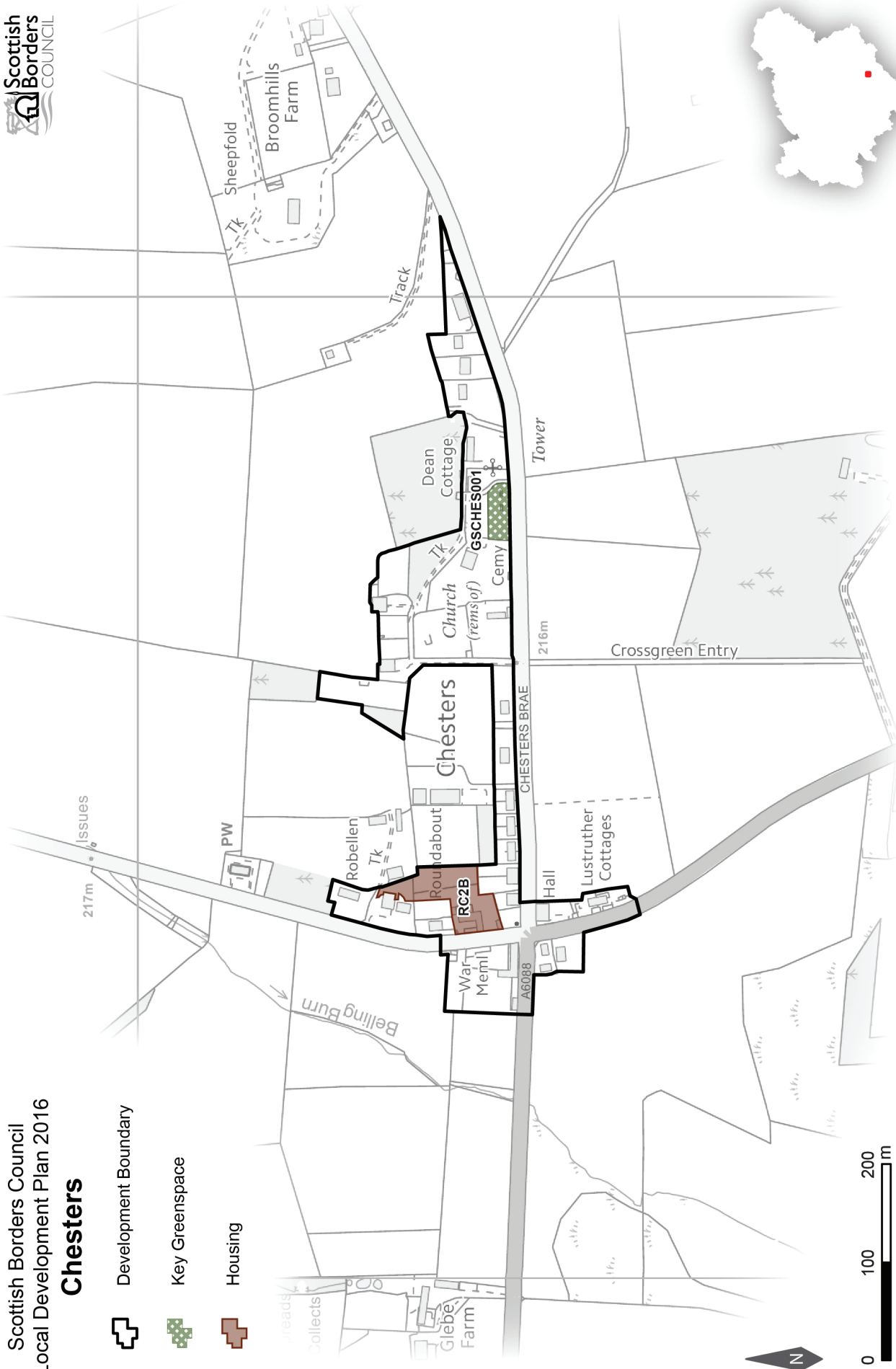
SITE REFERENCE	SITE NAME	SITE SIZE (HA)	INDICATIVE SITE CAPACITY
RC2B	Roundabout Farm	0.5	5
Site Requirements			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicular access from the minor road to the west of the site • A pedestrian access to the bus stop at the crossroads may be required. This will be dependant upon the location of the vehicular access • The design, layout, materials and finishes should reflect the high quality of existing buildings, particularly along the road frontage • Archaeological investigation of the site in order to assess the survival, extent and significance of any buried archaeological remains. Further investigation or changes to development proposals may be required based on the results • Existing trees should be retained where possible. 			

KEY GREENSPACE

SITE REFERENCE	SITE NAME	SITE SIZE (HA)
GSCHE001	Cemetery	0.2

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