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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of this Report

- 1.1.1 In September 2021 Envirotech NW Ltd were commissioned to carry out an Ecological Appraisal of land at Lancashire Central, Cuerden, central grid reference SD553246, Figure 1. This was to include a Biodiversity Net Gain assessment (BNG). The aim was for an ecologist with botanical expertise to carry out a site visit to map the habitat types present at the site in order to establish the biodiversity baseline.
- 1.1.2 Following consultation with the local authority, due to an existing planning permission 07/2017/0211/ORM being partially implemented, baseline conditions were to be assessed as per pre-development conditions.
- 1.1.3 Simply Ecology (2012) undertook numerous field surveys between May and July 2012. From this a Phase 1 habitat map was prepared and presented in the reports submitted with planning application 07/2017/0211/ORM. This was the last time habitats were mapped prior to part implementation of planning consent 07/2017/0211/ORM.
- 1.1.4 Simply Ecology (2012) mapped each habitat type using the standard habitat mapping convention using Phase 1 habitat survey (JNCC, 2010).
- 1.1.5 This survey data was subsequently converted into the UK Habitat Classification (Butcher et al., 2020) by Envirotech in June 2022 for the purposes of using the Defra metric.
- 1.1.6 Using the findings of the baseline surveys by Simply Ecology (2012) and follow-up surveys by Envirotech in April and May 2022, the pre-construction ecological value of the site was measured. This was then assessed against proposed habitat changes arising from the proposed development based on the site layout (post-construction) provided by the client.
- 1.1.7 The scheme comprises a full planning application for Phase 1 Infrastructure for which a detailed landscape scheme has been prepared. The scheme also comprises an outline planning application with the layout and landscaping reserved. An indicative layout has been prepared for the outline application showing one of many potential development scenarios along with landscaping. This has been used to show one potential BNG outcome but cannot be taken as the final scheme.
- 1.1.8 This report presents the results of this desk-based study to assess net change in biodiversity 'units' in connection with the loss/ enhancement and creation of habitats for the proposed development at the site for both the Phase 1 Infrastructure and outline application areas combined.

1.2 Ecological Context

1.2.1 The area mapped for BNG onsite is 46.16Ha and *Figure 1* shows the site location.



1.3 Policy context

- 1.3.1 Biodiversity net gain (BNG) is an approach to development, and/or land management, that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was beforehand Local Government Association (2022).
- 1.3.2 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraphs 174, 179 and 180 makes provision for the delivery of biodiversity net gain. Additionally, there is a proposed 10% net gain requirement in the Environment Bill. There is currently no statutory requirement to deliver mandatory 10% biodiversity net gain as the secondary legislation to do so has not yet been brought in.

2. METHODS

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 The biodiversity metric 3.1 is designed to quantify biodiversity to inform and improve planning, design, land management and decision-making (Panks et al., 2022).
- 2.1.2 This study has been carried out as a desk-based exercise, using the results of field surveys carried out at the site by Simply Ecology and Envirotech between 2012 and 2022 and a Landscape Plan for infrastructure works provided by the client.
- 2.1.3 Maps of the pre-construction habitats from the ecological appraisal in 2022 are shown in Appendix A. These are referenced Figure 7a-f.
- 2.1.4 The Phase 1 habitat map from Simply Ecology (2012) is also shown in Appendix A.
- 2.1.5 An indicative masterplan and landscape plan have also been prepared for the wider site which will form an outline planning application. Whilst the outline scheme is not fixed, calculations have been made based upon it. Landscaping plans SF 3236 LM01 Rev F, SF 3236 LM02 Rev F, SF 3236 LM03 Rev E and SF 3236 LM04 Rev E and SF 3236 LM05 Rev F are used for this assessment. These are included in Appendix B.
- 2.1.6 Full calculations for the Phase 1 Infrastructure works are based on the current plan for a full planning application which is 21017-FRA-Z1-XX-DR-A-90-1003 which is cross referenced with landscaping plans SF 3236 LM01 Rev F, SF 3236 LM02 Rev F and SF 3236 LM04 Rev E. These are included in Appendix B.

2.2 Biodiversity Assessment Methods

- 2.2.1 To calculate biodiversity units for the site and assess any changes arising from the proposed development this study uses methods set out the latest Biodiversity Metric 3.1 user guide (Panks et al., 2022).
- 2.2.2 The biodiversity metric uses three core measurements:
 - Habitat area

- Length of linear terrestrial habitats
- Length of linear aquatic habitats.
- 2.2.3 Consequently, a site can have three biodiversity unit values, which are assessed using the same metric, but cannot be summed together.
- 2.2.4 Habitat area is multiplied by several factors that indicate its quality: distinctiveness, condition, strategic location and connectivity, and this gives its biodiversity unit value. This can be used for existing and future created habitats. In addition, when habitats are to be enhanced or newly-created, the risk of failure is accounted for by applying multipliers for risk factors (difficulty, time to target condition, and off-site risk).

Habitat Distinctiveness

- 2.2.5 Habitats are classified using the phase 1 habitat survey methodology (JNCC 2010) or the UK habitat classification system (Butcher et al., 2020).
- 2.2.6 The metric pre-assigns each habitat type to a distinctiveness band according to its distinguishing features, i.e. species richness, rarity (at local, regional, national and international scales), and the degree to which it supports species rarely found in other habitats. Under exceptional circumstances, professional judgement can be used, and the habitat distinctiveness of a habitat can be altered up or down from the preassigned value. Any alterations must then be fully explained using evidence relevant to the site, e.g. an increase in distinctiveness because of rare flora or fauna or a decrease in distinctiveness because of significant damage to the habitat.

Habitat Condition

2.2.7 Habitat condition measures the varying quality of similar habitats against what is perceived to be their optimal state. The biodiversity metric 3.1 technical supplement (Panks et al., 2022) contains condition sheets for all habitats to which the metric can apply. The condition sheets contain a habitat description, contextual information to aid the assessment, and the assessment criteria. The criteria describe what components need to be present for a habitat to be in good, moderate or poor condition.

Strategic Location

2.2.8 Strategic location - sometimes called 'strategic significance' - works at a landscape scale, allowing additional value to be added to habitats in 'priority' or 'biodiversity target areas'. They include statutory and non-statutory sites and other areas with biodiversity value or potential, and they are mainly identified from local plans and objectives. If a habitat is within such a target area, a multiplier is applied to increase its value.

Difficulty of Creation and Restoration

2.2.9 The risks associated with creating new or enhancing existing habitats, are known as difficulty factors; for example, where habitats fail to establish owing to natural changes in local conditions, incorrect management or for unknown reasons. The biodiversity metric 3.1 contains default values for each habitat based on the average difficulty of

creating or enhancing a habitat. Under exceptional circumstances, these can be modified, but any deviation from the default value must be fully justified.

Time to Target Condition

- 2.2.10 There is often a lag between a habitat being removed and the new compensation habitats achieving their target condition. This gives reduced biodiversity value for a time. The biodiversity metric 3.1 preassigns the time to target condition based on good practice and typical conditions, and assigns a multiplier based on the number of years required to achieve it.
- 2.2.11 Using bespoke techniques under unique conditions, or creating compensation habitats prior to impacts taking place, the time to target condition can be adjusted. Any changes must again be fully justified.

Off-site Risk

2.2.12 Sometimes it is not possible to compensate adequately for loss of biodiversity within the site boundary, so off-site compensation is required. If the off-site compensation is a significant distance from the development site, then there will be a local loss of biodiversity and a multiplier is applied to any off-site compensation.

3. BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT

3.1 Biodiversity Baseline

- 3.1.1 The entire site was overflown with a drone in April 2022. This provided up to date, high resolution imagery of the site. An orthomosaic spatially referenced map was created from this imagery and the redline development boundary plotted to it.
- 3.1.2 Simply Ecology (2012) mapped habitats on the site at a low resolution and not onto a spatially referenced map. Google earth imagery from 2017, the last imagery taken before site development commenced, was therefore georeferenced against the orthomosaic spatially referenced map created in 2022. Due to the 2022 imagery being taken at a 90 degree angle directly downwards, and google earth being taken at an oblique angle, there is a slight discrepancy in the georeferencing to the site boundaries. The redline boundary was taken to be that plotted on the 2022 imagery.
- 3.1.3 The redline boundary is plotted to the inside edge of hedgerows to the site boundary, this is inside the redline planning boundary. This is undertaken so as not to account for the "area" taken by boundary hedgerows which is a linear rather than area habitat so subject to a differing treatment in the metric. Hedgerows on the redline boundary were included in the BNG calculations for linear habitats.
- 3.1.4 The habitats mapped by Simply Ecology (2012) were then plotted over the habitat areas visible on the 2017 imagery with the higher resolution 2022 imagery used for clarification of habitat areas where they appeared similar in 2022 as 2017.
- 3.1.5 Simply Ecology (2012) did not undertake habitat condition assessments. Habitat condition assessment for BNG were therefore based upon the habitat condition found in 2022, where the habitats were the same type and in the same location. Where they differed, the descriptions used by Simply Ecology (2012) were used to evaluate likely habitat conditions pre-development in 2017. Notably a number of hedges, ponds and woodland had been removed between 2017 and 2022 and retrospective condition assessments have been made.
- 3.1.6 Grassland areas were split between those inside and those outside the Lancashire Grassland Network.
- 3.1.7 Grassland habitat has been split into two categories.
- 3.1.8 Marshy grassland has been classified as "other neutral grassland" being wet meadow with frequent rush but not waterlogged, G3C8.
- 3.1.9 Improved and semi-improved grassland has been classified as "modified grassland"

"Palatable grasses dominate mainly Rye grasses Lolium spp., Timothy Phleum pratense, Cock's-foot Dactylis glomerata, Crested Dog's-tail Cynosurus cristatus, Yorkshire Fog Holcus Ianatus. Grass cover usually over 75%. Broadleaved species restricted mainly to White Clover Trifolium repens, Creeping Buttercup Ranunculus repens, Greater Plantain Plantago major, Dandelion Taraxacum officinale, Broad-leaved Dock Rumex obtusifolius and Chickweed Stellaria media. Fertile but wetter situations may support occasional Soft Rush Juncus effusus or Hard Rush Juncus inflexus, Floating Sweet Grass Glyceria fluitans, Creeping Bent Agrostis stolonifera and Rough Meadow-grass Poa trivialis, but accompanying species will always indicate high fertility. Species poor <9 species m-2.", G4

- 3.1.10 A number of hedges occur on the site, some of which have and or will be lost. Hedges are classified as linear habitats and measured by their length. The area hedges take up, once lost, must however be accounted for in the metric in order to ensure the pre and post area habitats match. To account for this area habitats were measured to the edge of hedge canopies. Bare ground, in poor condition, was then used as a proxy for the area hedges occur on. This bare ground would be converted to another habitat type as part of the metric calculations post development.
- 3.1.11 Pre-development 2017 habitats have been input into the Defra Biodiversity Metric 3.1 calculator and indicate a total of 128.99 Habitat units, 48.30 Hedgerow units and 0.72 River units. The full biodiversity assessment calculation can be found in the Excel document 'Biodiversity Metric 3.1 Lancashire Central Full Site 2017 R6'.
- 3.1.12 The condition assessments for each of the area, linear and river habitats are presented in Appendix C. No deviations have been made from the default methods for baseline habitats assessment

3.2 Post-development Habitat Creation and Enhancement

- 3.2.1 For the entire site, based on the 2017 habitats, the Illustrative layout has been used to identify that there will be one retained habitat area and 10 new habitat areas.
- 3.2.2 The habitat which is retained is scrub to the banks of the M65. This is outside the development area but within the redline boundary.
- 3.2.3 Whilst grassland and ponds will feature within the proposed scheme, it is likely these areas will be lost through ground works, then re-created. No habitats are therefore classified as "enhanced".
- 3.2.4 It is likely that some habitat areas could be retained and enhanced, which would generate a higher final net gain. A worst-case scenario of loss and recreation is however used in these calculations.
- 3.2.5 2.31km of hedge is lost, 3.22km retained, 3.64km of hedge is created. Whilst retained hedges, principally to the site boundary and footpaths could be enhanced, highways safety may not allow them to be grown taller or wider than existing. No hedgerows are therefore classified as "enhanced". Should retained hedgerows be enhanced this would generate a higher final net gain. A worst-case scenario of loss, retention and or creation is however used in these calculations
- 3.2.6 0.422km of ditch is lost and 0.68km of ditch is created. All of the ditches on site are liable to be re-aligned/ modified but overall lengths will increase. No ditches will be "enhanced".
- 3.2.7 All area habitats have been put into "moderate" condition where it is possible to condition score other than a default level. This is judged appropriate given the final layout is unknown and a management plan not yet prepared. It is likely that some areas

could achieve a "good" condition which would result in a higher net gain but also some isolated pockets may be on "poor" condition.

- 3.2.8 All new native hedgerows have been put into "moderate" condition and all ornamental hedges "poor" condition. This is judged appropriate given the final layout is unknown and a management plan not yet prepared. It is likely that some hedges could achieve a "good" condition which would result in a higher net gain.
- 3.2.9 All ditches have been put into "poor" condition given that they are associated with SUDS and built infrastructure. It is unlikely ditches could achieve a "moderate" or "good" condition due to encroachment.
- 3.2.10 The post development grassland areas are all recorded as outside the Lancashire grassland network, even though some grassland is likely to be within it. This lowers the final grassland habitat unit values but takes a worst-case scenario based on the final landscape scheme not being known.
- 3.2.11 These figures have been put in to the Biodiversity Metric 3.1 and would comprise a total of 158.06 Habitat units, 46.15 Hedgerow units and 0.98 River units (Table 1). This results in a small loss in hedgerow units and does not meet trading rules due to an overall loss of woodland and scrub habitat.
- 3.2.12 Based on the indicative layout, in order to show that a gain is possible in hedgerow units and trading rules are satisfied, offsite compensation may be required and or additional planting provided in the later, outline, phases of development.
- 3.2.13 This would involve the creation of 1ha of broadleaf woodland in moderate condition and 0.6ha of mixed scrub in moderate condition. 400m of native hedgerow with trees would be planted to its boundary. This will be undertaken in the later phases of development and or offsite.

3.3 Change in Biodiversity Value

- 3.3.1 Under the current proposals set out in the Illustrative Masterplan for the entire site, which is not currently fixed and indicative only, as well as the provision of 1.6ha of offsite area, there will be a GAIN of 34.57 (26.80%) biodiversity area units, and a GAIN of 0.09 (0.19%) hedgerow units and a GAIN of 0.27 (+37.2%) River Units. This is shown in Table 1. Trading rules are satisfied.
- 3.3.2 Trading rules are satisfied for Low and High distinctiveness habitat areas. Trading rules are not satisfied for moderate distinctiveness habitat areas. There is a deficit for scrub and for woodland.
- 3.3.3 This is equivalent to 1Ha of broadleaf woodland in moderate condition or 0.6Ha of mixed scrub in moderate condition.
- 3.3.4 Only one phase of development has been submitted with a full landscaping plan. Later phases of development are outline only. The later phases of development are in excess of 1Ha and as such additional landscaping including woodland and scrub can be provided within them, if required, as each phase is brought forward.

- 3.3.5 The calculations presented at this stage of the application do not account for habitat banking. That is to say that the significant infrastructure landscaping which is proposed, will result in a surplus in units over the initial phase of development and will also appreciate in value before the later phases are brought forward. Calculations presented are based on the habitat value at Year 0, rather than at a higher value, when later phases of development are brought forward.
- 3.3.6 It should be noted that woodland and scrub which has been previously cleared, and calculated in the BNG scores retrospectively, for the current proposal, was lost prior to 30th January 2020. When BNG becomes mandatory under the Environment Act, the loss of woodland and scrub prior this date would not be factored into the score. The client has however decided to try and use pre-clearance values as a target for the current scheme, these being higher than those which occur should post 2020 habitat values be used.
- 3.3.7 Overall we consider the later phases of development which remain in outline, more than provide sufficient scope for provision of the required BNG and habitat types.

	Habitat units	128.99
On-site baseline	Hedgerow units	48.30
	River units	0.72
	Habitat units	158.06
On-site post-intervention	Hedgerow units	46.15
(Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	River units	0.98
	Habitat units	22.53%
On-site net % change	Hedgerow units	-4.45%
(Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	River units	37.20%
	Habitat units	0.00
Off-site baseline	Hedgerow units	0.00
	River units	0.00
	Habitat units	0.00
Off-site post-intervention	Habitat units Hedgerow units	0.00 2.24
Off-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units Hedgerow units River units	0.00 2.24 0.00
Off-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units Hedgerow units River units	0.00 2.24 0.00
Off-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units Hedgerow units River units Habitat units	0.00 2.24 0.00 29.06
Off-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement) Total net unit change	Habitat units Hedgerow units River units Habitat units Hedgerow units	0.00 2.24 0.00 29.06 0.09
Off-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement) Total net unit change (including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units Hedgerow units River units Habitat units Hedgerow units River units	0.00 2.24 0.00 29.06 0.09 0.27
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Off-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement) Total net unit change (including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement) Total on-site net % change plus off-site surplus	Habitat units Hedgerow units River units Habitat units Hedgerow units River units Habitat units Hedgerow units	0.00 2.24 0.00 29.06 0.09 0.27 22.53% 0.19%
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Table 1. Change in Biodiversity	Units Calculation entire site-	landscape scheme and layout not
	fixed	

3.4 Monitoring

- 3.4.1 Baseline values for the area of the site subject to a detailed application will be as per the current assessment. Additional assessment of later phases of work will be required to assess their baseline condition at the time each phase of development is brought forward. The condition of each habitat subject to BNG should be as at the time planning permission for each phase is determined.
- 3.4.2 During the construction phase, management of habitat areas will be the responsibility of the developer. Once handover has been achieved habitat areas will be the responsibility of a management company, setup and run by the site users. This management company will be ultimately responsible for management and funding of the habitat areas via a service charge. Monitoring of the habitat areas will be undertaken by a third-party ecological contractor to be appointed by the management company. It is envisaged monitoring will be undertaken in Yr1, Yr2, Yr3, Yr5, Yr10 and every 5 years thereafter. Habitat areas will be assessed against the pre-development target condition scores.
- 3.4.3 Reports on habitat condition and actions required to achieve target condition will be provided to the Local Authority.

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APPENDIX B – LANDSCAPE PLANS













APPENDIX C - CONDITION ASSESSMENT TABLES

Hedge Number	Dhase 1 Lishitat	UK Hab		Hedge	erow Ci	riteria	Score k	based c	n 2022	2 assess	sment		Condition	
	Phase I Habitat	Equivalent	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	D1	D2	E1*	E2*	Assessment	
А	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Ρ			Good	
В	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ			Good	
F	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Р			Good	
G	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Р	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Р			Good	
Н	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р			Good	
H1	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Р	Р	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р			Good	
К	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Good	
L	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Р	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	F	Р			Good	
М	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	F	F	Р	F	Р	Р	F	Р			Poor	
Ν	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Р	F	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Good	
0	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Good	
Р	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Р	Р	F	F	Р	Р	F	Р	Р	F	Poor	
R	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Good	

Y	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р			Good
ZA	Intact Species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	F	Р			Good
ZB	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Р	Р	F	F	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Poor
ZC	Intact species- rich hedgerow with trees	Native Species Rich Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Good
ZD	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Good
ZE	Intact species- rich hedgerow with trees	Native Species Rich Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Good
ZF	Intact species- rich hedgerow with trees	Native Species Rich Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Good
ZG	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Good
ZH	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	F	Ρ	Ρ	Good
ZJ	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Good
ZK	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	F	Ρ	Р	Good

Hedge Number	Phase 1 Habitat	UK Hab Equivalent	Hedgerow Criteria Score based on 2012 assessment Hedges removed prior to 2022	Condition Assessment
Q	Intact species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Description and photos suggest relic gappy hedge.	Poor
S	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	"The hedge was no longer functional and post and wire fence maintained the boundary between the fields. The ground flora was denuded and sparse with many areas of bare ground. The hedge was very narrow at its base due to the tall and leggy nature of the hawthorn and the hard grazing right up to and around the stems"	Poor

Т	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	No information available assumed moderate	Moderate
U	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Gappy hedgerow in the NE part of the site with dominant hawthorn and blackthorn and some occasional elder with rare holly, honeysuckle and dog rose. Mature trees scattered along the hedge were sycamore and Pedunculate oak	Moderate
V	Intact species- poor hedgerow with trees	Native Hedgerow with trees	Managed hawthorn hedge approximately 2m high with a scattering of pedunculate oak and mature sycamore. Here the hedge was not cut due to the presence of the trees, so the hawthorn had grown approx 4 metres high. The hedge had multi-layered stems showing signs of historical hedge-laying management. Ground flora was poor. very occasional common male fern, red campion and foxglove in the more protected areas away from grazing	Good
w	Intact species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	No information available assumed moderate	Moderate
Х	Intact species- poor hedgerow	Native Hedgerow	Managed hedge approximately, 1.8m high dominated by hawthorn with a handful of elder and sycamore (cut so forming part of the hedge not over-storey).	Moderate

UK Hab	Condition			Other	Habi	tat Cr	iteria	Score	¢		Total	Condition	Notes
Equivalent	Sheet	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	Score	Assessment	
Ditch	Ditches	Р	F	Ρ	F	Р	F	F	F		3	Poor	See appended sheet for details
Modified Grassland	GRASSLAND: Low distinctivene ss	F	F	Ρ	Ρ	F	Ρ	F			3	Poor	Improved grassland and poor semi-improved grassland. Regular management/ mowing. Drainage, species diversity poor.
Other neutral grassland	GRASSLAND: Medium-Very High distinctivene ss	Ρ	F	F	Ρ	Ρ	F				3	Moderate	Marshy grassland areas
Pond	Pond (woodland)	Р	F	F	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	Р	7	Moderate	Standing water- TN3
Pond	Pond	Р	F	Р	F	Р	Р	Р			5	Moderate	Standing water- TN35
Pond	Pond	Ρ	F	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	Р			6	Moderate	Standing water- TN53 and 55 (SE)
Pond	Pond	F	F	Ρ	F	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ	F	F	4	Poor	Wet areas no ephemeral- TN32
Pond	Pond	Ρ	F	Ρ	Р	Ρ	Ρ	Ρ			6	Moderate	Standing water- TN57 and 59 (SE)
Scrub	Scrub	Р	Ρ	Ρ	F	F					3	Moderate	Roadside Scrub - TN6
Vacant/derelict land/bareground	URBAN	F	F	Р							1	Poor	Bare ground at access points to fields
Key: P - Criteria passed F - Criteria failed													

Appendix Table C2: Condition Assessment for Area Habitats

Phase 1	UK Hab	Condition					Ot	her H	abitat	Crite	ria Sc	ore				Total	Condition	Neter
Habitat	Equivalen t	Sheet	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	Score	Assessment	Notes
Semi-natural broadleaved woodland	Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	WOODLAND AND FOREST	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	27	Poor	
Mixed woodland	Other woodland Mixed	WOODLAND AND FOREST	2	2	3	2	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	23	Poor	
Key to woodlan 3 (points) = Goo 2 (points) = Mod 1 (point) = Poor Total score >32 Total score 26 – Total score <26	d condition asse d erate - Good - 32 – Moderate 5 – Poor	essment:																
Appendix Ta	able C3: Woo	dland Condit	ion /	Asses	ssme	nt												

ite name/location	Lancashire Central	Onsite/offsite	Onsite
Central grid reference of habitat	Ditch	Unique polygon reference	
Limitations (if applicable)		Metric 3.0 survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a	-
		wider nabital survey	
Habital Description			a'r a'r
Artificially created, linear water-conve	evancing features that are less	than 5 m wide and likely to retain water for more	than 4 months of the year. Their hydraulic
unction is primarily for land drainage	and although partially or fully	connected to a river system, they would not have	been present without human intervention
Note: some heavily engineered ditch maps, LIDAR data and riverine speci	nes may actually be part of the alists]	river system (usually part of the headwater system	m). If there is uncertainty, consult historic
Condition Assessment Criteria	And in case of	Condition Achieved (Y/N)	Notes/Justification
The ditch is of good water quality, indicating no obvious signs of poll	with clear water (low turbidity) lution.	Y	Clear water flow
A range of emergent, submerged present. As a guide >10 species of submerged plants in a 20 m ditch	and floating leaved plants are of emergent, floating or length.	N	No emergent vegetation
3 There is less than 10% cover of finduckweed (these are signs of eutriliant)	lamentous algae and/or rophication).	Y	No algae
4 A fringe of marginal vegetation is of the ditch.	present along more than 75%	N	No marginal vegetation, ditch steep sided
5 Physical damage evident along le as excessive poaching, damage f or any other damaging management	ess than 5% of the ditch, such from machinery use or storage ent activities.	Y	No damaged
3 Sufficient water levels are maintai summer depth of approximately 5 in main drains.	ined; as a guide a minimum 0 cm in minor ditches and 1 m	Ν	Water very shallow
7 Less than 10% of the ditch is hear	vily shaded.	N	Steel sided ditch fully shaded
⁸ There is an absence of non-native	e plant and animal species ¹ .	N	Some Himalayan Balsam
		Musekers of stillaring page	
the second se	Condition Assessment Sc Good (3)	or Score Achieved #/*	
Condition Assessment Result Passes 8 of 8 criteria			
Condition Assessment Result Passes 8 of 8 criteria Passes 6 or 7 of 8 criteria	Moderate (2)		
Condition Assessment Result Passes 6 of 8 criteria Passes 6 or 7 of 8 criteria Passes 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of 8 criteria	Moderate (2) Poor (1)	x	(

KHab Habitat Type(s)		
Srassland - Modified grassland		The second se
Site name/location Lancashire Central	Onsite/offsite	Onsite
Central grid reference of habitat	Unique polygon	1 22
imitations (if applicable)	Metric 3.0 survey	
	reference (if condition	
	assessment of this	
	polygon relates to a	
	wider habitat survey)	
	-	de la companya de la
Autilian Description		
See UKHab		
andition Assessment Criteria	Condition Achieved O/Ibl	Noles/Instification
Andribii Assessillerii Gineria	Contailion Acriteved (1/14	/ wores trisinication
There must be 6-8 species per m2. If a grassland has 9 or more species per m2 it should be classified as a	N	Species poor
medium distinctiveness grassland habitat type.	370	
NB - this criterion is essential for achieving moderate condition.		
	N	Current all same formula
source regimes a source of the stand of the	N	oward all same length
creating microcalmates which provide opportunities for insects, birds and small mammals to live and breed.		
Some scattered scrub (including bramble) may be present, but scrub accounts for less than 20% of total	Y	No scrub
grassland area. Note - patches of shrubs with continuous (more than 90%) cover should be classified as the		
relevant scrub habitat type.		
and a second	1 (en 190	
Physical damage is evident in less than 5% of total grassland area. Examples of physical damage include	Ŷ	Limited damage
excessive poaching, damage from machinery use or storage, erosion caused by high levels of access, or		
any other damaging management activities.		
Cover of bare around is between 1% and 10% including leveling datases (for example, a second-time of	N	No bara ground
cover or bare ground is between 1% and 10%, including localised areas (for example, a concentration of	IN.	ivo pare ground
Cover of bracken less than 20%.	Y	No bracken
There is an absence of invasive non-native species (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA, 1981).	N	Some Himalayn Balsam
Essential	criterion 1 achieved (Y/N	N .
	number of criteria passes	3
condition Assessment Result Condition Assessment Scare	Score Achieved av	
Passes 6 or 7 of 7 criteria including Good (3)		
passing essential criterion 1		
		1.2.1
Carallel Contraction and Carallel		
Passes 4 or 5 of 7 criteria including Moderate (2)		
bassing essential criterion 1		
	and the second s	
Passes 0, 1, 2 or 3 of 7 criteria: OR Poor (1)	x	
4 5 or 6 of criteria but failing	· ·	
priterion 1		
	(2) (1) (2)	(
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score	C	
lintes		

r r r r r r r	assland - Other lowland aci assland - Other neutral gras assland - Tall herb commun sisland"] assland - Upland acid grass assland - Upland catcareou assland - Upland hay mead arsely vegetated land - Cala	grassland Island Inties (H6430) [Note Tail herb habitat that does Island grassland wes minarian grassland	not meet the Annex 1 definition should be reco	rded as "Other neutral
Sit	e name/location	Marshy Grassland	Onsite/offsite	Onsite
Ce	ntral orid reference of		Unique polygon reference	TN24 (SE) 25 (Env
18	bitat			
Lir	nitations (if applicable)		Metric 3.0 survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Ha	bitat Description	-		
Se	e i WHab			
10	ndition Assessment Criteri		Condition-Wahrmed (Y/FI)	Notes/Justification.
1	The appearance and compo: characteristics of the specific definition). Wildflowers, sedg grassland habitat type are ve sward, NB - This criterion is condition for non-acid grass	stion of the vegetation closely matches grassiand habital type (see UKHab es and indicator species for the specific ry clearly and easily visible throughout the sesential for achieving moderate usland types only.	Y	Rushes present
2	Sward height is varied (at lea least 20 per cent is more that opportunities for insects, bird	st 20% of the sward is less than 7 cm and at 7 7 cm) creating microclimates which provide s and small mammals to live and breed.	N	Sward all same length
3	Cover of bare ground betwee example, rabbit warrens.	m 1% and 5%, including localised areas, for	N	No bare ground
4	Cover of bracken less than 2 less than 5%.	0% and cover of scrub (including bramble)	Y	No bracken
5	There is an absence of invas 9 of WCA, 1981). Combined condition 1 and physical dam from machinery use or storag damaging management activ	ive non-native species (as listed on Schedulé cover of species indicative of sub-optimal age (such as excessive poaching, damage je, damaging levels of access, or any other itiles) accounts for less than 5% of total area.	Y	
44	ditional Group (Non-acid ty	nes only)		
5	There are greater than 9 spe is essential for achieving g only).	cies per metre squared. NB - This criterion ood condition (non-acid grassland types		
Ċ	-	Criterion I Achieved (Essential fo	, ar yood card tinn far nan-acid grassland) (Y	/N N
	ndilion According to a	Pouriting Accessment Seam	Number of criteria pass	ad 3
40	id Grassland Types	Southing assessment south	See Supering the	
Pa	sses 5 of 5 criteria	Good (3)		
Pa	sses 3 or 4 of 5 criteria sses 0, 1 or 2 of 5 criteria	Poor (1)	-	1
No	n-acid grassland Types			
a	sses 5 of 6 criteria, including	Good (3)		
Pa	sses 3 or 4 of 6 criteria,	Moderate (2)	x	-
nc Pa	luding essential criterion 1. sses 0, 1, 2 criteria of 6	Poor(1)		
crit Pa	eria: OR sses 3 or 4 criteria excluding	22.4.4.1		
cnit	erion 1 and 6			
51	ggesled enhancement inter	ventians to imprave candition score		

ite name/location		Onsite/offsite	Onsite
entral grid reference of habitat imitations (if applicable)		Unique polygon reference Metric 3.0 survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	Target Note 51/52 (SE) 3 (Env
abitat Description			
ee UKHab			
Other than for non-priority ponds, which	are those which do not meet either the definition	of (i) priority habitat ponds or (ii) ornamental ponds	
ondition Assessment Criteria		Condition Achieved (Y/N)	Notes/Justification
ORE CRITERIA - applicable to all po The pond is of good water quality, w obvious signs of pollution. Turbidity i	onds (woodland ¹ and non-woodland): ith clear water (low turbidity) indicating no is acceptable if the pond is grazed by livestock.	Y	
There is semi-natural habitat (i.e. mo m from the pond edge.	oderate distinctiveness or above) for at least 10	N	
Less than 10% of the pond is covere	ed with duckweed or filamentous algae.	N	
The pond is not artificially connected or artificial pipework.	to other waterbodies, either via streams, ditches	Y	
Pond water levels should be able to obvious dams, pumps or pipework.	fluctuate naturally throughout the year. No	Y	
There is an absence of non-native p	lant and animal species ² .	Y	
The pond is not artificially stocked w native fish assemblage at low densit	ith fish. If the pond naturally contains fish, it is a ies.	Ϋ́	
DDITIONAL CRITERIA - only applica	able to non-woodland ponds:	h	Ē.
In non-woodland ponds, plants, be t duckweeds) ³ , should cover at least t	hey emergent, submerged or floating (excluding 50% of the pond area that is less than 3 m deep.	Ŷ	
The surface of non-woodland ponds bankside species.	is no more than 50% shaded by woody	Y	
Condition Assessment Result	Condition Assessment Score	Number of criteria passed	
8 criteria assessed (woodland ponds)	Coord (2)		
asses 7 or 7 criteria	Moderate (2)		
asses 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 of 7 criteria	Poor (1)		
10 criteria assessed (non-woodland p	onds):		200 - E
asses 9 of 9 criteria	Good (3)		
asses 6, 7 or 8 of 9	Moderate (2)	x	
asses 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of 9 criteria	Poor (1)		
unnested enhancement intervention	ns to improve condition score	2	

Site name/location		Onsite/offsite	Onsite
Central grid reference of habitat .imitations (if applicable)		Unique polygon reference Metric 3.0 survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	Target Note 12 (SE) 35 (Env)
labilat Description			
See UKHab			
Other than for non-priority ponds, which a	re those which do not meet either the definition	of (i) priority habitat ponds or (ii) ornamental ponds	
Condition Assessment Criteria		Condition Achieved (Y/N)	Notes/Justification
CORE CRITERIA - applicable to all por	ds (woodland ¹ and non-woodland):		Tom and the second second
The pond is of good water quality, with obvious signs of pollution. Turbidity is	n clear water (low turbidity) indicating no acceptable if the pond is grazed by livestock.	Y	Clear water
There is semi-natural habitat (i.e. mod m from the pond edge.	lerate distinctiveness or above) for at least 10	N	Pond is next to modified grassland
3 Less than 10% of the pond is covered	with duckweed or filamentous algae.	Y	No duckweed
The pond is not artificially connected t or artificial pipework.	o other waterbodies, either via streams, ditches	N	Connected to another pond
5 Pond water levels should be able to fl obvious dams, pumps or pipework.	uctuate naturally throughout the year. No	Ϋ́.	
There is an absence of non-native pla	nt and animal species ² ,	Ŷ	
7 The pond is not artificially stocked with native fish assemblage at low densitie	n fish. If the pond naturally contains fish, it is a s.	Ϋ́	
ADDITIONAL CRITERIA - only applicat	He to non-woodland ponds:	1	
In non-woodland ponds, plants, be the duckweeds) ³ , should cover at least 50	y emergent, submerged or floating (excluding 1% of the pond area that is less than 3 m deep.		
The surface of non-woodland ponds is bankside species.	s no more than 50% shaded by woody	Number of criteris paced	
Condition Assessment Result	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved WY	
8 criteria assessed (woodland ponds):	0.10		
asses 7 of 7 criteria	Good (3)	M.	
rasses 5 or 5 of / criteria	Invioderate (2)	A	
10 criteria assessed (non-woodland por	nds):		
Passes 9 of 9 criteria	Good (3)		
Passes 6, 7 or 8 of 9	Moderate (2)		
Passes 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of 9 criteria	Poor (1)		
Suggested enhancement interventions	to improve condition score		

ne namenocation		Onsite/offsite	Onsite
Central grid reference of habitat		Unique polygon reference	Target Note 27 (SE) 32 (Env
imitations (if applicable)		Metric 3.0 survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
abitat Description			
ee UKHab			
Other than for non-priority ponds, which	are those which do not meet either the definition	of (i) priority habitat ponds or (ii) ornamental ponds	R. Frank State
ondition Assessment Criteria		Condition Achieved (Y/N)	Notes/Justification
ORE CRITERIA - applicable to all po	nds (woodland ¹ and non-woodland):		
The pond is of good water quality, wi obvious signs of pollution. Turbidity is	th clear water (low turbidity) indicating no s acceptable if the pond is grazed by livestock.	N	Dry
There is semi-natural habitat (i.e. mo m from the pond edge.	derate distinctiveness or above) for at least 10	N	Adjacent modified grassland
Less than 10% of the pond is covere	d with duckweed or filamentous algae.	Y	
The pond is not artificially connected or artificial pipework.	to other waterbodies, either via streams, ditches	N	Connected to another pond
Pond water levels should be able to obvious dams, pumps or pipework.	fluctuate naturally throughout the year. No	Ŷ	
There is an absence of non-native pl	ant and animal species ² ,	Y	
The pond is not artificially stocked win native fish assemblage at low densiti	th fish. If the pond naturally contains fish, it is a es.	Ϋ́	
ADDITIONAL CRITERIA - only applica	ble to non-woodland ponds:		-
In non-woodland ponds, plants, be the duckweeds) ³ , should cover at least 5	rey emergent, submerged or floating (excluding i0% of the pond area that is less than 3 m deep.	N	Pond dry
 The surface of non-woodland ponds bankside species. 	is no more than 50% shaded by woody	N	Shaded by scrub
	E- THE PARTY OF	Number of criteria passed	
Condition Assessment Result 8 criteria assessed (woodland ponds):	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved WY	
asses 7 of 7 criteria	Good (3)		
asses 5 or 6 of 7 criteria	Moderate (2)		
asses 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 of 7 criteria	Poor (1)		
asses 9 of 9 criteria	Good (3)		
asses 6, 7 or 8 of 9	Moderate (2)		
	Poor (1)	x	
asses 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of 9 criteria	a second s		

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ite name/location		Onsite/offsite	Onsite
entral grid reference of habitat imitations (if applicable)		Unique polygon reference Metric 3.0 survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	Target Note 53 and 55 (SE
abifat Description			
iee UKHab	ah ara thana udriah da wat waak silaar tha da Emilian	af (i) minute, balatet namela av (ii) avanmantet namel	
ondition Assessment Criteria	ch are those which do not meet either the definition	Condition Achieved (Y/N)	Notes/Justification
ORE CRITERIA - applicable to all	ponds (woodland ¹ and non-woodland):		
The pond is of good water quality, obvious signs of pollution. Turbidit	with clear water (low turbidity) indicating no ry is acceptable if the pond is grazed by livestock.	Y	
There is semi-natural habitat (i.e.) m from the pond edge.	moderate distinctiveness or above) for at least 10	N	Within woodland
Less than 10% of the pond is cove	ered with duckweed or filamentous algae.	Y	
The pond is not artificially connect or artificial pipework.	ed to other waterbodies, either via streams, ditches	Y	
Pond water levels should be able to obvious dams, pumps or pipework	to fluctuate naturally throughout the year. No	Y	
There is an absence of non-native	plant and animal species ² ,	Y	
The pond is not artificially stocked native fish assemblage at low den	with fish. If the pond naturally contains fish, it is a sities.	Ϋ́	
DDITIONAL CRITERIA - only appli	icable to non-woodland ponds:		
In non-woodland ponds, plants, be duckweeds) ³ , should cover at leas	e they emergent, submerged or floating (excluding at 50% of the pond area that is less than 3 m deep.		
The surface of non-woodland pone bankside species.	ds is no more than 50% shaded by woody		
	Prodition Association (Second	Number of criteria passed	
8 criteria assessed (woodland pond	s):	SCHEMUNEVED WY	KC:
asses 7 of 7 criteria	Good (3)		
asses 5 or 6 of 7 criteria	Moderate (2)	x	
asses 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 of 7 criteria	Poor (1)		
asses 9 of 9 criteria	Good (3)		8-2
asses 6, 7 or 8 of 9	Moderate (2)		1
			1
asses 0 1 2 3 4 or 5 of 9 criteria	Poor (1)		

ite name/location		Onsite/offsite	Onsite
Central grid reference of habitat imitations (if applicable)		Unique polygon reference Metric 3.0 survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	Target Note 57 and 59 (SE)
abitat Description			
ee UKHab			
ther than for non-priority ponds, which a	are those which do not meet either the definition	of (i) priority habitat ponds or (ii) ornamental ponds	
ondition Assessment Criteria	A REAL PROPERTY OF	Condition Achieved (Y/N)	Notes/Justification
ORE CRITERIA - applicable to all por	nds (woodland ¹ and non-woodland):		
The pond is of good water quality, wit obvious signs of pollution. Turbidity is	h clear water (low turbidity) indicating no acceptable if the pond is grazed by livestock.	Y	
2 There is semi-natural habitat (i.e. more m from the pond edge.	derate distinctiveness or above) for at least 10	N	Adjacent modified grasslan
Less than 10% of the pond is covered	I with duckweed or filamentous algae.	Y	1 ²
The pond is not artificially connected or artificial pipework.	to other waterbodies, either via streams, ditches	Y	
5 Pond water levels should be able to fl obvious dams, pumps or pipework.	uctuate naturally throughout the year. No	Ŷ.	
There is an absence of non-native pla	ant and animal species ² ,	Ŷ	
7 The pond is not artificially stocked wit native fish assemblage at low densitie	h fish. If the pond naturally contains fish, it is a as.	Ϋ́	
ADDITIONAL CRITERIA - only applical	ble to non-woodland ponds:	1	-
In non-woodland ponds, plants, be th duckweeds) ³ , should cover at least 50	ey emergent, submerged or floating (excluding 0% of the pond area that is less than 3 m deep.		
The surface of non-woodland ponds i bankside species.	s no more than 50% shaded by woody		
Condition Accessment Result	Condition Ascessment Score	Number of criteria passed	
8 criteria assessed (woodland ponds):			
asses 7 of 7 criteria	Good (3)		
asses 5 or 6 of 7 criteria	Moderate (2)	x	
asses 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 of 7 criteria 10 criteria assessed (non-woodland no	Poor (1) nds):		82. J.
asses 9 of 9 criteria	Good (3)		
asses 6, 7 or 8 of 9	Moderate (2)		
Passes 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of 9 criteria	Poor (1)		
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	at type		
UKHab Habilat Type Heathland and shrub - Blackth Heathland and shrub - Gorse s Heathland and shrub - Hawtho Heathland and shrub - Mazel s Heathland and shrub - Mixed s	orm scrub scrub rm scrub crub scrub		
Heathland and shrub - Sea buo Site name/location	ckthorn scrub (Annex 1)	Onsite/offsite	Onsite
Central grid reference of habit	at	Unique polygon reference	Target Note 6 (Env)
Limitations (if applicable)		Metric 3.0 survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Habitat Description			A REAL PROPERTY.
For sea buckthorn scrub see: Ha Condition Assessment Criteria	bitats Directive Annex 1 definition	Condition Achieved (Y/N)	Notes/Justification
 Habitat is representative of U There are at least three wood than 75% of the cover (excep can be up to 100% cover). 	KHab description (where in its natural range). by species, with no one species comprising more ot common juniper, sea buckthorn or box, which	Y	
and the second second second second	1 44 F H	Y	
2 There is a good age range – shrubs and mature shrubs.	all of the following are present: seedlings, young		
 There is a good age range – shrubs and mature shrubs. There is an absence of invas of WCA, 1981) and species i than 5% of ground cover. 	all of the following are present: seedlings, young ive non-native species (as listed on Schedule 9 ndicative of sub-optimal condition make up less	Y	
 There is a good age range – shrubs and mature shrubs. There is an absence of invas of WCA, 1981) and species i than 5% of ground cover. The scrub has a well-develop and/or herbs present betwee 	all of the following are present: seedlings, young ive non-native species (as listed on Schedule 9 ndicative of sub-optimal condition make up less bed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland n the scrub and adjacent habitat(s).	Y N	Dense, hard edge
 There is a good age range – shrubs and mature shrubs. There is an absence of invas of WCA, 1981) and species i than 5% of ground cover. The scrub has a well-develop and/or herbs present betwee There are clearings, glades of sheltered edges. 	all of the following are present: seedlings, young ive non-native species (as listed on Schedule 9 ndicative of sub-optimal condition make up less bed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland in the scrub and adjacent habitat(s).	Y N N	Dense, hard edge
 There is a good age range – shrubs and mature shrubs. There is an absence of invas of WCA, 1981) and species i than 5% of ground cover. The scrub has a well-develop and/or herbs present betwee There are clearings, glades of sheltered edges. 	all of the following are present: seedlings, young ive non-native species (as listed on Schedule 9 ndicative of sub-optimal condition make up less bed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland n the scrub and adjacent habitat(s). or rides present within the scrub, providing	Y N N Number of criteria pass	Dense, hard edge No glades
 There is a good age range – shrubs and mature shrubs. There is an absence of invas of WCA, 1981) and species i than 5% of ground cover. The scrub has a well-develop and/or herbs present betwee There are clearings, glades of sheltered edges. 	all of the following are present: seedlings, young ive non-native species (as listed on Schedule 9 ndicative of sub-optimal condition make up less bed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland n the scrub and adjacent habitat(s). or rides present within the scrub, providing Condition Assessment Score	Y N N Number of criteria pass Score Achieved ×/✓	Dense, hard edge No glades
 There is a good age range – shrubs and mature shrubs. There is an absence of invas of WCA, 1981) and species i than 5% of ground cover. The scrub has a well-develop and/or herbs present betwee There are clearings, glades of sheltered edges. Condition Assessment Result Passes 5 of 5 criteria 	all of the following are present: seedlings, young ive non-native species (as listed on Schedule 9 ndicative of sub-optimal condition make up less bed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland in the scrub and adjacent habitat(s). or rides present within the scrub, providing Condition Assessment Score Good (3)	Y N N Number of criteria pass Score Achieved ×/*	Dense, hard edge No glades
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	Woodland regeneration ⁵	All three classes present in woodland; trees 4-7cm dbh, saplings and seedlings or advanced coppice regrowth	One or two classes only present in woodland	No classes or coppice regrowth present in woodland	2	
3	Tree health	Tree mortality less than 10%, no pests or diseases and no crown dieback	11% to 25% mortality and/or crown dieback or low risk pest or disease present	Greater than 25% tree mortality and or any high risk pest or disease present	2	
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11	Veteran trees ⁷	Two or more veteran trees per hectare	One veteran tree per hectare	No veteran trees present in woodland	1	
12	Amount of deadwood	50% of all survey plots within the woodland parcel have standing deadwood, large dead branches/ stems and stumps	Between 25% and 50% of all survey plots within the woodland parcel have standing deadwood, large dead branches/ stems and stumps	Less than 25% of all survey plots within the woodland parcel have standing deadwood, large dead branches/ stems and stumps	2	
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9	Vegetation and ground flora	Ancient woodland flora indicators present	Recognisable NVC plant community present	No recognisable NVC community	1	
10	Woodland vertical structure ⁶	Three or more storeys across all survey plots or a complex woodland	Two storeys across all survey plots	One or less storey across all survey plots	2	
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13	Woodland disturbance ⁸	No nutrient enrichment or damaged ground evident	woodland area and/or less than 20% of woodland area has damaged ground	and/or more than 20% of woodland area has damaged ground		
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