

| Survey Cover Sheet |             |                                                          |                                                  |
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| Survey date/s      | Apr-26      | Site name or location                                    | TQ 19428 19692                                   |
| Weather conditions |             | Project or development name                              | Land North of the Rise, Partridge Green          |
| Surveyor name      | Dr S Harper | On-site or off-site                                      | Onsite                                           |
| Survey reference   |             | Reason for assessment (if not baseline condition survey) | Future proposed habitat creation and enhancement |
| Notes              |             |                                                          |                                                  |
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| Condition Sheet: GRASSLAND Habitat Type (low distinctiveness)                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |                                  |
| UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Type                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |                                  |
| Grassland - Modified grassland                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |                                  |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                                        | Partridge Green, onsite - Proposed habitats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Survey date and Surveyor name                    | S Harper April 2026              |
| Limitations (if applicable)                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey) |                                  |
| Grid reference                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Habitat parcel reference                         |                                  |
| Habitat Description                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |                                  |
| Modified grassland - created. Managed as amenity grassland as part of streetscape. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |                                  |
| <a href="#">ukhab – UK Habitat Classification</a>                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |                                  |
| Condition Assessment Criteria                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Criterion passed (Yes or No)                     | Notes (such as justification)    |
| A                                                                                  | There are 6-8 vascular plant species per m <sup>2</sup> present, including at least 2 forbs (these may include those listed in Footnote 1). <b>Note - this criterion is essential for achieving Moderate or Good condition.</b><br><br>Where the vascular plant species present are characteristic of medium, high or very high distinctiveness grassland, or there are 9 or more of these characteristic species per m <sup>2</sup> (excluding those listed in Footnote 1), please review the full UKHab description to assess whether the grassland should instead be classified as a higher distinctiveness grassland. Where a grassland is classed as medium, high, or very high distinctiveness, please use the relevant condition sheet. | N                                                | Amenity grassland                |
| B                                                                                  | Sward height is varied (at least 20% of the sward is less than 7 cm and at least 20% is more than 7 cm) creating microclimates which provide opportunities for vertebrates and invertebrates to live and breed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | N                                                | Managed by regular mowing        |
| C                                                                                  | Any scrub present accounts for less than 20% of the total grassland area. (Some scattered scrub such as bramble <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg. may be present).<br><br>Note - patches of scrub with continuous (more than 90%) cover should be classified as the relevant scrub habitat type.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Y                                                | Managed as grassland             |
| D                                                                                  | Physical damage is evident in less than 5% of total grassland area. Examples of physical damage include excessive poaching, damage from machinery use or storage, erosion caused by high levels of access, or any other damaging management activities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Y                                                | Managed for appearance / amenity |
| E                                                                                  | Cover of bare ground is between 1% and 10%, including localised areas (for example, a concentration of rabbit warrens) <sup>2</sup> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Y                                                | Managed for appearance / amenity |
| F                                                                                  | Cover of bracken <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> is less than 20%.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Y                                                | Managed for appearance / amenity |
| G                                                                                  | There is an absence of invasive non-native plant species <sup>3</sup> (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA <sup>4</sup> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Y                                                | Managed for appearance / amenity |
| Essential criterion achieved (Yes or No)                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  | N                                |
| Number of criteria passed                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  | Y                                |
| Condition Assessment Result (out of 7 criteria)                                    | Condition Assessment Score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Score Achieved x/ ✓                              |                                  |
| Passes 6 or 7 criteria including passing essential criterion A                     | Good (3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                  |                                  |

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| Passes 4 or 5 criteria including passing essential criterion A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Moderate (2) |   |  |
| Passes 3 or fewer criteria;<br>OR<br>Passes 4 - 6 criteria (excluding criterion A)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Poor (1)     | 1 |  |
| Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |   |  |
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| Footnotes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |   |  |
| <p><b>Footnote 1</b> – Creeping thistle <i>Cirsium arvense</i>, spear thistle <i>Cirsium vulgare</i>, curled dock <i>Rumex crispus</i>, broad-leaved dock <i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>, common nettle <i>Urtica dioica</i>, creeping buttercup <i>Ranunculus repens</i>, greater plantain <i>Plantago major</i>, white clover <i>Trifolium repens</i> and cow parsley <i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>.</p> <p><b>Footnote 2</b> – For example, this could include small, scattered areas of bare ground allowing establishment of new species, or localised patches where not exceeding 10% cover.</p> <p><b>Footnote 3</b> – Assess this for each distinct habitat parcel. If the distribution of invasive non-native species varies across the habitat, split into parcels accordingly, applying a buffer zone around the invasive non-native species with a size relative to its risk of spread into adjacent habitat, using professional judgement.</p> <p><b>Footnote 4</b> – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).</p> |              |   |  |

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| Condition Sheet: GRASSLAND Habitat Type (medium, high and very high distinctiveness)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                  |
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| UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                  |
| Grassland - Lowland calcareous grassland<br>Grassland - Lowland dry acid grassland<br>Grassland - Lowland meadows<br>Grassland - Other lowland acid grassland<br>Grassland - Other neutral grassland<br>Grassland - Tall herb communities (H6430) [Not to be confused with the Tall forbs secondary code – see UKHab guidance for details.]<br>Grassland - Upland acid grassland<br>Grassland - Upland calcareous grassland<br>Grassland - Upland hay meadows<br>Sparsely vegetated land - Calaminarian grassland |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                  |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Partridge Green, onsite - Proposed habitats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Survey date and Surveyor name                    | S Harper April 2026                                              |
| Limitations (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey) |                                                                  |
| Grid reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Habitat parcel reference                         |                                                                  |
| Habitat Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                  |
| Other neutral grassland - created. Open greenspace area interspersed with hardstanding footpaths                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                  |
| <a href="#">ukhab – UK Habitat Classification</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                  |
| Condition Assessment Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Criterion passed (Yes or No)                     | Notes (such as justification)                                    |
| A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | The parcel represents a good example of its habitat type, with a consistently high proportion of characteristic indicator species present relevant to the specific habitat type (and relative to Footnote 3 suboptimal species which may be listed in the UKHab description). <sup>1</sup><br><br><b>Note - this criterion is essential for achieving Moderate or Good condition for non-acid grassland types only.</b>                            | N                                                | Management will be for amenity purposes rather than for wildlife |
| B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Sward height is varied (at least 20% of the sward is less than 7 cm and at least 20% is more than 7 cm) creating microclimates which provide opportunities for insects, birds and small mammals to live and breed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | N                                                | Sward unlikely to be varied as all will be managed the same      |
| C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Cover of bare ground is between 1% and 5%, including localised areas, for example, rabbit warrens <sup>2</sup> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | N                                                | Bare patches will be reseeded. Play areas may become bare        |
| D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Cover of bracken <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> is less than 20% and cover of scrub (including bramble <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.) is less than 5%.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Y                                                |                                                                  |
| E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Combined cover of species indicative of suboptimal condition <sup>3</sup> and physical damage (such as excessive poaching, damage from machinery use or storage, damaging levels of access, or any other damaging management activities) accounts for less than 5% of total area.<br><br>If any invasive non-native plant species <sup>4</sup> (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA <sup>5</sup> ) are present, this criterion is automatically failed. | N                                                | Play areas may become bare                                       |

| Additional Criterion - must be assessed for all non-acid grassland types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |                                                           |
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| F                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | There are 10 or more vascular plant species per m <sup>2</sup> present, including forbs that are characteristic of the habitat type (species referenced in Footnote 3 and 5 cannot contribute towards this count).<br><br><b>Note - this criterion is essential for achieving Good condition for non-acid grassland types only.</b> | N                  | More delicate herbs unlikely to persist due to management |
| Essential criterion for Good condition achieved (for non-acid grassland) (Yes or No)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | N                  |                                                           |
| Number of criteria passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 1                  |                                                           |
| Condition Assessment Result                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Condition Assessment Score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Score Achieved x/√ |                                                           |
| <b>Acid grassland types (Result out of 5 criteria)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |                                                           |
| Passes 5 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Good (3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    |                                                           |
| Passes 3 or 4 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Moderate (2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |                                                           |
| Passes 2 or fewer criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Poor (1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    |                                                           |
| <b>Non-acid grassland types (Result out of 6 criteria)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |                                                           |
| Passes 5 or 6 criteria, including essential criterion A and additional criterion F.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Good (3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    |                                                           |
| Passes 3 - 5 criteria, including essential criterion A.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Moderate (2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                    |                                                           |
| Passes 2 or fewer criteria;<br>OR<br>Passes 3 or 4 criteria excluding criterion A and F.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Poor (1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1                  |                                                           |
| <b>Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |                                                           |
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| <b>Notes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |                                                           |
| <p><b>Footnote 1</b> - Professional judgement should be used alongside the UKHab description.</p> <p><b>Footnote 2</b> – For example, this could include small, scattered areas of bare ground allowing for plant colonisation, or localised patches not exceeding 5% cover.</p> <p><b>Footnote 3</b> - Species indicative of suboptimal condition for this habitat type include: creeping thistle <i>Cirsium arvense</i>, spear thistle <i>Cirsium vulgare</i>, curled dock <i>Rumex crispus</i>, broad-leaved dock <i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>, common nettle <i>Urtica dioica</i>, creeping buttercup <i>Ranunculus repens</i>, greater plantain <i>Plantago major</i>, white clover <i>Trifolium repens</i> and cow parsley <i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>. There may be additional relevant species local to the region and or site.</p> <p><b>Footnote 4</b> – Assess this for each distinct habitat parcel. If the distribution of invasive non-native species varies across the habitat, split into parcels accordingly, applying a buffer zone around the invasive non-native species with a size relative to its risk of spread into adjacent habitat, by applying professional judgement.</p> <p><b>Footnote 5</b> – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                    |                                                           |

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| Condition sheet: HEDGEROW Habitat Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
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| Habitat Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| Native hedgerow<br>Native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch<br>Native hedgerow with trees<br>Native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch<br>Species-rich native hedgerow<br>Species-rich native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch<br>Species-rich native hedgerow with trees<br>Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| Habitat Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| Native hedgerow - newly planted. Four species of native shrub.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| <a href="#">ukhab – UK Habitat Classification</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Partridge Green onsite        |                                                                 | Survey date and Surveyor name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | S Harper April 2026          |                                   |
| Limitations (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |                                                                 | Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                              |                                   |
| Grid reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                                                 | Habitat parcel reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |                                   |
| Condition Assessment Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| A series of ten attributes, representing key physical characteristics are used for this assessment. Each attribute is assigned to one of five functional groups (A – E) and the condition of a hedgerow is assessed according to the number of attributes from these functional groups which pass or fail the 'favourable condition' criteria.                                       |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| This assessment is based on the Hedgerow Survey Handbook <sup>1</sup> and Favourable Conservation Status document <sup>2</sup> . For further clarification please refer to the Hedgerow Survey Handbook.                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| Best practice would be to record the species, age, spacing and other key information about all trees present along a hedgerow within the 'Habitat Description' box, as well as other key features of the hedgerow.                                                                                                                                                                   |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| Hedgerow favourable condition attributes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| Attributes and functional groupings (A, B, C, D and E)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                               | Criteria - the minimum requirements for 'favourable condition'  | Criteria description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Criterion passed (Yes or No) | Notes (such as justification)     |
| Core groups - applicable to all hedgerow types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                                   |
| A1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Height                        | >1.5 m average along length                                     | The average height of woody growth estimated from base of stem to the top of the shoots, excluding any bank beneath the hedgerow, any gaps or isolated trees.<br><br>Newly laid or coppiced hedgerows are indicative of good management and pass this criterion for up to a maximum of four years (if undertaken according to good practice).<br><br>A newly planted hedgerow does not pass this criterion (unless it is >1.5 m height).                      | Y                            | Managed to achieve this criterion |
| A2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Width                         | >1.5 m average along length                                     | The average width of woody growth estimated at the widest point of the canopy, excluding gaps and isolated trees.<br><br>Outgrowths (such as blackthorn <i>Prunus spinosa</i> suckers) are only included in the width estimate when they are >0.5 m in height.<br><br>Laid, coppiced, cut and newly planted hedgerows are indicative of good management and pass this criterion for up to a maximum of four years (if undertaken according to good practice). | Y                            | Managed to achieve this criterion |
| B1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Gap - hedge base              | Gap between ground and base of canopy <0.5 m for >90% of length | This is the vertical 'gappiness' of the woody component of the hedgerow, and its distance from the ground to the lowest leafy growth.<br><br>Certain exceptions to this criterion are acceptable (see page 65 of the Hedgerow Survey Handbook).                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Y                            | Managed to achieve this criterion |
| B2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Gap - hedge canopy continuity | Gaps make up <10% of total length; and No canopy gaps >5 m      | This is the horizontal 'gappiness' of the woody component of the hedgerow. Gaps are complete breaks in the woody canopy (no matter how small).<br><br>Access points and gates contribute to the overall 'gappiness' but are not subject to the >5 m criterion (as this is the typical size of a gate).                                                                                                                                                        | Y                            | Managed to achieve this criterion |

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| C1.                                                               | Undisturbed ground and perennial vegetation | >1 m width of undisturbed ground with perennial herbaceous vegetation for >90% of length:<br>· Measured from outer edge of hedgerow; and<br>· Is present on one side of the hedgerow (at least).                                                                 | This is the level of disturbance (excluding wildlife disturbance) at the base of the hedgerow.<br><br>Undisturbed ground is present for at least 90% of the hedgerow length, greater than 1 m in width and must be present along at least one side of the hedgerow.<br><br>This criterion recognises the value of the hedgerow base as a boundary habitat with the capacity to support a wide range of species. Cultivation, heavily trodden footpaths, poached ground etc. can limit available habitat niches. | Y | Managed to achieve this criterion |
| C2.                                                               | Nutrient-enriched perennial vegetation      | Plant species indicative of nutrient enrichment of soils dominate <20% cover of the area of undisturbed ground.                                                                                                                                                  | The indicator species used are nettles <i>Urtica</i> spp., cleavers <i>Galium aparine</i> and docks <i>Rumex</i> spp. Their presence, either singly or together, does not exceed the 20% cover threshold.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Y | Managed to achieve this criterion |
| D1.                                                               | Invasive and neophyte species               | >90% of the hedgerow and undisturbed ground is free of invasive non-native plant species (including those listed on Schedule 9 of WCA <sup>3</sup> ) and recently introduced species.                                                                            | Recently introduced species refer to plants that have naturalised in the UK since AD 1500 (neophytes). Archaeophytes count as natives. For information on archaeophytes and neophytes see the JNCC website <sup>4</sup> , as well as the BSBI website <sup>5</sup> where the 'Online Atlas of the British and Irish Flora' <sup>6</sup> contains an up-to-date list of the status of species. For information on invasive non-native species see the GB Non-Native Secretariat website <sup>7</sup> .           | Y | Managed to achieve this criterion |
| D2.                                                               | Current damage                              | >90% of the hedgerow or undisturbed ground is free of damage caused by human activities.                                                                                                                                                                         | This criterion addresses damaging activities that may have led to or lead to deterioration in other attributes.<br><br>This could include evidence of pollution, piles of manure or rubble, or inappropriate management practices (for example, excessive hedgerow cutting).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Y | Managed to achieve this criterion |
| <b>Additional group - applicable to hedgerows with trees only</b> |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |   |                                   |
| E1.                                                               | Tree class                                  | There is more than one age-class (or morphology) of tree present (for example: young, mature, veteran and or ancient <sup>8</sup> ), and there is on average at least one mature, ancient or veteran tree present per 20 - 50m of hedgerow.                      | This criterion addresses if there are a range of age-classes or morphologies which allow for replacement of trees and provide opportunities for different species.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |   |                                   |
| E2.                                                               | Tree health                                 | At least 95% of hedgerow trees are in a healthy condition (excluding veteran features valuable for wildlife). There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by damage from livestock or wild animals, pests or diseases, or human activity. | This criterion identifies if the trees are subject to damage which compromises the survival and health of the individual specimens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |   |                                   |

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| Condition categories for hedgerows without trees               |                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
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| Category                                                       | Category Requirements                                                                                                                                                                          | Metric Score |
| Good                                                           | No more than 2 failures in total;<br><b>AND</b><br>No more than 1 failure in any functional group.                                                                                             | 3            |
| Moderate                                                       | No more than 4 failures in total;<br><b>AND</b><br>Does not fail both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and C2 = Moderate condition).     | 2            |
| Poor                                                           | Fails a total of more than 4 attributes;<br><b>OR</b><br>Fails both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and B2 = Poor condition).           | 1            |
| Score achieved:                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3            |
| Condition categories for hedgerows with trees                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| Category                                                       | Category Requirements                                                                                                                                                                          | Metric score |
| Good                                                           | No more than 2 failures in total;<br><b>AND</b><br>No more than 1 failure in any functional group.                                                                                             | 3            |
| Moderate                                                       | No more than 5 failures in total;<br><b>AND</b><br>Does not fail both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1, C2 and E1 = Moderate condition). | 2            |
| Poor                                                           | Fails a total of more than 5 attributes;<br><b>OR</b><br>Fails both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and B2 = Poor condition).           | 1            |
| Score achieved:                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |
| Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score |                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |

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| Condition sheet: HEDGEROW Habitat Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
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| <b>Habitat Type</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| Native hedgerow<br>Native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch<br>Native hedgerow with trees<br>Native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch<br>Species-rich native hedgerow<br>Species-rich native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch<br>Species-rich native hedgerow with trees<br>Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| <b>Habitat Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| Hedgerow with trees - existing to be enhanced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| <a href="#">ukhab – UK Habitat Classification</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| <b>On-site or off-site, site name and location</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Partridge Green, onsite                                               |                                                                 | <b>Survey date and Surveyor name</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | J Baker December 2025; RSK ADAS 2022 |
| <b>Limitations (if applicable)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                       |                                                                 | <b>Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                      |
| <b>Grid reference</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                       |                                                                 | <b>Habitat parcel reference</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| <b>Condition Assessment Details</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| A series of ten attributes, representing key physical characteristics are used for this assessment. Each attribute is assigned to one of five functional groups (A – E) and the condition of a hedgerow is assessed according to the number of attributes from these functional groups which pass or fail the 'favourable condition' criteria.                                       |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| This assessment is based on the Hedgerow Survey Handbook <sup>1</sup> and Favourable Conservation Status document <sup>2</sup> . For further clarification please refer to the Hedgerow Survey Handbook.                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| Best practice would be to record the species, age, spacing and other key information about all trees present along a hedgerow within the 'Habitat Description' box, as well as other key features of the hedgerow.                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| <b>Hedgerow favourable condition attributes</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| <b>Attributes and functional groupings (A, B, C, D and E)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Criteria - the minimum requirements for 'favourable condition'</b> |                                                                 | <b>Criteria description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>Criterion passed (Yes or No)</b>  |
| <b>Core groups - applicable to all hedgerow types</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                       |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                      |
| A1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Height                                                                | >1.5 m average along length                                     | The average height of woody growth estimated from base of stem to the top of the shoots, excluding any bank beneath the hedgerow, any gaps or isolated trees.<br><br>Newly laid or coppiced hedgerows are indicative of good management and pass this criterion for up to a maximum of four years (if undertaken according to good practice).<br><br>A newly planted hedgerow does not pass this criterion (unless it is >1.5 m height).                      | Y                                    |
| A2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Width                                                                 | >1.5 m average along length                                     | The average width of woody growth estimated at the widest point of the canopy, excluding gaps and isolated trees.<br><br>Outgrowths (such as blackthorn <i>Prunus spinosa</i> suckers) are only included in the width estimate when they are >0.5 m in height.<br><br>Laid, coppiced, cut and newly planted hedgerows are indicative of good management and pass this criterion for up to a maximum of four years (if undertaken according to good practice). | Y                                    |
| B1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Gap - hedge base                                                      | Gap between ground and base of canopy <0.5 m for >90% of length | This is the vertical 'gappiness' of the woody component of the hedgerow, and its distance from the ground to the lowest leafy growth.<br><br>Certain exceptions to this criterion are acceptable (see page 65 of the Hedgerow Survey Handbook).                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Y                                    |
| B2.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Gap - hedge canopy continuity                                         | Gaps make up <10% of total length; and No canopy gaps >5 m      | This is the horizontal 'gappiness' of the woody component of the hedgerow. Gaps are complete breaks in the woody canopy (no matter how small).<br><br>Access points and gates contribute to the overall 'gappiness' but are not subject to the >5 m criterion (as this is the typical size of a gate).                                                                                                                                                        | Y                                    |

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| C1.                                                               | Undisturbed ground and perennial vegetation | >1 m width of undisturbed ground with perennial herbaceous vegetation for >90% of length:<br>· Measured from outer edge of hedgerow; and<br>· Is present on one side of the hedgerow (at least).                                                                 | This is the level of disturbance (excluding wildlife disturbance) at the base of the hedgerow.<br><br>Undisturbed ground is present for at least 90% of the hedgerow length, greater than 1 m in width and must be present along at least one side of the hedgerow.<br><br>This criterion recognises the value of the hedgerow base as a boundary habitat with the capacity to support a wide range of species. Cultivation, heavily trodden footpaths, poached ground etc. can limit available habitat niches. | Y (from N) | New planting with understorey herbs and infilling of gaps with new shrubs |
| C2.                                                               | Nutrient-enriched perennial vegetation      | Plant species indicative of nutrient enrichment of soils dominate <20% cover of the area of undisturbed ground.                                                                                                                                                  | The indicator species used are nettles <i>Urtica</i> spp., cleavers <i>Galium aparine</i> and docks <i>Rumex</i> spp. Their presence, either singly or together, does not exceed the 20% cover threshold.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Y (from N) | New planting with understorey herbs and infilling of gaps with new shrubs |
| D1.                                                               | Invasive and neophyte species               | >90% of the hedgerow and undisturbed ground is free of invasive non-native plant species (including those listed on Schedule 9 of WCA <sup>3</sup> ) and recently introduced species.                                                                            | Recently introduced species refer to plants that have naturalised in the UK since AD 1500 (neophytes). Archaeophytes count as natives. For information on archaeophytes and neophytes see the JNCC website <sup>4</sup> , as well as the BSBI website <sup>5</sup> where the 'Online Atlas of the British and Irish Flora' <sup>6</sup> contains an up-to-date list of the status of species. For information on invasive non-native species see the GB Non-Native Secretariat website <sup>7</sup> .           | Y          |                                                                           |
| D2.                                                               | Current damage                              | >90% of the hedgerow or undisturbed ground is free of damage caused by human activities.                                                                                                                                                                         | This criterion addresses damaging activities that may have led to or lead to deterioration in other attributes.<br><br>This could include evidence of pollution, piles of manure or rubble, or inappropriate management practices (for example, excessive hedgerow cutting).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Y          |                                                                           |
| <b>Additional group - applicable to hedgerows with trees only</b> |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |            |                                                                           |
| E1.                                                               | Tree class                                  | There is more than one age-class (or morphology) of tree present (for example: young, mature, veteran and or ancient <sup>8</sup> ), and there is on average at least one mature, ancient or veteran tree present per 20 - 50m of hedgerow.                      | This criterion addresses if there are a range of age-classes or morphologies which allow for replacement of trees and provide opportunities for different species.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Y          |                                                                           |
| E2.                                                               | Tree health                                 | At least 95% of hedgerow trees are in a healthy condition (excluding veteran features valuable for wildlife). There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by damage from livestock or wild animals, pests or diseases, or human activity. | This criterion identifies if the trees are subject to damage which compromises the survival and health of the individual specimens.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Y          |                                                                           |

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| Condition categories for hedgerows without trees               |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                      |
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| Category                                                       | Category Requirements                                                                                                                                                                          | Metric Score         |
| Good                                                           | No more than 2 failures in total;<br><b>AND</b><br>No more than 1 failure in any functional group.                                                                                             | 3                    |
| Moderate                                                       | No more than 4 failures in total;<br><b>AND</b><br>Does not fail both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and C2 = Moderate condition).     | 2                    |
| Poor                                                           | Fails a total of more than 4 attributes;<br><b>OR</b><br>Fails both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and B2 = Poor condition).           | 1                    |
| Score achieved:                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                      |
| Condition categories for hedgerows with trees                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                      |
| Category                                                       | Category Requirements                                                                                                                                                                          | Metric score         |
| Good                                                           | No more than 2 failures in total;<br><b>AND</b><br>No more than 1 failure in any functional group.                                                                                             | 3                    |
| Moderate                                                       | No more than 5 failures in total;<br><b>AND</b><br>Does not fail both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1, C2 and E1 = Moderate condition). | 2                    |
| Poor                                                           | Fails a total of more than 5 attributes;<br><b>OR</b><br>Fails both attributes in more than one functional group (for example, fails attributes A1, A2, B1 and B2 = Poor condition).           | 1                    |
| Score achieved:                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3 (increased from 2) |
| Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score |                                                                                                                                                                                                |                      |

Improve condition of existing hedgerows by reducing disturbed ground at base and reducing undesirable plant cover at base, by planting with new understorey herbs and infill shrub planting

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| Condition Sheet: INDIVIDUAL TREES Habitat Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |                                                      |
| Habitat Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |                                                      |
| <div>Individual trees – Urban trees</div> <div>Individual trees – Rural trees</div> <div>Complete a condition sheet for each tree or block of trees.</div> <div>Please see the separate Line of trees condition sheet for a line of <u>rural</u> trees. You should only use the Line of trees condition assessment and record that habitat type in <u>rural</u> locations.</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |                                                      |
| Habitat Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |                                                      |
| Urban trees - newly planted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |                                                      |
| <div>Individual trees (description applied to the urban or rural environment):</div> <div>Young trees over 7.5 cm in diameter at breast height whose canopies are not touching.</div> <div>Urban Perimeter / Linear Blocks and Groups (description applied to the urban environment only):</div> <div>Groups or stands of trees (size requirement as defined above) within and around the perimeter of urban land. This includes those along urban streets, highways, railways and canals, and also former field boundary trees incorporated into developments. Canopies should predominantly overlap continuously. Groups of urban trees that don't match the descriptions for woodland may be assessed within this category.</div> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |                                                      |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Partridge Green, onsite - Proposed habitats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Survey date and Surveyor name                    | S Harper April 2026                                  |
| Limitations (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey) |                                                      |
| Grid reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Habitat parcel reference                         |                                                      |
| Condition Assessment Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Criterion passed (Yes or No)                     | Notes (such as justification)                        |
| A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | The tree is a native species (or at least 70% within the block are native species).                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Y                                                |                                                      |
| B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | The tree canopy is predominantly continuous, with gaps in canopy cover making up <10% of total area and no individual gap being >5 m wide (individual trees automatically pass this criterion).                                                                                         | Y                                                | Trees widely spaced to allow full canopy development |
| C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | The tree is mature (or more than 50% within the block are mature) <sup>1</sup> .                                                                                                                                                                                                        | N                                                | Trees will not be mature after 30 years              |
| D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by human activities (such as vandalism, herbicide or detrimental agricultural activity). And there is no current regular pruning regime, so the trees retain >75% of expected canopy for their age range and height. | Y                                                | Vandalised trees will be replanted                   |
| E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates are present, such as presence of deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.                                                                                                                                                     | N                                                | Trees too young                                      |
| F                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | More than 20% of the tree canopy area is oversailing vegetation beneath.                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Y                                                |                                                      |
| Number of criteria passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 4                                                |                                                      |
| Condition Assessment Result (out of 6 criteria)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Condition Assessment Score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Score Achieved x/ √                              |                                                      |
| Passes 5 or 6 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Good (3)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |                                                      |
| Passes 3 or 4 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Moderate (2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2                                                |                                                      |
| Passes 2 or fewer criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Poor (1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |                                                      |
| Note that 'Fairly Good and Fairly Poor' condition categories are not available for this broad habitat type.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |                                                      |
| Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score <sup>2</sup>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |                                                      |
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**Footnote 2** - Enhancement of this habitat type is only possible by improving the habitat so that it meets all Criteria B, D and F. It is not possible or appropriate to enhance individual tree/s through meeting just one or two of those Criteria, nor by meeting Criteria A, C or E.

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| <b>Condition Sheet: SCRUB Habitat Type</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                            |                                                |
| <b>Habitat Types</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                            |                                                |
| Heathland and shrub - Blackthorn scrub<br>Heathland and shrub - Gorse scrub<br>Heathland and shrub - Hawthorn scrub<br>Heathland and shrub - Hazel scrub<br>Heathland and shrub - Mixed scrub<br>Heathland and shrub - Dunes with sea buckthorn (H2160)<br>Heathland and shrub - Willow scrub |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                            |                                                |
| <b>Habitat Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                            |                                                |
| Mixed scrub - newly planted                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                            |                                                |
| For Dunes with sea buckthorn see:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="https://jncc.gov.uk">Dunes with sea-buckthorn (Dunes with Hippophae rhamnoides) - Special Areas of Conservation (jncc.gov.uk)</a> |                                                |
| For other scrub types see:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <a href="#">ukhab – UK Habitat Classification</a>                                                                                          |                                                |
| <b>On-site or off-site, site name and location</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Partridge Green, onsite - Proposed habitats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Survey date and Surveyor name</b>                                                                                                       | S Harper April 2026                            |
| <b>Limitations (if applicable)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)</b>                                                                                    |                                                |
| <b>Grid reference</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Habitat parcel reference</b>                                                                                                            |                                                |
| <b>Condition Assessment Criteria</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Criterion passed (Yes or No)</b>                                                                                                        | <b>Notes (such as justification)</b>           |
| A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | The parcel represents a good example of its habitat type - the appearance and composition of the vegetation closely matches its UKHab description (where in its natural range). <sup>1</sup><br>- At least 80% of scrub is native,<br>- There are at least three native woody species <sup>2</sup> ,<br>- No single species comprises more than 75% of the cover (except hazel <i>Corylus avellana</i> , common juniper <i>Juniperus communis</i> , sea buckthorn <i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i> (only in its restricted native range), or box <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> , which can be up to 100% cover). | Y                                                                                                                                          | 5 species or more                              |
| B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Seedlings, saplings, young shrubs and mature (or ancient or veteran <sup>3</sup> ) shrubs are all present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | N                                                                                                                                          | Young planting                                 |
| C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | There is an absence of invasive non-native plant species <sup>4</sup> (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA <sup>5</sup> ) and species indicative of suboptimal condition <sup>6</sup> make up less than 5% of ground cover.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Y                                                                                                                                          | Managed to remove invasives                    |
| D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | The scrub has a well-developed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland and or forbs present between the scrub and adjacent habitat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | N                                                                                                                                          | Unlikely to develop                            |
| E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | There are clearings, glades or rides present within the scrub, providing sheltered edges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | N                                                                                                                                          | Small areas do not allow for glades, rides etc |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Number of criteria passed</b>                                                                                                           | 2                                              |
| <b>Condition Assessment Result (out of 5 criteria)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Condition Assessment Score</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Score Achieved x/ ✓</b>                                                                                                                 |                                                |

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| Passes 5 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Good (3)     |   |  |
| Passes 3 or 4 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Moderate (2) |   |  |
| Passes 2 or fewer criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Poor (1)     | 1 |  |
| Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |   |  |
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| Footnotes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |   |  |
| <b>Footnote 1</b> – Professional judgement should be used alongside the UKHab description.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |   |  |
| <b>Footnote 2</b> – Native woody species as defined and listed in the Hedgerow Survey Handbook: DEFRA (2007) <i>Hedgerow Survey Handbook: A standard procedure for local surveys in the UK</i> . 2nd ed. [online]. Defra, London. PB1195. Available from: Hedgerow Survey Handbook ( <a href="http://publishing.service.gov.uk">publishing.service.gov.uk</a> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |              |   |  |
| <b>Footnote 3</b> – See gov.uk standing advice on ancient and veteran species. Available from:<br><a href="http://publishing.service.gov.uk">Keepers of time: ancient and native woodland and trees policy in England (publishing.service.gov.uk)</a> and<br><a href="http://www.gov.uk">Ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |   |  |
| <b>Footnote 4</b> – Assess this for each distinct habitat parcel. If the distribution of invasive non-native species varies across the habitat, split into parcels accordingly, applying a buffer zone around the invasive non-native species with a size relative to its risk of spread into adjacent habitat, using professional judgement.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |              |   |  |
| <b>Footnote 5</b> – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |              |   |  |
| <b>Footnote 6</b> – Species indicative of suboptimal condition for this habitat type may include: non-native conifers, tree-of-heaven <i>Alianthus altissima</i> , holm oak <i>Quercus ilex</i> , European turkey oak <i>Quercus cerris</i> , cherry laurel <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> , snowberry <i>Symphoricarpos</i> spp., shallon <i>Gaultheria shallon</i> , American skunk cabbage <i>Lysichiton americanus</i> , buddleia <i>Buddleja</i> spp., cotoneaster <i>Cotoneaster</i> spp., Spanish bluebell <i>Hyacinthoides hispanica</i> and hybrid bluebells <i>Hyacinthoides x massartiana</i> . There may be additional relevant species local to the region and or site. |              |   |  |

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| Condition Sheet: URBAN Habitat Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                    |
| Habitat Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                    |
| Sparsely vegetated land - Ruderal/Ephemeral<br>Sparsely vegetated land - Tall forbs<br>Urban - Allotments<br>Urban - Biodiverse green roof<br>Urban - Bioswale<br>Urban - Cemeteries and churchyards<br>Urban - Facade-bound green wall<br>Urban - Ground based green wall<br>Urban - Intensive green roof<br>Urban - Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land<br>Urban - Rain garden<br>Urban - Sustainable drainage system (SuDS)<br>Urban - Vacant or derelict land<br>Urban - Bare ground |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                    |
| Habitat Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                    |
| Sustainable urban drainage system                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                    |
| See the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide for green roofs and UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) for other habitats:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  | <a href="#">UKHab – UK Habitat Classification</a>                                  |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Partridge Green, onsite - Proposed habitats                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Survey date and Surveyor name                    |                                                                                    |
| Limitations (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey) |                                                                                    |
| Grid reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Habitat parcel reference                         |                                                                                    |
| Condition Assessment Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Criterion passed (Yes or No)                     | Notes (such as justification)                                                      |
| Core Criteria - must be assessed for <b>all urban habitat types</b> :                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                    |
| A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Vegetation structure is varied, providing opportunities for vertebrates and invertebrates to live, eat and breed. A single structural habitat component or vegetation type does not account for more than 80% of the total habitat area.                                                                                                                                                                           | N                                                | Same planting around attenuation basin does not provide structural diversity       |
| B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | The habitat parcel contains different plant species that are beneficial for wildlife, for example flowering species providing nectar sources for a range of invertebrates at different times of year.                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Y                                                |                                                                                    |
| C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Invasive non-native plant species (listed on Schedule 9 of WCA <sup>1</sup> ) and others which are to the detriment of native wildlife (using professional judgement) <sup>2</sup> cover less than 5% of the total vegetated area <sup>3</sup> .<br><br><b>Note - to achieve Good condition, this criterion must be satisfied by a complete absence of invasive non-native species (rather than &lt;5% cover).</b> | Y (<5% but not 0%)                               | Managed to remove undesirable species however some non-natives are likely to occur |
| Additional Criterion - must be assessed for <b>Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land</b> only:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                    |
| D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | The parcel shows spatial variation and forms a mosaic of bare substrate PLUS:<br><br>- At least four early successional communities (a) to (i);<br><br>Communities: (a) annuals; (b) mosses/liverworts; (c) lichens; (d) ruderals; (e) inundation species; (f) open grassland; (g) flower-rich grassland; (h) heathland, (i) pools.                                                                                |                                                  |                                                                                    |
| Additional Criteria - must be assessed for <b>Bioswale and SuDS</b> habitat types only:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                    |
| E1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Plant species are mostly native. If non-native species are present, they should not be detrimental to the habitat or native wildlife <sup>4</sup> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Y                                                |                                                                                    |
| E2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | The vegetation is comprised of plant species suited to wetland or riparian situations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Y                                                |                                                                                    |
| Additional Criterion - must be assessed for <b>Intensive green roofs</b> only:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                  |                                                                                    |

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| F                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | The roof has a minimum of 50% native and non-native wildflowers.<br>70% of the roof area is soil and vegetation (including water features).                                                                                                                                                            |                            |                     |
| Additional Criterion - must be assessed for <b>Biodiverse green roofs</b> only:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |                     |
| G                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | The roof has a varied depth of 80 – 150 mm; at least 50% is at 150 mm and is planted and seeded with wildflowers and sedums or is pre-prepared with sedums and wildflowers.<br><br><b>Note – to achieve Good condition some additional habitat, such as sand piles, stones, logs etc. are present.</b> |                            |                     |
| Essential criteria relevant for habitat type achieved (Yes or No)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            | N                   |
| Number of criteria passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            | 4                   |
| Condition Assessment Result                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Condition Assessment Score | Score Achieved x/ ✓ |
| Results for habitats requiring assessment of <b>3 core criteria</b> only ( <b>all listed urban habitats except Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land, Bioswale, SuDS and Green roofs</b> ):                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes all 3 core criteria;</li> </ul> AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Good (3)                   |                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes 2 of 3 core criteria;</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes 3 of 3 core criteria but does not meet the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.</li> </ul>                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Moderate (2)               |                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes 0 or 1 of 3 core criteria.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Poor (1)                   |                     |
| Results for <b>Green roofs</b> and <b>Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land</b> (requiring assessment of <b>4 criteria</b> only - core criteria plus additional criterion specified for habitat type):                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes all 3 core criteria;</li> </ul> AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets the requirements for Good condition within criterion C;</li> </ul> AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes additional criterion relevant to specific habitat type (D, F or G).</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Good (3)                   |                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes 2 or 3 of 4 criteria;</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes 4 of 4 criteria but does not meet the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Moderate (2)               |                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes 0 or 1 of 4 criteria.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Poor (1)                   |                     |
| Results for <b>Bioswale or SuDS</b> (requiring assessment of <b>5 criteria</b> - core criteria plus additional criteria specified for habitat type):                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes all 3 core criteria;</li> </ul> AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets the requirements for Good condition within criterion C;</li> </ul> AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes all additional criteria relevant to specific habitat type (Group E)</li> </ul> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Good (3)                   |                     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes 3 or 4 of 5 criteria;</li> </ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes 5 of 5 criteria but does not meet the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.</li> </ul>                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Moderate (2)               | 2                   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passes 2 or fewer of 5 criteria.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Poor (1)                   |                     |
| Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |                     |
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| Footnotes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                            |                     |

**Footnote 1** – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

**Footnote 2** – Sources of information about detrimental non-native species can be found on the GB Non-native Species Secretariat (GBNNSS) website:

[Home » NNSS \(nonnativespecies.org\)](#)

and Natural England Access to Evidence page should also be checked for up-to-date information:

[Horizon-scanning for invasive non-native plants in Great Britain - NECR053 \(naturalengland.org.uk\)](#)

For criterion C – For green roof habitat types only – buddleia *Buddleja davidii* should be assessed alongside Schedule 9 species. This species impairs the health of the local ecosystem and reduces the biodiversity potential of the roof. It is also a sign that a roof has not been planted and seeded correctly in subsequent years.

**Footnote 3** – Assess this for each distinct habitat parcel. If the distribution of invasive non-native species varies across the habitat, split into parcels accordingly, applying a buffer zone around the invasive non-native species with a size relative to its risk of spread into adjacent habitat, using professional judgement.

**Footnote 4** – Use professional judgement. Sources of information about non-native species that are not detrimental to native wildlife can be found on the GBNNSS website:

[Alternative plants » NNSS \(nonnativespecies.org\)](#)

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| Condition Sheet: WOODLAND Habitat Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                     |                                                   |
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| UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                     |                                                   |
| Woodland and forest - Lowland beech and yew woodland<br>Woodland and forest - Lowland mixed deciduous woodland<br>Woodland and forest - Native pine woodlands<br>Woodland and forest - Other coniferous woodland<br>Woodland and forest - Other Scot's pine woodland<br>Woodland and forest - Other woodland; broadleaved<br>Woodland and forest - Other woodland; mixed<br>Woodland and forest - Upland birchwoods<br>Woodland and forest - Upland mixed ashwoods<br>Woodland and forest - Upland oakwood<br>Woodland and forest - Wet woodland     |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                     |                                                   |
| Habitat Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                     |                                                   |
| Lowland mixed deciduous woodland - existing habitat to be enhanced                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                     |                                                   |
| <a href="#">ukhab – UK Habitat Classification</a><br>This condition sheet is based on the England Woodland Biodiversity Group (EWBG) Woodland Condition Survey Method, available here:<br><a href="#">Woodland Wildlife Toolkit (sylva.org.uk)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                     |                                                   |
| <p>IMPORTANT: This biodiversity metric woodland condition assessment must be used to assess woodland being input into the biodiversity metric. The outputs of this condition assessment are not equivalent to, nor are they comparable with the scores from the EWBG condition assessment, because the EWBG assessment has been adapted for the biodiversity metric, including the removal of EWBG Indicator 7 (Proportion of favourable land cover around woodland) and Indicator 14 (Size of woodland), and minor changes to other indicators.</p> |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                     |                                                   |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                           | Partridge Green, onsite - existing habitat to be enhanced                            |                                                                                                                                                        | Survey date and Surveyor name                                                                        |                     | S Harper April 2026                               |
| Limitations (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        | Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)                                                     |                     |                                                   |
| Grid reference                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        | Habitat parcel reference                                                                             |                     |                                                   |
| Condition Assessment Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                           |                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                      |                     |                                                   |
| Indicator                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                           | Good (3 points)                                                                      | Moderate (2 points)                                                                                                                                    | Poor (1 point)                                                                                       | Score per indicator | Notes (such as justification)                     |
| A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Age distribution of trees                 | Three age-classes <sup>1</sup> present.                                              | Two age-classes <sup>1</sup> present.                                                                                                                  | One age-class <sup>1</sup> present.                                                                  | 3                   | no enhancement                                    |
| B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Wild, domestic and feral herbivore damage | No significant browsing damage evident in woodland <sup>2</sup> .                    | Evidence of significant browsing pressure is present in less than 40% of whole woodland <sup>2</sup> .                                                 | Evidence of significant browsing pressure is present in 40% or more of whole woodland <sup>2</sup> . | 3                   | no enhancement                                    |
| C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Invasive plant species                    | No invasive species <sup>3</sup> present in woodland.                                | Rhododendron <i>Rhododendron ponticum</i> or cherry laurel <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> not present, and other invasive species <sup>3</sup> <10% cover. | Rhododendron or cherry laurel present, or other invasive species <sup>3</sup> ≥10% cover.            | 3                   | no enhancement                                    |
| D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Number of native tree species             | Five or more native tree or shrub species <sup>4</sup> found across woodland parcel. | Three to four native tree or shrub species <sup>4</sup> found across woodland parcel.                                                                  | Two or less native tree or shrub species <sup>4</sup> across woodland parcel.                        | 3                   | Increase species diversity with new planting (+1) |
| E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Cover of native tree and shrub species    | >80% of canopy trees and >80% of understory shrubs are native <sup>5</sup> .         | 50 - 80% of canopy trees and 50 - 80% of understory shrubs are native <sup>5</sup> .                                                                   | <50% of canopy trees and <50% of understory shrubs are native <sup>5</sup> .                         | 3                   | no enhancement                                    |

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| F | Open space within woodland  | 10 - 20% of woodland has areas of temporary open space <sup>6</sup> . Unless woodland is <10ha, in which case 0 - 20% temporary open space is permitted <sup>7</sup> .                                               | 21 - 40% of woodland has areas of temporary open space <sup>6</sup> .                                                                                                                                                         | <10% or >40% of woodland has areas of temporary open space <sup>6</sup> . But if woodland <10ha has <10% temporary open space, please see Good category <sup>7</sup> .                                                  | 3 | reduce open space with new planting (+2)                                             |
| G | Woodland regeneration       | All three classes present in woodland <sup>8</sup> ; trees 4 - 7 cm Diameter at Breast Height (DBH), saplings and seedlings or advanced coppice regrowth.                                                            | One or two classes only present in woodland <sup>8</sup> .                                                                                                                                                                    | No classes or coppice regrowth present in woodland <sup>8</sup> .                                                                                                                                                       | 3 | Coppicing to improve regeneration (+1)                                               |
| H | Tree health                 | Tree mortality 10% or less, no pests or diseases and no crown dieback <sup>9</sup> .                                                                                                                                 | 11% to 25% tree mortality and or crown dieback or low-risk pest or disease present <sup>9</sup> .                                                                                                                             | Greater than 25% tree mortality and or any high-risk pest or disease present <sup>9</sup> .                                                                                                                             | 3 | no enhancement                                                                       |
| I | Vegetation and ground flora | Recognisable NVC plant community <sup>10</sup> at ground layer present, strongly characterised by ancient woodland flora specialists.                                                                                | Recognisable woodland NVC plant community <sup>10</sup> at ground layer present.                                                                                                                                              | No recognisable woodland NVC plant community <sup>10</sup> at ground layer present.                                                                                                                                     | 1 | Ground flora planting but unlikely to result in recognisable woodland understorey    |
| J | Woodland vertical structure | Three or more storeys across all survey plots, or a complex woodland <sup>11</sup> .                                                                                                                                 | Two storeys across all survey plots <sup>11</sup> .                                                                                                                                                                           | One or less storey across all survey plots <sup>11</sup> .                                                                                                                                                              | 2 | New planting and coppicing will introduce a second storey (+1)                       |
| K | Veteran trees               | Two or more veteran trees <sup>12</sup> per hectare.                                                                                                                                                                 | One veteran tree <sup>12</sup> per hectare.                                                                                                                                                                                   | No veteran trees <sup>12</sup> present in woodland.                                                                                                                                                                     | 1 | no enhancement                                                                       |
| L | Amount of deadwood          | 50% of all survey plots within the woodland parcel have deadwood, such as standing and fallen deadwood, large dead branches and or stems, branch stubs and stumps, or an abundance of small cavities <sup>13</sup> . | Between 25% and 50% of all survey plots within the woodland parcel have deadwood, such as standing and fallen deadwood, large dead branches and or stems, stubs and stumps, or an abundance of small cavities <sup>13</sup> . | Less than 25% of all survey plots within the woodland parcel have deadwood, such as standing and fallen deadwood, large dead branches and or stems, stubs and stumps, or an abundance of small cavities <sup>13</sup> . | 2 | Use management to create deadwood piles within more woodland plots (50m2 areas) (+1) |
| M | Woodland disturbance        | No nutrient enrichment or damaged ground evident <sup>14</sup> .                                                                                                                                                     | Less than 1 hectare in total of nutrient enrichment across woodland area, and or less than 20% of woodland area has damaged ground <sup>14</sup> .                                                                            | 1 hectare or more of nutrient enrichment, and or 20% or more of woodland area has damaged ground <sup>14</sup> .                                                                                                        | 2 | Planting to reduce coverage of damaged ground (+1)                                   |

**Total Score (out of a possible 39)**

**32**

| Condition Assessment Result | Condition Assessment Score | Result Achieved |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Total score >32 (33 to 39)  | Good (3)                   | 2               |
| Total score 26 to 32        | Moderate (2)               |                 |
| Total score <26 (13 to 25)  | Poor (1)                   |                 |

**Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score**

#### Footnotes

Footnotes below refer to the EWBG woodland condition assessment details: EWBG (No date). *Assessing your Woodland's Condition* [online]. Available from:

[Woodland Wildlife Toolkit \(sylva.org.uk\)](http://sylva.org.uk)

The woodland condition assessment survey methodology is outlined in the EWBG toolkit. However the criteria on this sheet are those specific to the Statutory Biodiversity Metric and must be used when assessing woodland condition.

**Footnote 1** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 1 for more information. If tree species is not a birch *Betula* sp., cherry *Prunus* sp. or *Sorbus* sp.: 0 – 20 years (Young); 21 - 150 years (Intermediate); and >150 years (Old). For birch, cherry or *Sorbus* species; 0 - 20 years = Young; 21 - 60 years = Intermediate; >60 years = Old. A recognisable age-class should be a consistent recognisable layer across the woodland or stand being assessed. Presence of a few saplings would not indicate that the woodland has an 'age-class' of young trees.

**Footnote 2** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 2 for more information. Browsing pressure is considered to be significant where >20% of vegetation visible within each survey plot shows damage from any type of browsing pressure listed.

**Footnote 3** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 3 for more information. Assess this for each distinct habitat parcel. If the distribution of invasive non-native species varies across the habitat, split into parcels accordingly.

Check for the presence of all plant species listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), particularly the following invasive non-native species: American skunk cabbage *Lysichiton americanus*; Himalayan balsam *Impatiens glandulifera*; Japanese knotweed *Reynoutria japonica*; cherry laurel *Prunus laurocerasus*; shallon *Gaultheria shallon*; snowberry *Symphoricarpos albus*; variegated yellow archangel *Lamium galeobdolon subsp. argentatum*; rhododendron *Rhododendron ponticum*; and tree-of-heaven *Ailanthus altissima*.

**Footnote 4** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 4 and Table 2 for more information. The number of different native tree or shrub species including young trees and shrubs. A list of commonly found native tree and shrub species is provided in Table 2. Not all species listed are native to all parts of the UK. Note a list of commonly found non-native tree species are also included and should be recorded if present.

**Footnote 5** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 5 and for more information. The abundance of native tree species in upper (>5 m) and understorey (up to 5 m) layers including young trees and shrubs.

**Footnote 6** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 6 for more information. Open space within woodland in this context is temporary open space in which trees can be expected to regenerate (for example, glades, rides, footpaths, areas of clear-fell). This differs from permanent open space where tree regeneration is not possible or desirable (for example, tarmac, buildings, rivers). Area is at least 10 m wide with less than 20% covered by shrubs or trees.

**Footnote 7** – Given the increased ratio of edge habitat to woodland where the woodland is <10ha.

**Footnote 8** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 8 for more information. This indicator measures regeneration potential of the woodland by considering three classes: seedlings; saplings; and young trees of 4-7 cm DBH. All three classes would fall in the 'young' category of the 'age distribution of trees' indicator, but the regeneration indicator gathers additional information by considering regeneration potential - if seedlings, saplings and young trees are all present that means natural regeneration processes are happening.

**Footnote 9** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 9 for more information and Table 3 for a list of diseases and pests and their risk level.

**Footnote 10** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 10 directing to NVC key for more information. The 'UKHab to NVC translation table' in the UK Habitat Classification resources may also be useful to assess this.

**Footnote 11** – This criterion looks at structural diversity and is useful to understand in conjunction with the age of trees in a woodland. Vertical structure is defined as the number of canopy storeys present. Possible storey values are: 1) Upper; 2) Complex: recorded when the stand is composed of multiple tree heights that cannot easily be stratified into broad height bands (such as upper, middle or lower); 3) Middle; 4) Lower; and 5) Shrub layer. There might be no storeys where the woodland has been felled. See EWBG INDICATOR 11 for more information.

**Footnote 12** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 12 for more information. See gov.uk standing advice on ancient and veteran trees. Available from:

[Keepers of time: ancient and native woodland and trees policy in England \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

and:

[Ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

EWBG INDICATOR 12 is the relevant indicator.

**Footnote 13** – See EWBG method INDICATOR 13 for more information. This includes logs, large dead branches on the forest floor and stumps (<1 m tall) >20 cm diameter at narrowest point and >50 cm long. Also includes standing dead trees (>1 m tall) and also deadwood on standing live trees. Diameter is measured at the narrowest point on the stem. Minimum diameter of 20 cm.

**Footnote 14** - See EWBG method INDICATOR 15 for more information. Examples of disturbance are: significant nutrient enrichment; soil compaction from trampling, machinery, animal poaching or litter.

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