

## Sheffield Plan Examination Note

### Allocation SES30 and the relationship with the Quaker burial and preaching grounds

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This note comprises the Council's response to the Inspectors' questions regarding the Quaker Burial and Preaching Grounds. These questions can be found in EXAM217C and were as follows:

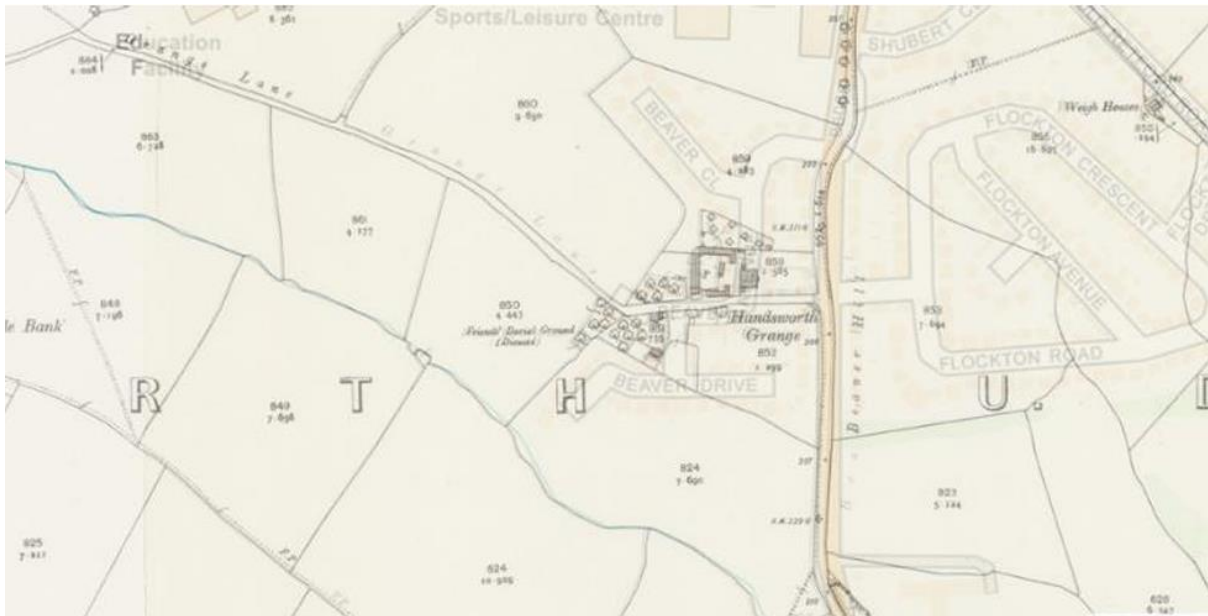
*"It is our understanding that the Quaker burial ground and the Quaker meeting ground at Cinder Hill Green (as referred to in representations) are on land adjoining site SES30. Can you please confirm whether this is the case, or whether part of these areas extends into SES30? If so, are there any implications for site delivery/access of SES30? It would also be appreciated if you could provide an update on their status, e.g. whether the Council has added them to the list of local heritage assets, and progress with any applications to Historic England for listing."*

Following receipt of the Council's response the Inspectors asked for further clarification on the location of preaching grounds and potential inclusion within the local heritage list:

*"The Council has confirmed that an application to list an adjoining Quaker burial ground and nearby preaching site has been turned down by Historic England, and that the Council has accepted that the burial ground should be included on a local list. However, it would be appreciated if the Council could confirm the location of the preaching ground, whether it extends into site SES30 and/or has implications for access to SES30. The Council is also requested to confirm whether an application for the preaching ground to be included on the local list has been made to the Council and refused? If so, what reasons were given?"*

#### Quaker Burial Ground

The Council can confirm that the Cinder Hill Green Quaker Burial Ground is located adjacent to SES30 on its eastern boundary. No part of the recorded burial ground is located within the allocation. The maps below show the location of the cemetery in 1892, overlayed with a modern map, and its location on the Sheffield Plan Policies Map.



1892 Ordnance Survey map overlying modern mapping



Policies map and the location of burial ground

As the burial ground is outside the allocation, no direct harm has been identified. Whilst the setting may be affected, it should be recognised that the burial ground is already significantly affected by the postwar residential development which surrounds it on three sides. These have already separated the site from the rural setting that existed when the site was used for burials during the 17th Century. The development of SES29 does offer opportunities to provide formal access close to the burial ground and public information on its historic significance. Regarding the burial ground's local heritage list status, it has been nominated for local listing, been through the assessment process and is recommended for local listing. This recommendation has recently been agreed by the Head of Planning for formal adoption. Given the absence of

harm to the burial ground, the site's listing would not affect the suitability SES29 for development.



Map of land that is recommended for inclusion on the local heritage list (South Yorkshire Local Heritage List)

The burial ground was submitted to Historic England for registering on the national heritage list. Sheffield City Council was notified on the 2 July 2026 that the Secretary of State has decided not to add Cinder Hill Quaker Burial Ground and Cinder Hill Green Preaching Site (see below), Handsworth to the List at this time.

The decision can be found here:

[services.historicengland.org.uk/webfiles/GetFiles.aspx?av=F3EABEB6-017C-4968-BAB2-C8F6F9D47C9D&cn=5A36CA55-D289-4110-9F59-D442138ADEAC](https://services.historicengland.org.uk/webfiles/GetFiles.aspx?av=F3EABEB6-017C-4968-BAB2-C8F6F9D47C9D&cn=5A36CA55-D289-4110-9F59-D442138ADEAC)

#### Quaker Preaching Ground

An application was made to include the Quaker preaching site at 'Cinderhill Green' on the local list, at the same time as the application to add the burial ground. At the meeting of the Local Heritage List Panel on 19th March 2026 the panel were unable to score the application for the preaching site. There are 17th century records of preaching at 'Cinderhill Green', and the farmstead known by that name in the 18th century, subsequently named Handsworth Grange Farm, is shown on historic mapping. However, this has since been replaced by modern housing at Beaver Close / Beaver Avenue/ Beaver Drive. The historic documentation does not provide clarity regarding the extent of the area known as Cinderhill Green in the 17th century, or the location or locations within that area where preaching occurred. As a result, there is too much uncertainty regarding the location of the preaching site to define a boundary and the application could not progress towards consideration for inclusion on the Local Heritage List. We cannot therefore provide confirmation of the location of the preaching

ground, other than to indicate that it was most likely closely associated with the former grange/farm buildings now replaced by modern housing to the east of SES30.

The illustrative concept plan for SES30 in the examination library for the site (EXAM 168) shows potential access routes into and around the site, with the main access being directly into the site from Beaver Hill Road. A secondary potential access is shown as a spur from Beaver Avenue, which is already an adopted highway. Final detail of the access arrangements into and within the site would be confirmed at the masterplan stage but note that previous highway infrastructure and residential development has taken place on the most likely location of the area formerly used as a preaching ground.