

Inglewood, Paignton

Update Habitat Assessment 2019

A Report on behalf of Deeley Freed Estates

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 An outline planning application (Torbay Council Planning Reference P/2017/1133) for a residential led development of up to 400* dwellings, together with the means of vehicular and pedestrian/cycle access, the principle of a public house, primary school with nursery, internal access roads and the provision of public open space (formal and informal) and strategic mitigation, was submitted in November 2017. *This has now been amended to “up to 373 dwellings”.
- 1.2 The application was supported by a Phase I Habitat Survey (Ecological Baseline Report, NPA May 2017) and an assessment on the potential impacts of the proposals on the habitats present. At the time of writing the planning application has yet to be determined. Given the age of the survey (2016) that initially informed the application, update surveys have been undertaken.
- 1.3 The forthcoming Environment Bill sets out a requirement for developments to achieve net gains in biodiversity. As such the proposals were run through a biodiversity metric to determine if net gains would be achieved.

2.0 METHODS

- 2.1 During the course of the bat surveys undertaken in 2019 an update Phase I Habitat Survey was undertaken across the Site and the off-site mitigation land to determine if the habitats remained as previously recorded. Additional details were also noted to enable habitats to be recorded in accordance with The UK Habitat Classification methodology² and to be able to determine habitat conditions in accordance with the Biodiversity Metric.
- 2.2 During the course of the update habitat surveys a search for signs any Badger *Meles meles* setts was also undertaken.
- 2.3 The net gain calculations were populated based on the existing field margins being lost and with new habitats then created. In reality many of the existing margins would be retained and enhanced, which would score better in the metric *i.e.* a precautionary approach has been used to populate the metric calculation tool.

² <http://ecountability.co.uk/ukhabworkinggroup-ukhab/>

2.4 For ease of reference all habitat losses and creation were entered in the on-site tabs. This does not affect the scoring as the habitat creation is proposed within and adjacent to Site and within the same National Character Area.

2.5 The habitats shown on the Phase I Habitat Plans were used to populate the baseline habitats tabs and the habitats shown in the Farm Management Plan and the Green Infrastructure Management Plan were used to populate the site habitat creation tabs.

3.0 RESULTS

3.1 The farming practices in 2019 appeared consistent with those recorded in 2016. The only changes noted was that Field 4 and the field to the west appeared not have been ploughed in recent years and are now shown as grassland on the updated Phase I Habitat Maps (see Phase I Habitat Maps and habitat details in Appendix I). Additionally, some minor amendments have been made to the hedgerow classifications (see Phase I Habitat Maps and hedgerow details in Appendix II).

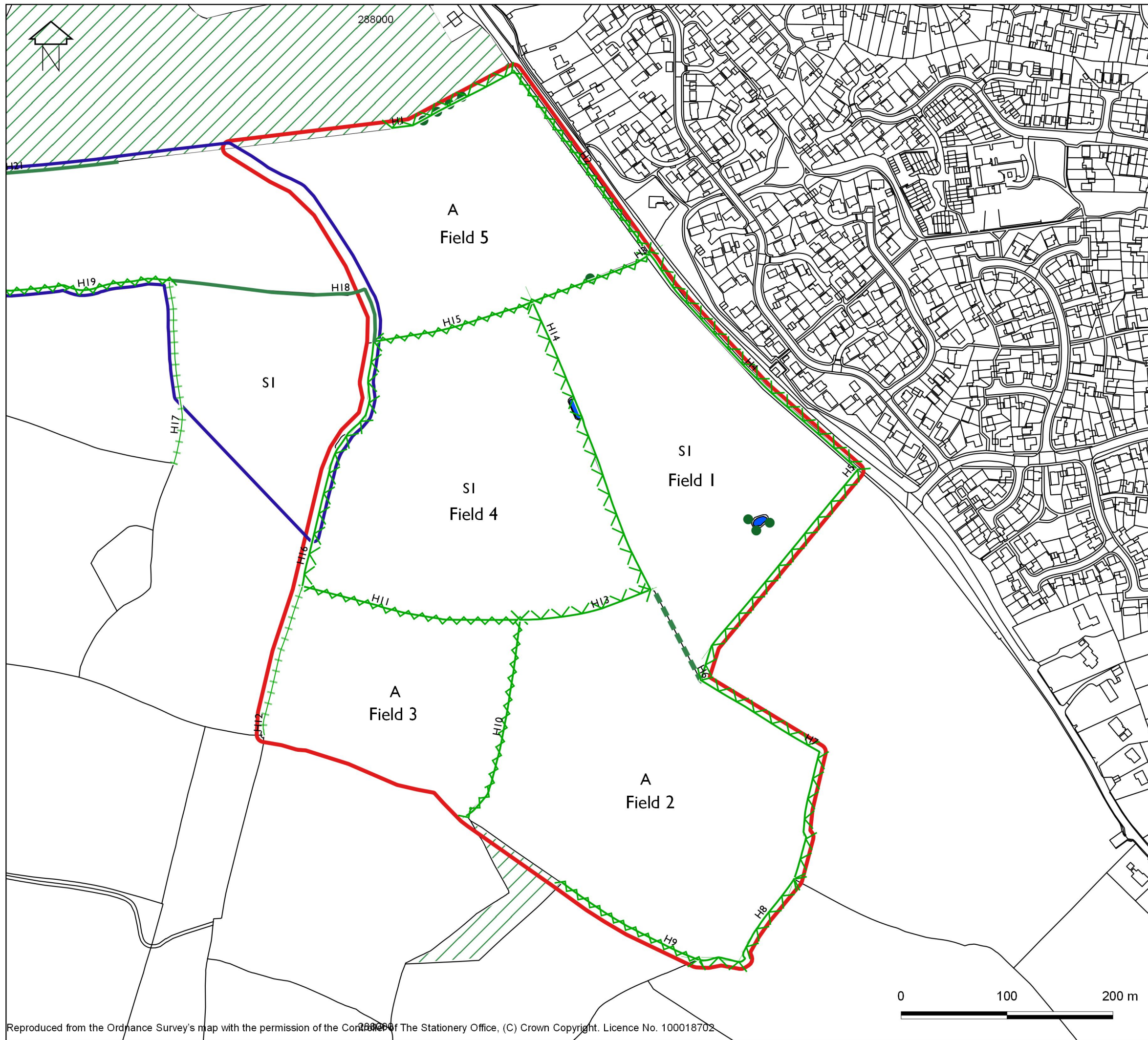
3.2 The only Badger setts recorded were in south-western edge of Waddeton Plantation where they have been previously recorded. During the last check in November 2019 there were approximately 7 active sett entrances recorded. This sett is well away from any proposed development.

3.3 The Biodiversity Metric calculation tool recorded net gains in both area/habitat and linear/hedgerow units.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

4.1 As the update habitat and Badger surveys did not record any significant changes to those previously recorded it is considered the conclusion of the ecology chapter (Environmental Statement, Stride Treglown, November 2017) remain valid.

4.2 The biodiversity metric also concludes that in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework and the forthcoming Environment Bill that net biodiversity gains would be achieved.



Key

- Site Boundary (+ 5m buffer)
- Scattered trees (broadleaved)
- - - Defunct hedge - species-poor
- / \ / \ Hedge with trees - native species-rich
- + + + Hedge with trees - species-poor
- / \ / \ Intact hedge - native species-rich
- Intact hedge - species-poor
- Lines
- / \ / \ Defunct Hedge with Trees - species-rich
- A Arable
- / \ / \ Broadleaved woodland - plantation
- SI Poor semi-improved grassland
- Standing water

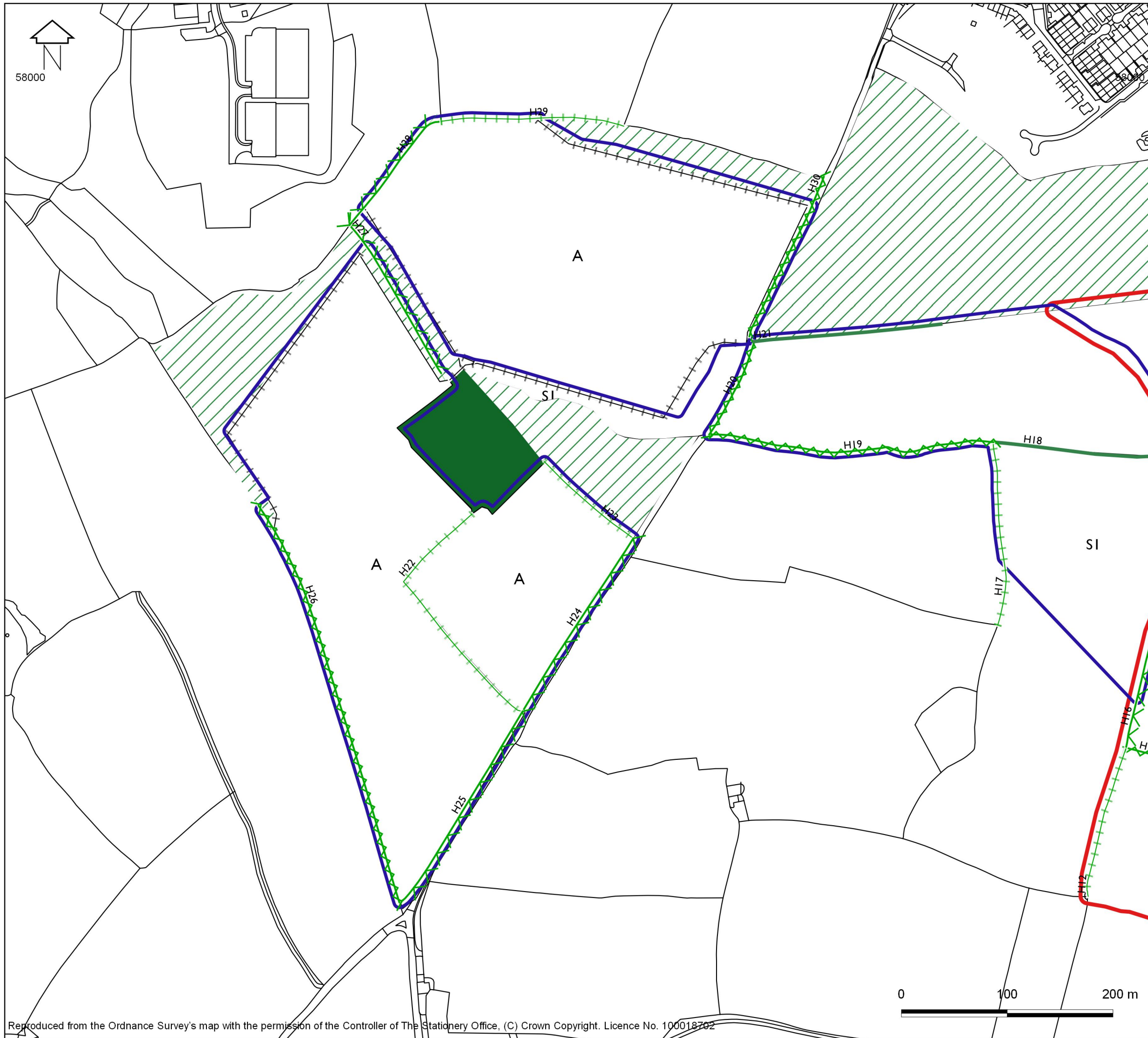
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Extended Phase I Habitat Map - On Site

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Key

- Off-site Mitigation Land (+ 5m buffer)
- Fence
- Hedge with trees - native species - rich
- Hedge with trees - species-poor
- A Arable
- Broadleaved woodland - semi-natural
- Broadleaved woodland - plantation
- SI Poor semi-improved grassland

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APPENDIX I: Habitat Details


Habitat Type and Code:	Hedgerows - h2 (see Hedgerow Condition Assessment Table for further sub-divisions)	
Description:	Devon hedges on earth banks (some stone-faced in places) which are in the main, regularly trimmed on top / sides. The vast majority were found to be intact and species-rich and many contain trees, including some that have been recently planted.	
Photo:	see Hedgerow Condition Assessment Table	
Habitat Condition:	Condition Table Used: Tables 8.1 & 8.2	
	Criteria Met (list numbers): see Hedgerow Condition Assessment Table	
	Overall Condition Assessment: see Hedgerow Condition Assessment Table	
Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	DAFOR
Woody Species:		
Ash	<i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	O
Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	O
Blackthorn	<i>Prunus spinosa</i>	A
Bramble	<i>Rubus fruticosus agg.</i>	A
Dog-rose	<i>Rosa canina</i>	F
Dogwood	<i>Cornus sanguinea</i>	O
English Elm	<i>Ulmus procera</i>	O
Guelder-rose	<i>Viburnum opulus</i>	R
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	F
Hazel	<i>Corylus avellana</i>	O
Holly	<i>Ilex aquifolium</i>	R
Pedunculate Oak	<i>Quercus robur</i>	O
Spindle	<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	R
Traveller's-joy	<i>Clematis vitalba</i>	O
Wayfaring-tree	<i>Viburnum lantana</i>	R
Wild Plum	<i>Prunus domestica</i>	R
Wild Privet	<i>Ligustrum vulgare</i>	R
Hedgebank / Ground Layer:		
Alexanders	<i>Smyrniolus satrum</i>	LF
Atlantic Ivy	<i>Hedera helix subsp. hibernica</i>	D
Black Bryony	<i>Tamus communis</i>	O
Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	R
Broad-leaved Dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	O
Bush Vetch	<i>Vicia sepium</i>	R
Butcher's-broom	<i>Ruscus aculeatus</i>	R
Butterbur	<i>Petasites hybridus</i>	LF
Charlock	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	R
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>	A
Cock's-foot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	F
Common Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	O
Common Polypody	<i>Polypodium vulgare</i>	R
Cow Parsley	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	O
Creeping Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	R
Dog's Mercury	<i>Mercurialis perennis</i>	R
False Oat-grass	<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	F
False-brome	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	A
Greater Stitchwort	<i>Stellaria holostea</i>	LF
Ground-ivy	<i>Glechoma hederacea</i>	LF
Hart's-tongue Fern	<i>Asplenium scolopendrium</i>	O
Hedge Bedstraw	<i>Galium mollugo</i>	F
Hedge Bindweed	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	O
Hedge Woundwort	<i>Stachys sylvatica</i>	R


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Herb-robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	F
Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	R
Primrose	<i>Primula vulgaris</i>	O
Red Campion	<i>Silene dioica</i>	R
Red Fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>	R
Scaly Male-fern	<i>Dryopteris affinis</i>	O
Stinking Iris	<i>Iris foetidissima</i>	O
Wild Madder	<i>Rubia peregrina</i>	R

Habitat Type and Code:	Uncultivated Field Margins – cla5	
Description:	Arable field margins left uncultivated of variable width (ranging between 1.5-5m) which support a mixture of early successional species and arable weeds and perennial vegetation, dominated by coarse grasses and ruderal species.	
Photo:		
Habitat Condition:	Condition Table Used: N/A Criteria Met (list numbers): N/A Overall Condition Assessment: Poor	
Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	DAFOR
Annual Meadow-grass	<i>Poa annua</i>	A
Barren Brome	<i>Anisantha sterilis</i>	A
Black Nightshade	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	R
Bracken	<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	R
Broad-leaved Dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	O
Broad-leaved Willowherb	<i>Epilobium montanum</i>	R
Bush Vetch	<i>Vicia sepium</i>	R
Charlock	<i>Sinapis arvensis</i>	R
Cock's-foot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	A
Common Chickweed	<i>Stellaria media</i>	R
Common Couch	<i>Elytrigia repens</i>	A
Common Hemp-nettle	<i>Galeopsis tetrahit</i>	R
Common Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	O
Cow Parsley	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	LF
Creeping Bent	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	A
Creeping Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	O
Creeping Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	O
Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	R
False Oat-grass	<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	A
False-brome	<i>Brachypodium sylvaticum</i>	R
Fat-hen	<i>Chenopodium album</i>	O
Germander Speedwell	<i>Veronica chamaedrys</i>	LA





Habitat Type and Code:	Uncultivated Field Margins – cla5	
Greater Plantain	<i>Plantago major</i>	F
Hedge Bedstraw	<i>Galium mollugo</i>	F
Herb-robert	<i>Geranium robertianum</i>	O
Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	O
Pineappleweed	<i>Matricaria discoidea</i>	O
Redshank	<i>Persicaria maculosa</i>	R
Shepherd's-purse	<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	LF
Smooth Sow-thistle	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	R
Three-cornered Garlic	<i>Allium triquetrum</i>	R
White Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	O

Habitat Type and Code:	Modified Grassland – g4	
Description:	Permanent pasture (cattle-grazed) which has been improved through regular use of fertilisers. The short sward comprises > 25% cover of Perennial Rye-grass with a low herbaceous cover (<10%) and diversity recorded.	
Photo:		
Habitat Condition:	Condition Table Used: Grassland Criteria Met (list numbers): 1,4,6 Overall Condition Assessment: Poor	
Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	DAFOR
Broad-leaved Dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	R
Cock's-foot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	O
Common Mouse-ear	<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>	R
Creeping Bent	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	A
Creeping Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	F
Creeping Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	R
Cut-leaved Crane's-bill	<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	R
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale agg.</i>	R
Perennial Rye-grass	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	F
Sweet Vernal-grass	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	F
White Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	F
Yorkshire-fog	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	A





Habitat Type and Code:	Temporary Grass & Clover Leys – c1b	
Description:	Recently cultivated / sown grassland used for cattle-grazing. Tightly grazed by cattle (sward <5cm) and heavily poached / waterlogged at time of survey.	
Photo:		
Habitat Condition:	Condition Table Used: N/A	
	Criteria Met (list numbers): N/A	
	Overall Condition Assessment: Poor	
Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	DAFOR
Broad-leaved Dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	O
Broad-leaved Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	O
Creeping Buttercup	<i>Ranunculus repens</i>	O
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> agg.	O
Perennial Rye-grass	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	D
Timothy	<i>Phleum pratense</i>	F
White Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	O





Habitat Type and Code:	Other Eutrophic Standing Waters – r1a6		
Description:	<p>Pond 1 is a small, shallow pond located along a field boundary and is heavily shaded by mature over-hanging Grey Willow <i>Salix cinerea</i> and Hawthorn <i>Crataegus monogyna</i>. No macrophytes recorded.</p> <p>Pond 2 (pictured below) is a small, shallow pond located in the middle of a field and is surrounded by scattered trees (Ash <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i> and Grey Willow <i>Salix cinerea</i>). The margins were noted to be heavily poached by cattle. Macrophytes comprised locally frequent Brooklime <i>Veronica beccabunga</i> and Floating Sweet-grass <i>Glyceria fluitans</i>.</p>		
Photo:			
Habitat Condition:	<p>Condition Table Used: Ponds</p> <p>Criteria Met (list numbers): Pond 1: 1,5,6,7,8,9 Pond 2: 1,5,6,7,8,9</p> <p>Overall Condition Assessment: Pond 1: Poor Pond 2: Moderate</p>		
Vernacular Name	Scientific Name	DAFOR	
Brooklime	<i>Veronica beccabunga</i>	LF	
Floating Sweet-grass	<i>Glyceria fluitans</i>	LF	





APPENDIX II: Hedgerow Details





Hedge Ref	UK Habitat Classification Code	Equivalent Phase 1 Type	Criteria for distinctiveness		Distinctiveness ¹	Criteria for meeting 'favourable condition'								Condition Category (Good = ≤2 fails in total & ≤1 in any group; Moderate = ≤4 fails in total & fails both of any group; Low = >4 fails or both of >1 group).	Photo (taken 11/11/19)	
			Woody Species in 30m (5 or more = species-rich excl. climbers incl. roses)	Earth bank or ditch		A1 Height>1.5m av. along length (include any laid or coppice hedges for up to 4yrs)	A2 Width >1.5m av. (include suckers if >0.5m (h) & any cut / laid / coppiced or newly planted hedge)	B1 Gap b/w GL & canopy <0.5m for >90% (unless dominated by hazel or shaded by woodland)	B2 Gaps < 10% total length (incl. gates) AND no canopy gaps >5m (excl. gates)	C1 >1m width of undisturbed ground with perennial herbaceous veg or adjacent to grassland (measured from outer edge)	C2 Nutrient enrichment indicators <20% cover of area of undisturbed ground (includes nettles, cleavers & docks)	D1 >90% of hedge & undisturbed ground free of invasive non-natives & neophytes	D2 >90% of hedge or undisturbed ground free of damage caused by human activities (e.g. pollution, piles of manure or waste or inappropriate management)			
H1	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Beech Dogwood Hawthorn Blackthorn Dog-rose Pedunculate Oak Hazel	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H2	H2a	Species-rich hedge	English Elm Hazel Ash Dog-rose Hawthorn Blackthorn	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H3	H2a	Species-rich hedge	Wild Plum Hawthorn Ash Dog-rose Blackthorn	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H4	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Hawthorn Wayfaring-tree Hazel Ash Blackthorn Wild Privet Pedunculate Oak Dog-rose	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	





¹ High = Species-rich + bank / ditch; Medium = Species-rich without bank / ditch or Species-poor with bank / ditch & Low = Species-poor without bank / ditch





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H5	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Ash Blackthorn Hawthorn Dog-rose Spindle	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H6	H2b	Defunct species-poor hedge	Blackthorn Dog-rose Hawthorn	N	Low	Y	Y	Y	N (gaps = c.30% length)	Y	N	Y	Y	Good		
H7	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Hawthorn Hazel Blackthorn Dog-rose Ash	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	N (gaps = c.15% length)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good		
H8	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Ash Blackthorn Hawthorn Hazel Dog-rose Spindle	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good		


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H9	H2a	Species-rich hedge	Blackthorn Spindle Wayfaring-tree Ash Elder Dog-rose	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good	
H10	H2a	Species-rich hedge	Blackthorn Ash Elder Dog-rose Wild Plum	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H11	H2a	Species-rich hedge	Blackthorn Elder Dog-rose Hazel Pedunculate Oak	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H12	H2a	Species-poor hedge & trees	Elder Hazel Blackthorn English Elm	Y	Moderate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	

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H13	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Pedunculate Oak Dogwood Wild Cherry Blackthorn Hazel Ash Dog-rose	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H14	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Elder Blackthorn Hawthorn Beech Guelder Rose Dog-rose	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H15	H2a	Species-rich hedge	Ash Blackthorn Dog-rose Wild Plum Hawthorn Wild Privet	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H16	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Ash Dog-rose Blackthorn Wild Cherry Dogwood	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	

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H17	H2a	Species-poor hedge & trees	Sycamore Blackthorn Hawthorn	Y	Moderate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H18	H2a	Species-poor hedge	Hazel Dog-rose	Y	Moderate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good		
H19	H2a	Species-rich hedge	Hawthorn Ash Hazel Dog-rose Blackthorn Dogwood	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good		
H20	H2a	Species-rich hedge	Hazel Dog-rose Dogwood Blackthorn Ash	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good		

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H21	H2b	Species-poor hedge	Blackthorn Dog-rose	Y	Moderate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good	
H22	H2b	Species-poor hedge & trees	Pedunculate Oak Elder	Y	Moderate	N	Y	Y	N (gaps = c.60% length)	Y	N	Y	Y	Moderate	
H23	H2b	Species-poor hedge & trees	Dog-rose Elder	Y	Moderate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good	
H24	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Dog-rose Hazel Dogwood Field Maple English Elm Ash	Y	Moderate	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good	

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			Woody Species in 30m (5 or more = species-rich excl. climbers incl. roses)	Earth bank or ditch		A1 Height>1.5m av. along length (include any laid or coppice hedges for up to 4yrs)	A2 Width >1.5m av. (include suckers if >0.5m (h) & any cut / laid / coppiced or newly planted hedge)	B1 Gap b/w GL & canopy <0.5m for >90% (unless dominated by hazel or shaded by woodland)	B2 Gaps < 10% total length (incl. gates) AND no canopy gaps >5m (excl. gates)	C1 >1m width of undisturbed ground with perennial herbaceous veg or adjacent to grassland (measured from outer edge)	C2 Nutrient enrichment indicators <20% cover of area of undisturbed ground (includes nettles, cleavers & docks)	D1 >90% of hedge & undisturbed ground free of invasive non-natives & neophytes	D2 >90% of hedge or undisturbed ground free of damage caused by human activities (e.g. pollution, piles of manure or waste or inappropriate management)			
H25	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	English Elm Hazel Dog-rose Blackthorn Ash	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H26	H2a	Species-rich hedge	English Elm Elder Dog-rose Sycamore Hawthorn	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good		
H27	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Dog-rose Elder Hawthorn Blackthorn Ash	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good		
H28	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Pedunculate Oak Blackthorn Hawthorn Dog-rose Wych Elm Ash	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Good		

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H29	H2a	Species-rich hedge & trees	Blackthorn Hawthorn Dog-rose Wych Elm Ash	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	
H30	H2a	Species-rich hedge	Hazel Dogwood Blackthorn Hawthorn Dog-rose Ash	Y	High	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Good	