

The Statutory Biodiversity Metric -Technical Annex 1: Condition Assessment Sheets and Metho

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Instructions

The method for assessing habitat condition is split into three main steps, outlined in detail below:

STEP 1: Considerations before assessing condition

STEP 2: Choosing the right condition sheet

STEP 3: Using condition sheets

Step 1: Considerations before assessing condition

The following points must be considered **before** undertaking a condition assessment:

- 1) Condition assessments must be undertaken by a competent person (hereafter referred to as assessors), as defined in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric.
- 2) Condition assessments should be undertaken at the optimum time of year for the assessed habitat(s).
- 3) Assessors must have digital or hard copy access to condition sheets (see **Tabs 1-25**) and the survey cover sheet during the survey.
- 4) The habitat type of the parcel(s) to be assessed must be determined before consideration can be given to its condition as this determines which condition sheet to use.
- 5) The location and extent of the habitat parcel(s) to be assessed must be mapped, either on digital or paper maps (mapped habitat parcels).
- 6) Each habitat parcel to be assessed must be assigned a unique reference ID.

Step 2: Choosing the right condition sheet

See **SELECTING CONDITION SHEET** tab which lists the habitat types found in the biodiversity metric and indicates which condition sheet to use.

- 1) Some condition sheets are unique to a single habitat type; others cover a range of habitat types within the same broad habitat category.
- 2) For each sheet there is version A and B.
 - i. Sheet A can be used to record information for one habitat parcel
 - ii. Sheet B can be used to record information for up to two 10 habitat parcels
- 3) Each condition sheet is set to print at A4 and can be used as a paper form.

Step 3: Using condition sheets (Tabs 1-25)

The following instructions and points of clarification apply to most condition assessment sheets:

- A) Assess the habitat parcel against each condition assessment criterion, recording a 'pass' or 'fail' for each criterion assessed, unless otherwise stated.
- B) If condition varies within a parcel during the assessment then start a new condition assessment. Split the original parcel to ensure consistent assessment.
- C) Some condition assessment sheets have 'essential' criteria. Essential criteria must be passed to achieve a particular condition category.
- D) Some condition assessment sheets list species that are indicative of suboptimal condition status. These lists are not exhaustive. [Report any high-risk non-native invasive species to the GG non-native species secretariat](#)
- E) Any relevant evidence for passing or failing criteria, or for a particular score, should be captured within the habitat survey notes.
- F) Record any survey limitations on the condition sheet, such as access restrictions or timing restrictions. If survey limitations prevent assessment:
 - i. If a definitive pass or fail cannot be assigned through baseline survey, assume the criterion is passed.
 - ii. When monitoring post-intervention habitat, fail criteria which cannot be assessed due to survey limitations.
- G) Once all applicable condition criteria have been assessed, assign a result of Good, Moderate or Poor condition following instructions:
 - i. The 'Fairly Good' or 'Fairly Poor' condition categories are intermediate categories for site-specific features of condition not covered by the standard metric.
 - ii. They should only be applied through application of professional judgement, and sound ecological evidence must be provided.
 - iii. If used, these categories can only be used to adjust the results of a standard metric condition assessment one condition category up or down.
 - iv. Ensure any constraints are made clear in the 'Assessor's comments' box in the metric and associated reporting.
- H) If a habitat parcel is failing all criteria, it may be that the habitat type has been recorded incorrectly and the wrong condition sheet has been used.

The condition assessment survey is a good opportunity to identify any potential opportunities for habitat restoration or enhancement.

The **CA SUMMARY SHEET** can be filled out after the survey to summarise information about the condition assessments,

- i. The site or location of the condition assessment survey
- ii. The number of condition sheets used
- iii. The number and type of habitat parcels surveyed and the condition they achieved

Statutory Biodiversity Metric broad habitat	Statutory Biodiversity Metric habitat	Source Material	Classification habitat name in UKHab / EUNIS / Annex 1	Other definition or notes
Cropland	Arable field margins cultivated annually	UKHab	Arable field margins cultivated annually	None
	Arable field margins game bird mix	UKHab	Arable field margins wild bird mix	The metric habitat type differs from the UKHab name.
	Arable field margins pollen and nectar	UKHab	Arable field margins pollen and nectar	None
	Arable field margins tussocky	UKHab	Arable field margins tussocky	None
	Cereal crops	UKHab	Cereal crops	None
	Winter stubble	UKHab	Winter stubble	None
	Horticulture	UKHab	Horticulture	None
	Intensive orchards	UKHab	Intensive orchards	None
	Non-cereal crops	UKHab	Non-cereal crops	None
	Temporary grass and clover leys	UKHab	Temporary grass and clover leys	None
Grassland	Traditional orchards	UKHab	Traditional orchards	None
	Bracken	UKHab	Bracken	None
	Floodplain wetland mosaic and CFGM	UKHab	Floodplain wetland mosaic	As defined in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide
	Lowland calcareous grassland	UKHab	Lowland calcareous grassland	None
	Lowland dry acid grassland	UKHab	Lowland dry acid grassland	None
	Lowland meadows	UKHab	Lowland meadows	None
	Modified grassland	UKHab	Modified grassland	None
	Other lowland acid grassland	UKHab	Other lowland acid grassland	None
	Other neutral grassland	UKHab	Other neutral grassland	None
	Tall herb communities (H6430)	Annex 1 / UKHab	Tall herb communities (H6430)	None
	Upland acid grassland	UKHab	Upland acid grassland	None
	Upland calcareous grassland	UKHab	Upland calcareous grassland	None
	Upland hay meadows	UKHab	Upland hay meadows	None
Heathland and shrub	Blackthorn scrub	UKHab	Blackthorn scrub	None
	Bramble scrub	UKHab	Bramble scrub	None
	Gorse scrub	UKHab	Gorse scrub	None
	Hawthorn scrub	UKHab	Hawthorn scrub	None
	Hazel scrub	UKHab	Hazel scrub	None
	Lowland heathland	UKHab	Lowland heathland	None
	Mixed scrub	UKHab	Mixed scrub	None
	Mountain heaths and willow scrub	UKHab	Mountain heaths and willow scrub	None
	Rhododendron scrub	UKHab	Rhododendron scrub	None
	Willow scrub	UKHab	Willow scrub	None
	Dunes with sea buckthorn (H2160)	Annex 1 / UKHab	Dunes with sea buckthorn (H2160)	Record all other sea buckthorn scrub as 'Other sea buckthorn scrub'
	Other sea buckthorn scrub	UKHab	Other sea buckthorn scrub	None
Individual tree	Upland heathland	UKHab	Upland heathland	None
	Rural tree	See notes	N/A	As defined in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide.
Lakes	Urban tree	See notes	N/A	As defined in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide.
	Aquifer fed naturally fluctuating water bodies	UKHab	Aquifer-fed naturally fluctuating water bodies	None
	Ornamental lake or pond	UKHab	Ornamental lakes or ponds	None
	High alkalinity lakes	WFD	N/A	≥ 2ha
	Low alkalinity lakes	WFD	N/A	≥ 2ha
	Marl lakes	WFD	N/A	≥ 2ha
	Moderate alkalinity lakes	WFD	N/A	≥ 2ha
	Peat lakes	WFD	N/A	≥ 2ha
	Ponds (priority habitat)	UKHab	Ponds (priority habitat)	< 2ha
	Ponds (non-priority habitat)	UKHab	Pond (non-priority)	< 2ha
	Reservoirs	UKHab and WFD	Reservoir	Some larger reservoirs are covered by the WFD Lakes typology.
	Temporary lakes ponds and pools (H3170)	Annex 1 / UKHab	Mediterranean temporary ponds (H3170)	Record temporary water bodies not meeting this definition as another pond or lake habitat type
Sparsely vegetated land	Calaminarian grasslands	UKHab	Calaminarian grasslands	None
	Coastal sand dunes	UKHab	Sand dunes	The metric habitat type differs from the UKHab name.
	Coastal vegetated shingle	UKHab	Coastal vegetated shingle	None
	Ruderal/Ephemeral	UKHab	Ruderal or ephemeral	The metric habitat type differs from the UKHab name
	Tall forbs	UKHab	Tall forbs	None
	Inland rock outcrop and scree habitats	UKHab	Inland rock outcrop and scree habitats	None
	Limestone pavement	UKHab	Limestone pavement	None
	Maritime cliff and slopes	UKHab	Maritime cliff and slopes	None
	Other inland rock and scree	UKHab	Other inland rock	The metric habitat type differs from the UKHab name
	Allotments	UKHab	Allotments	None
Urban	Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface	UKHab	Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface	None
	Bioswale	UKHab	Bioswale	None
	Biodiverse green roof	UKHab	Biodiverse green roof	None
	Built linear features	UKHab	Built linear features	None
	Cemeteries and churchyards	UKHab	Cemeteries and churchyards	None
	Developed land; sealed surface	UKHab	Developed land; sealed surface	None
	Biodiverse green roof	UKHab	Biodiverse green roof	None
	Facade-bound green wall	UKHab	Facade-bound green wall	None
	Ground based green wall	UKHab	Ground-based green wall	None
	Ground level planters	UKHab	Ground level planters	None
	Intensive green roof	UKHab	Intensive green roof	None
	Introduced shrub	UKHab	Introduced shrub	None
	Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land	UKHab	Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land	None
	Other green roof	UKHab	Other green roof	None
	Rain garden	UKHab	Rain garden	None
	Actively worked sand pit quarry or open cast mine	UKHab	Active sand pit or quarry or open cast mine	This classification relates to non-vegetated working areas only.
	Sustainable drainage system (SuDS)	UKHab	Sustainable drainage system	None
	Unvegetated garden	UKHab	Unvegetated garden	None
Wetland	Vacant or derelict land	UKHab	Vacant or derelict land	None
	Bare ground	UKHab	Bare ground	None
	Vegetated garden	UKHab	Vegetated garden	None
	Blanket bog	Annex 1 / UKHab	Blanket bog	None
	Depressions on peat substrates (H7150)	Annex 1	Depressions on peat substrates (H7150)	None
	Fens (upland and lowland)	UKHab	Lowland fens; Upland flushes fens and swamps; Other wetlands	The metric habitat type differs from the UKHab name
	Lowland raised bog	UKHab	Lowland raised bog	None
	Wetland – Oceanic valley mire [1] (D2.1)	EUNIS	Oceanic valley bog	None
	Purple moor grass and rush pastures	UKHab	Purple moor-grass and rush pastures	None
	Reedbeds	UKHab	Reedbeds	None
Woodland and forest	Transition mires and quaking bogs (H7140)	Annex 1 / UKHab	Transition mires and quaking bogs - lowland (H7140) / upland	The metric habitat type differs from the UKHab name
	Felled	UKHab	Felled	None
	Lowland beech and yew woodland	UKHab	Lowland beech and yew woodland	None
	Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	UKHab	Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	None
	Native pine woodlands	UKHab	Native pine woodlands	None
	Other coniferous woodland	UKHab	Other coniferous woodland	None
	Other Scot's pine woodland	UKHab	Other Scot's pine woodland	None
	Other woodland; broadleaved	UKHab	Other broadleaved woodland	The metric habitat type differs from the UKHab name
	Other woodland; mixed	UKHab	Other woodland; mixed	None
	Upland birchwoods	UKHab	Upland birchwoods	None
	Upland mixed ashwoods	UKHab	Upland mixed ashwoods	None
	Upland oakwood	UKHab	Upland oakwood	None
	Wet woodland	UKHab	Wet woodland	None
	Wood-pasture and parkland	UKHab	Wood-pasture and parkland	None
	Coastal lagoons	Coastal lagoons	EUNIS	Saline coastal lagoons
Coastal saltmarsh		EUNIS	Coastal saltmarshes and saline reedbeds	None
Rocky shore	Artificial saltmarshes and saline reedbeds	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)
	High energy littoral rock	EUNIS	High energy littoral rock	None
	High energy littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk	EUNIS	High energy littoral rock	Subset of EUNIS habitat based on substrate
	Moderate energy littoral rock	EUNIS	Moderate energy littoral rock	None
	Moderate energy littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk	EUNIS	Moderate energy littoral rock	Subset of EUNIS habitat based on substrate
	Low energy littoral rock	EUNIS	Low energy littoral rock	None
	Low energy littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk	EUNIS	Low energy littoral rock	Subset of EUNIS habitat based on substrate
Intertidal sediment	Features of littoral rock	EUNIS	Features of littoral rock	None
	Features of littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk	EUNIS	Features of littoral rock	Subset of EUNIS habitat based on substrate
	Littoral coarse sediment	EUNIS	Littoral coarse sediment	None
	Littoral sand	EUNIS	Littoral sand and muddy sand	None
	Littoral muddy sand	EUNIS	Littoral sand and muddy sand	None
	Littoral mud	EUNIS	Littoral mud	None
	Littoral mixed sediments	EUNIS	Littoral mixed sediments	None
	Littoral seagrass	EUNIS	Littoral mixed sediments dominated by aquatic angiosperms	None
	Littoral seagrass on peat, clay or chalk	EUNIS	Littoral sediments dominated by aquatic angiosperms	Subset of EUNIS habitat based on substrate
	Littoral biogenic reefs - Mussels	EUNIS	Littoral biogenic reefs	Subset of EUNIS habitat based on reef forming species
	Littoral biogenic reefs - Sabellaria	EUNIS	Littoral biogenic reefs	Subset of EUNIS habitat based on reef forming species
	Features of littoral sediment	EUNIS	Features of littoral sediment	None
	Artificial littoral coarse sediment	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)
	Artificial littoral muddy sand	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)
	Artificial littoral mud	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)
Artificial littoral sand	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)	
Artificial littoral mixed sediments	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)	
Artificial littoral seagrass	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)	
Artificial littoral biogenic reefs	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)	
Intertidal hard structures	Artificial hard structures	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)
	Artificial features of hard structures	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)
Hedgerows and Lines of trees	Artificial hard structures with integrated greening of grey infrastructure (GGI)	EUNIS	-	see tab G1 in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric (Adapted from EUNIS)
	Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch	UKHab	Species-rich native hedgerow	Use combined UKHab codes
	Species-rich native hedgerow with trees	UKHab	Species-rich native hedgerow	Use combined UKHab codes
	Species-rich native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	UKHab	Species-rich native hedgerow	Use combined UKHab codes
	Native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch	UKHab	Native hedgerow	Use combined UKHab codes
	Species-rich native hedgerow	UKHab	Species-rich native hedgerow	None
	Native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	UKHab	Native hedgerow	Use combined UKHab codes
	Native hedgerow with trees	UKHab	Native hedgerow	Use combined UKHab codes
	Ecologically valuable line of trees	UKHab	Ecologically valuable line of trees	Use combined UKHab codes
	Ecologically valuable line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	UKHab	Ecologically valuable line of trees	Use combined UKHab codes
	Native hedgerow	UKHab	Native hedgerow	Use combined UKHab codes
	Line of trees	UKHab	Line of trees	Use combined UKHab codes
Line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	UKHab	Line of trees	Use combined UKHab codes	
Non-native and ornamental hedgerow	UKHab	Non-native and ornamental hedgerow	None	
Watercourse	Priority habitat	See notes	-	As detailed in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide. Do not use JNCC definitions to determine this Priority Habitat habitat type.
	Other rivers and streams	See notes	-	As detailed in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide.
	Ditches	See notes	-	As detailed in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide.
	Canals	See notes	-	As detailed in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide.
	Culvert	See notes	-	As detailed in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide.

Habitat type	Condition sheet	
Area habitats		
Broad habitat type: Cropland		
Cropland - Arable field margins cultivated annually	Condition Assessment N/A	
Cropland - Arable field margins game bird mix		
Cropland - Arable field margins pollen and nectar		
Cropland - Arable field margins tussocky		
Cropland - Cereal crops		
Cropland - Winter stubble		
Cropland - Horticulture		
Cropland - Intensive orchards		
Cropland - Non-cereal crops		
Cropland - Temporary grass and clover leys		
Broad habitat type: Grassland		
Grassland - Bracken	Condition Assessment N/A	
Grassland - Floodplain wetland mosaic and CFGM	See the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide for details on recording.	
Grassland - Lowland calcareous grassland	Grassland Medium/High/Very High distinctiveness	
Grassland - Lowland dry acid grassland	Grassland Medium/High/Very High distinctiveness	
Grassland - Lowland meadows	Grassland Low distinctiveness	
Grassland - Modified grassland	Grassland Low distinctiveness	
Grassland - Other lowland acid grassland	Grassland Medium/High/Very High distinctiveness	
Grassland - Other neutral grassland	Grassland Medium/High/Very High distinctiveness	
Grassland - Tall herb communities (H6430)	Grassland Medium/High/Very High distinctiveness	
Grassland - Traditional orchards	Orchard	
Grassland - Upland acid grassland	Grassland Medium/High/Very High distinctiveness	
Grassland - Upland calcareous grassland	Grassland Medium/High/Very High distinctiveness	
Grassland - Upland hay meadows	Grassland Medium/High/Very High distinctiveness	
Broad habitat type: Heathland and scrub		
Heathland and shrub - Blackthorn scrub	Scrub	
Heathland and shrub - Bramble scrub	Condition Assessment N/A	
Heathland and shrub - Gorse scrub	Scrub	
Heathland and shrub - Hawthorn scrub	Scrub	
Heathland and shrub - Hazel scrub	Scrub	
Heathland and shrub - Lowland heathland	Heathland	
Heathland and shrub - Mixed scrub	Scrub	
Heathland and shrub - Mountain heaths and willow scrub	Use Heathland condition sheet for Mountain heaths OR Scrub condition sheet for Willow scrub	
Heathland and shrub - Rhododendron scrub	Condition Assessment N/A	
Heathland and shrub - Dunes with sea buckthorn (H2160)	Scrub	
Heathland and shrub - Other sea buckthorn scrub	Condition Assessment N/A	
Heathland and shrub - Upland heathland	Heathland	
Heathland and shrub - Willow scrub	Scrub	
Broad habitat type: Lakes		
Lakes - Aquifer fed naturally fluctuating water bodies	Lakes	
Lakes - High alkalinity lakes		
Lakes - Low alkalinity lakes		
Lakes - Marl lakes		
Lakes - Moderate alkalinity lakes		
Lakes - Ornamental lake or pond		Lakes OR Ponds
Lakes - Peat lakes		Lakes
Lakes - Ponds (priority habitat)		Ponds
Lakes - Ponds (non-priority habitat)		Ponds
Lakes - Reservoirs		Lakes
Lakes - Temporary lakes ponds and pools (H3170)	Use Lake condition sheet for Temporary lakes OR Pond condition sheet for Temporary ponds and pools	
Broad habitat type: Sparsely vegetated land		
Sparsely vegetated land - Calaminarian grasslands	Grassland Medium/High/Very High distinctiveness	
Sparsely vegetated land - Coastal sand dunes	Coastal	
Sparsely vegetated land - Coastal vegetated shingle	Coastal	
Sparsely vegetated land - Rural/Ephemeral	Urban	
Sparsely vegetated land - Tall forbs	Urban	
Sparsely vegetated land - Inland rock outcrop and scree habitats	Sparsely vegetated land	
Sparsely vegetated land - Limestone pavement	Limestone pavement	
Sparsely vegetated land - Maritime cliff and slopes	Coastal	
Sparsely vegetated land - Other inland rock and scree	Sparsely vegetated land	
Broad habitat type: Urban		
Urban - Allotments	Urban	
Urban - Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface	N/A - Other	
Urban - Bioswale	Urban	
Urban - Biodiverse green roof	Urban	
Urban - Built linear features	N/A - Other	
Urban - Cemeteries and churchyards	Use Urban condition sheet as default.	
Urban - Developed land, sealed surface	N/A - Other	
Urban - Facade-bound green wall	Urban	
Urban - Ground based green wall	Urban	
Urban - Ground level planters	Condition Assessment N/A	
Urban - Intensive green roof	Urban	
Urban - Introduced shrub	Condition Assessment N/A	
Urban - Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land	Urban	
Urban - Other green roof	Condition Assessment N/A	
Urban - Rain garden	Urban	
Urban - Actively worked sand pit, quarry or open cast mine	Condition Assessment N/A	
Urban - Sustainable drainage system (SuDS)	Urban	
Urban - Unvegetated garden	N/A - Other	
Urban - Vacant or derelict land	Urban	
Urban - Bare ground	Urban	
Urban - Vegetated garden	Condition Assessment N/A	
Broad habitat type: Wetland		
Wetland - Blanket bog	Wetland	
Wetland - Depressions on peat substrates (H7150)		
Wetland - Fens (upland and lowland)		
Wetland - Lowland raised bog		
Wetland - Oceanic valley mire [1] (D2.1)		
Wetland - Purple moor grass and rush pastures		
Wetland - Reedbeds		
Wetland - Transition mires and quaking bogs (H7140)		
Broad habitat type: Woodland		
Woodland and forest - Felled		No assessment required - condition fixed at Good
Woodland and forest - Lowland beech and yew woodland	Woodland	
Woodland and forest - Lowland mixed deciduous woodland		
Woodland and forest - Native pine woodlands		
Woodland and forest - Other coniferous woodland		
Woodland and forest - Other Scot's pine woodland		
Woodland and forest - Other woodland, broadleaved		
Woodland and forest - Other woodland, mixed		
Woodland and forest - Upland birchwoods		
Woodland and forest - Upland mixed ashwoods		
Woodland and forest - Upland oakwood		
Woodland and forest - Wet woodland		
Woodland and forest - Wood-pasture and parkland		Wood-pasture and parkland
Broad habitat type: Coastal lagoons		
Coastal lagoons - Coastal lagoons		Coastal lagoons
Broad habitat type: Coastal saltmarsh		
Coastal saltmarsh - Saltmarshes and saline reedbeds	Coastal saltmarsh	
Coastal saltmarsh - Artificial saltmarshes and saline reedbeds	Coastal saltmarsh	
Broad habitat type: Intertidal hard structures		
Intertidal hard structures - Artificial hard structures	Intertidal hard structures	
Intertidal hard structures - Artificial features of hard structures		
Intertidal hard structures - Artificial hard structures with integrated greening of grey infrastructure (IGGI)		
Broad habitat type: Intertidal sediment		
Intertidal sediment - Littoral coarse sediment	Intertidal sediment	
Intertidal sediment - Littoral sand		
Intertidal sediment - Littoral muddy sand		
Intertidal sediment - Littoral mud		
Intertidal sediment - Littoral mixed sediments		
Intertidal sediment - Features of littoral sediment		
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral coarse sediment		
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral mixed sediments		
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral mud		
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral muddy sand		
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral sand		
Intertidal sediment - Littoral seagrass	Intertidal seagrass	
Intertidal sediment - Littoral seagrass - on peat, clay or chalk		
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral seagrass	Intertidal biogenic reefs	
Intertidal sediment - Littoral biogenic reefs - Mussels		
Intertidal sediment - Littoral biogenic reefs - Sabellaria		
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral biogenic reefs		
Broad habitat type: Rocky shore		
Rocky shore - High energy littoral rock	Rocky shore	
Rocky shore - Moderate energy littoral rock		
Rocky shore - Low energy littoral rock		
Rocky shore - Features of littoral rock		
Rocky shore - Features of littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk		
Rocky shore - High energy littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk		
Rocky shore - Moderate energy littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk		
Rocky shore - Low energy littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk		
Broad habitat type: Individual trees		
Individual trees - Rural tree	Individual trees	
Individual trees - Urban tree	Individual trees	
Hedgerows and Lines of trees habitats		
Broad habitat type: Hedgerows and lines of trees		
Hedgerows and lines of trees - Line of trees	Line of trees	
Hedgerows and lines of trees - Line of trees - associated with bank or ditch		
Hedgerows and lines of trees - Ecologically valuable line of trees		
Hedgerows and lines of trees - Ecologically valuable line of trees - associated with bank or ditch		
Hedgerows and lines of trees - Non-native and ornamental hedgerow		
Hedgerows and lines of trees - Native hedgerow	No assessment required - condition fixed at Poor	
Hedgerows and lines of trees - Native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch		
Hedgerows and lines of trees - Native hedgerow with trees		
Hedgerows and lines of trees - Native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch		
Hedgerow		

Survey Cover Sheet			
Survey date/s	12.09.2025	Site name or location	Fieldside, East Lound
Weather conditions	Sunny, slight wind, dry	Project or development name	Fieldside, East Lound
Surveyor name	Abbie Smith BSc (Hons)	On-site or off-site	On-site
Survey reference	N/A	Reason for assessment (if not baseline condition survey)	Planning application
Notes			

Condition Sheet: INDIVIDUAL TREES Habitat Type			
Habitat Types			
Individual trees – Urban trees Individual trees – Rural trees Complete a condition sheet for each tree or block of trees. 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.			
Habitat Description			
Individual trees - Rural trees			
Individual trees (description applied to the urban or rural environment): Young trees over 7.5 cm in diameter at breast height whose canopies are not touching. Urban Perimeter / Linear Blocks and Groups (description applied to the urban environment only): 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.			
On-site or off-site, site name and location	On-site, Fieldside, East Lound	Survey date and Surveyor name	Abbie Smith 12.09.2025
Limitations (if applicable)	N/A	Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	N/A
Grid reference	SK 79019 99644	Habitat parcel reference	1
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).	Yes	All trees will be native specimen
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).	Yes	Passes automatically with being an individual tree
C	The tree is mature (or more than 50% within the block are mature) ¹ .	No	All recently planted, not mature
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.	Yes	No regular pruning regimes and no other impact on the tree health by human activities
E	Natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates are present, such as presence of deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.	No	Recently planted trees, no natural ecological niches expected
F	More than 20% of the tree canopy area is oversailing vegetation beneath.	Yes	Oversailing grassland below
Number of criteria passed		4	
Condition Assessment Result (out of 6 criteria)		Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved *//
Passes 5 or 6 criteria		Good (3)	
Passes 3 or 4 criteria		Moderate (2)	X
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 score²			

Version	Changes made
Version 1.0.0	<p>Initial draft statutory version</p> <p>Individual trees tab – added wording to say <i>‘Please see the separate Line of Trees condition sheet for rural trees. You should only use the Line of Trees condition assessment and record that habitat type in rural locations.’</i></p> <p>Individual trees tab – Changed <i>‘Canopies must overlap continuously’</i> to <i>‘Canopies should predominantly overlap continuously’</i></p> <p>Coastal tab – wording added to the list of ‘General coastal species indicative of suboptimal condition’ to say <i>‘sea buckthorn (only outside its restricted native range)’</i></p> <p>Scrub tab – wording added to Criterion A to say sea buckthorn can be 100% cover <i>‘(only in its restricted native range)’</i></p> <p>Instructions tab – changed date at top of sheet from ‘November 2023’ to ‘February 2024’</p> <p>Habitat definitions tab – removed reference to ‘see Technical Annex 2’ from the table. Cells C11, C131 – C140.</p> <p>Hedgerow tab – ‘See the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Technical Annex 2 and UK Habitat Classification’ removed, leaving just the UKHab link.</p>
Version 1.0.1	<p>Intertidal biogenic reefs tab – changed ‘see the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Technical Annex 2’ to say ‘see tab G1 of the Statutory Biodiversity Metric’.</p> <p>Intertidal hard structures tab – changed ‘see the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Technical Annex 2’ to say ‘see tab G1 of the Statutory Biodiversity Metric’.</p> <p>Intertidal seagrass tab– changed ‘see the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Technical Annex 2’ to say ‘see tab G1 of the Statutory Biodiversity Metric’.</p> <p>Intertidal sediment tab– changed ‘see the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Technical Annex 2’ to say ‘see tab G1 of the Statutory Biodiversity Metric’.</p> <p>Pond tab– removed ‘For ponds (non-priority) – see the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Technical Annex 2.’</p> <p>Habitat Definitions tab – cell E48 – removed reference to ‘<2ha’ for Ornamental lake or pond.</p> <p>Habitat Definitions tab – cell E54, E55 – changed ‘<=2ha’, from Ponds (priority) and Ponds (non-priority) to ‘<2ha’.</p> <p>Habitat Definitions tab - row 55 – removed references to Ponds (non-priority) having a definition different to that in UKHab.</p> <p>Formatting corrections to sheet 8B</p>
Version 1.0.2	<p>Reformatting of instructions and habitat definition sheets</p> <p>Clarification of information in the habitat definitions sheet</p> <p>Addition of the RCA form</p> <p>Amended references in habitat definition sheet</p>