
Carpenders Park: Connectivity Tool Guidance

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1.1 Updated guidance on interpreting connectivity scores and the connectivity matrix was issued on 3 July 2026. The update indicates that rural-urban classifications can now also be used as part of a connectivity tool assessment.

1.2 However, the guidance continues to confirm:

The score should be used alongside local evidence, site knowledge and professional judgement.

and

The connectivity score does not give a final judgement on whether a location is suitable for development, investment or a transport intervention. It is one source of evidence.

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the score should always be used alongside local evidence, professional judgement and other material considerations.

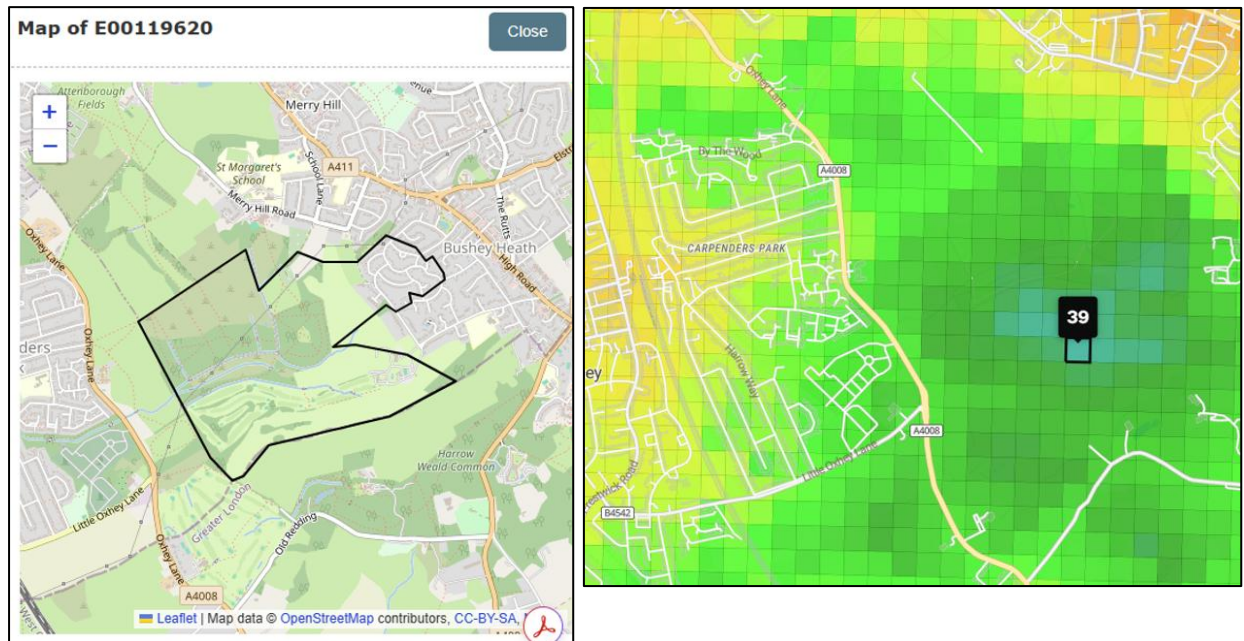
1.3 Mr Walpole in his note (ID10) identifies that the Site lies in Output Area E00120916 which is classified as "Urban Major Conurbation". I do not dispute this.

1.4 The guidance notes that there are six urban major conurbations. These are London, West Midlands, West Yorkshire, Tyneside, Merseyside and Greater Manchester. The Site therefore lies within London according to this categorisation.

1.5 I have undertaken the same exercise for the adjoining Output Area to the east of Site and that which includes Carpenders Park station.

- 1.6 Output Area E00119620 immediately to the east of the Site Output Area is categorised as Urban Major Conurbation¹ and is shown in Image 1.1 below with the connectivity score shown alongside. It can be seen the connectivity score is as low as 39.

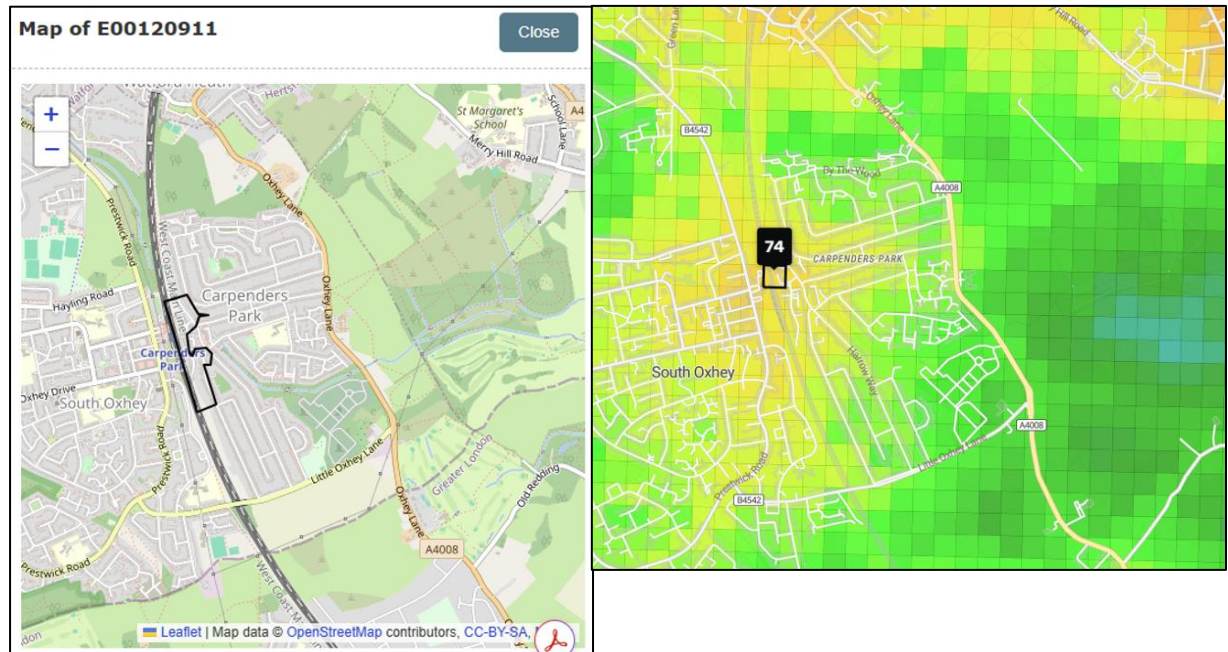
Image 1.1 Output Area E00119620



- 1.7 Output Area E00120911 at Carpenders Park station is categorised as Urban Major Conurbation and is shown in Image 1.2 below with the connectivity score shown alongside. It can be seen the connectivity score is up to 74.

¹ It lies within Hertsmere BC

Image 1.2 Output Area E00120911



- 1.8 The above two Output Areas share the same categorisation of the Site but clearly have different connectivity scores. This emphasises the importance of not relying solely on any single output of the Connectivity Tool.