

The Statutory Biodiversity Metric

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Project details			
Planning authority:	Horsham District Council		
Project name:	Land adjoining No. 2 and No. 3 Townhouse Cottages, Townhouse Farm, Coolham Road, Thakeham, RH20 3B		
Applicant:	Fowlers Land and New Homes		
Application type:	Planning		
Planning application reference:	N/A		
Completed by:	Essential Ecology		
Date of metric completion:	11 November 2025		
Reviewer:	Megan Jewson		
Calculation iteration:	v1.0		
Planning authority reviewer:			
Date of planning authority review:			
Target % net gain:	10%		
Irreplaceable habitat present at baseline:	No ✓		
Total site area - including irreplaceable habitat area (hectares):	0.14	Irreplaceable habitat site area (hectares):	0.00
Total off-site area - including irreplaceable habitat area (hectares):	N/A	Irreplaceable habitat area off-site (hectares):	N/A

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On-site baseline map

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Off-site baseline map

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Land adjoining No. 2 and No. 3 Townhouse Cottage

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On-site baseline	Area habitat units	0.66		
	Hedgerow units	0.00		
	Watercourse units	0.00		
On-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Area habitat units	0.08		
	Hedgerow units	0.00		
	Watercourse units	0.00		
On-site net change (units & percentage)	Area habitat units	-0.49	-86.30%	On-site net gain is less than target set ▲
	Hedgerow units	0.00	0.00%	
	Watercourse units	0.00	0.00%	

Off-site baseline	Area habitat units	0.00		
	Hedgerow units	0.00		
	Watercourse units	0.00		
Off-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Area habitat units	0.00		
	Hedgerow units	0.00		
	Watercourse units	0.00		
Off-site net change (units & percentage)	Area habitat units	0.00	0.00%	
	Hedgerow units	0.00	0.00%	
	Watercourse units	0.00	0.00%	

Combined net unit change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Area habitat units	-0.49		
	Hedgerow units	0.00		
	Watercourse units	0.00		
Spatial risk multiplier (SRM) deductions	Area habitat units	0.00		
	Hedgerow units	0.00		
	Watercourse units	0.00		

FINAL RESULTS

Total net unit change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Area habitat units	-0.49	Total net gain achieved is less than target set ▲
	Hedgerow units	0.00	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
Total net % change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Area habitat units	-86.30%	
	Hedgerow units	0.00%	
	Watercourse units	0.00%	
Trading rules satisfied?	No - Check Trading Summaries ▲		

Unit Type	Target	Baseline Units	Units Required	Unit Deficit	
Area habitat units	10.00%	0.66	0.62	0.04	
Hedgerow units	10.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	No additional hedgerow units required to meet target ✓
Watercourse units	10.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	No additional watercourse units required to meet target ✓

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Total area lost (excluding area of individual trees, grassy gaps and intertidal hard structures)	0.28
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