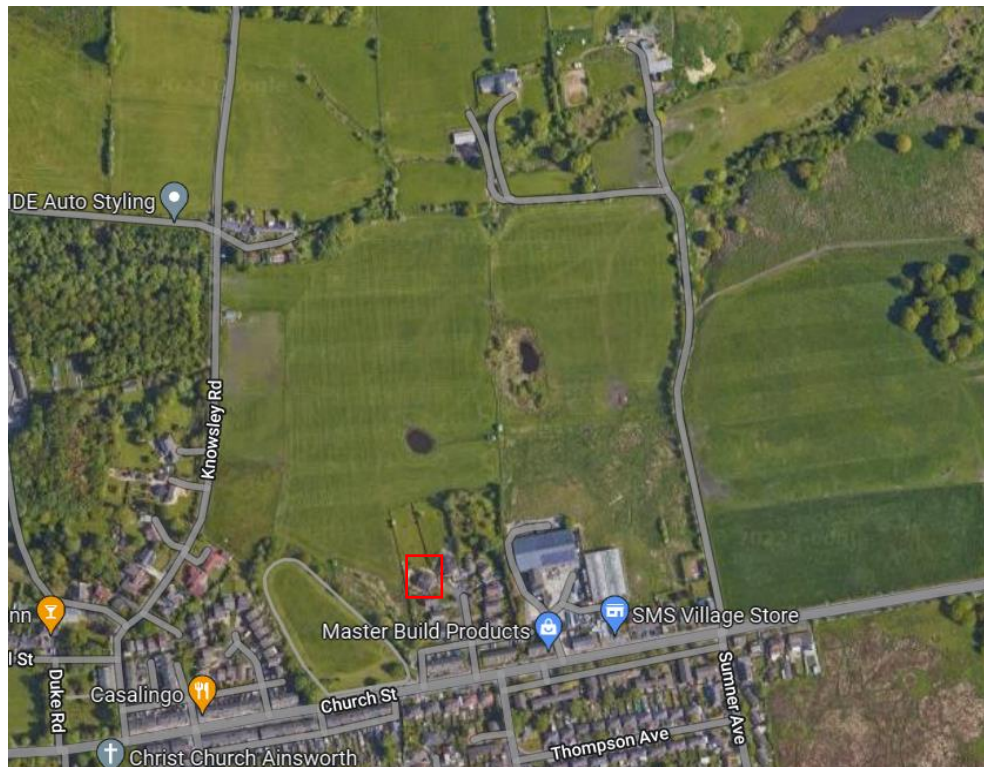


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Having reviewed the tests set out in the NPPF, several recent appeal decisions and relevant case law relating to development in the Green Belt, the following is a summary of our justification as to why planning permission should be granted for these development proposals.

1. The proposal does not increase the over all ground floor square footage as it only is creating a second floor space on to the existing floor area.
2. The development would not have a greater impact on the openness of the Green Belt than the existing development. We would ask the LPA to consider the following when assessing whether any greater impact on openness would occur. It is recognised that the effect on openness includes a spatial as well as a visual dimension. However, the starting point to assess any greater impact on openness considering the site context and how open it is at present.
3. The site may be within the Green Belt, but it is not in the open countryside nor is it a gateway to open countryside. As shown on the aerial image 1. Below



4. The works involve a second storey extension to the front of the building. The proposed development would therefore have no impact on the open nature of the rear farmed field.
5. Due to the sole reasoning behind the development, is to afford the property owners disabled son some form of independent living, we believe this is justification for the proposal also.

CONCLUSION

It is concluded that the proposal would not constitute inappropriate development and would not harm the openness of the Green Belt.