**Appendix 9 for Downton Neighbourhood Plan**

**The criteria used to reach a list of site preferences**

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| **Criteria** | **Weighting** |
| **LOCATION** |  |
| 1. Within a protected employment area – no = 1 point | x1 |
| 1. Impact on landscape – adjoining open fields on three sides – yes – 2 minus point, -1 point for two sides, 0 points for 1 side, + 1 point for no sides | X3 |
| 1. Building on west of village = 6 points   Elsewhere = 3 point | x1 |
| **ACCESSIBILITY** |  |
| 1. Site access/egress is a) onto a single track road = -1   b) adds an additional entry/exit point onto the A338 (note 1) = -1 Other = 0 points | X3 |
| 1. Within 15 mins walking (note 2)distance of employment – Yes = 3 points to industrial estate, 2 points to centre, 1 point to others | x1 |
| 1. Within 15 mins walking distance of a primary school – Yes = 1 point | x1 |
| 1. Within 15 mins walking distance of a secondary school – Yes = 1 point | x1 |
| 1. Within 15 mins walking distance of a GP – Yes = 1 point | x1 |
| 1. Within 15 mins walking distance of a food store (note 3)– Yes = 1 point | x1 |
| 1. Within 10 mins walking distance minutes of a bus stop – Yes = 1 point | x1 |
| 1. Within 15 mins walking distance of a community facility – Yes = 1 point | x1 |
| 1. Within 15 mins walking distance of a pub or restaurant – Yes = 1 point | x1 |
| ENVIRONMENT |  |
| 1. Does not use grade 1 or 2 agricultural land =1 point | x1 |
| 1. Site is outside an environmentally protected area\* (note 4) = 1 point, adjacent = 0 points and within = -1 | x1 |
| 1. Not within Flood Zones 2 or 3 on the EA’s Flood Map for Planning (Rivers & Seas)=1 point | X3 |
| IMPACT ON CONSERVATION |  |
| 1. Site which includes a building, object or other artefact of historical significance.- yes =-1 | X1 |
| 1. Is the site greater than 2 km from the New Forest Yes= 1 point | x1 |
| 1. Site is on downland   = - 1 point | X3 |
| BUILDABILITY |  |
| 1. Is the site a brownfield site? (note 5)Yes=1 point | X3 |
| 1. Size of site –capacity for number of houses:   proposed 25 or less houses = 2 points  proposed 40 or less houses =1 points  proposed 41 – 55 houses = no points  over 55 houses =minus 1 point | X2 |

Note 1 – additional entry/exit point is defined as where there is no current road or track exiting/entering

Note 2 – Walking distance as measured by Google maps

Note 3 – food store means a store that sells basic groceries

Note 4- Environmentally protected area is defined as within an area of outstanding natural beauty, a conservation area, a Site of Special Scientific Interest or a Special Area of Conservation

Note 5 – brownfield as defined in Wiltshire Council’s guidance for site preferences