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| Condition Sheet: GRASSLAND Habitat Type (low distinctiveness) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                         | <a href="#">Return to 'Selecting condition sheet' tab</a> |
| UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Type                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                         |                                                           |
| Grassland - Modified grassland                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                         |                                                           |
| Habitat Description                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                         |                                                           |
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| <a href="#">ukhab – UK Habitat Classification</a>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                         |                                                           |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Survey date and Surveyor name                    |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                         |                                                           |
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| Limitations (if applicable)                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Habitat parcel reference                         |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                         |                                                           |
|                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | MG1                                              | MG2 | MG3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                         |                                                           |
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| 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                                                | N   | N   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | All grassland parcels were low in diversity with less than 6 species on average per m2. |                                                           |
| 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                                                | N   | N   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | All grassland parcels closely mown with a uniform sward                                 |                                                           |
| 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                                                | Y   | Y   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | No scrub present                                                                        |                                                           |
| 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                                                | N   | Y   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Evidence of bare ground and vegetation removal in G2 adjacent to the pub building.      |                                                           |

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| E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Cover of bare ground is between 1% and 10%, including localised areas (for example, a concentration of rabbit warrens) <sup>2</sup> . | Y                  | N | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Evidence of bare ground and vegetation removal in G2 adjacent to the pub building. |  |
| F                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Cover of bracken <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> is less than 20%.                                                                         | Y                  | Y | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | No bracken present                                                                 |  |
| 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                  | Y | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | No invasive species noted.                                                         |  |
| Essential criterion achieved (Yes or No)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                       | N                  | N | N |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                    |  |
| Number of criteria passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                       | 5                  | 3 | 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                    |  |
| 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)                                                                                                                              |                    |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                    |  |
| 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)                                                                                                                              | X                  | X | X |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                    |  |
| Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                       |                    |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                    |  |
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| Footnotes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                       |                    |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                    |  |
| Footnote 1 – 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> . |                                                                                                                                       |                    |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                    |  |
| Footnote 2 – For example, this could include small, scattered areas of bare ground allowing establishment of new species, or localised patches where not exceeding 10% cover.                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                       |                    |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                    |  |
| 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 – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                       |                    |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                                    |  |

| Condition sheet: HEDGEROW Habitat Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Return to 'Selecting condition sheet' tab |  |                                                                                                                                                           |
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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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                           |
| <a href="#">ukhab – UK Habitat Classification</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                           |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Survey date and Surveyor name                    |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                           |
| Limitations (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey) |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                           |
| 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                             |   | Habitat parcel reference                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |   | H1   H2 <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>                                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Core groups - applicable to all hedgerow types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                               |                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |   | Criterion passed (Yes or No)                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  | Notes (such as justification)                                                                                                                             |
| 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                                                | N |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  | H1 on average above 1.5 in height with no clear recent management. H2 on average under 1.5m in height with clear regular pruning carried out              |
| 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                                                | N |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  | H1 on average above 1.5 in width with no clear recent management. H2 on average under 1.5m in width with clear regular pruning carried out                |
| 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).                                                                                                                                                                                                               | N                                                | Y |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  | H1 lack of management resulting hedgerow starting to succeed into shrubs/trees and becoming leggy. H2 regular management means a small gap between canopy |
| 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). 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                                                | Y |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                           |  | Both H1 and H2 have a continuous canopy                                                                                                                   |

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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 | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Both H1 and H2 have a currently unmanged grassland on one side for the entirety of their length. Although there is evidence of previous horse grazing and nutrient enrichment it is not considered to cause a significant disturbance. Both hedgerows have paths/hardstanding on the alternate side. |
| 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.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | N | N |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Both H1 and H2 show evidence of nutrient enrichment - potentially as a result of the adjacent field and regular mowing routine (along the base of H2).                                                                                                                                               |
| 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 | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | No invasive species noted although himalayan balsam was present at the west side of the adjacent field and beneath connected hedgerows so has potential to spread.                                                                                                                                   |
| 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 | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | No damaging activities noted although management of H1 is required and could be reduced on H2.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Additional group - applicable to hedgerows with trees only**

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| 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. | N/A | N |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | All of the trees present within H2 were of the same age and species (wild cherry) presumably planted for amenity for the Pub. |
| 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.                                | N/A | Y |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | All of the trees were semi-mature with no obvious damaging pruning evident.                                                   |

The hedgerow condition assessment generates a weighting (score) ranging from 1 - 3, which is used within the Statutory Biodiversity Metric. The scores for each are set out in the tables below.

**Condition categories for hedgerows without trees**

| Category               | Category Requirements                                                                                                                                                                      | Metric Score |
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| 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            |
| <b>Score achieved:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3            |

**Condition categories for hedgerows with trees**

| Category               | Category Requirements                                                                                                                                                                          | Metric score |
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| 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            |
| <b>Score achieved:</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2            |

**Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score**

#### Footnotes

**Footnote 1** – DEFRA (2007) *Hedgerow Survey Handbook. A standard procedure for local surveys in the UK*. [online] Available on: [layout \(hedgelink.org.uk\)](https://hedgelink.org.uk/layout)

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**Footnote 3** – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

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| Condition Sheet: LINE OF TREES Habitat Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Return to 'Selecting condition sheet' tab                            |  |
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| Habitat Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| <b>Line of trees</b><br>Line of trees – associated with bank or ditch<br>Ecologically valuable line of trees<br>Ecologically valuable line of trees – associated with bank or ditch<br><br><i>Please see the separate Individual trees condition sheet for linear blocks and groups of trees in an <u>urban</u> setting. You should only use this Line of trees condition assessment and record this habitat type in <u>rural</u> locations.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| Habitat Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| See the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide.<br>This assessment is based on the Hedgerow Survey Handbook <sup>1</sup> . For further clarifications please refer to the Handbook.<br>Where ancient and veteran trees are present within the line of trees, see Footnote 2 for standing advice.                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            | Survey date and Surveyor name                    |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
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| Limitations (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            | Habitat parcel reference                         |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
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| Condition Assessment Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            | Criterion passed (Yes or No)                     |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Notes (such as justification)                                        |  |
| A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | At least 70% of trees are native species.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                            | N                                                |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Majority of block consists of sycamore, ornamental cherry and beech. |  |
| B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Tree canopy is predominantly continuous with gaps in canopy cover making up <10% of total area and no individual gap being >5 m wide.                                                                                                                                                |                            | Y                                                |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Canopy continuous                                                    |  |
| C                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | One or more trees has veteran features and or natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates, such as presence of standing and attached deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.                                                                                          |                            | Y                                                |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Several trees noted with deadwood                                    |  |
| D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | There is an undisturbed naturally-vegetated strip of at least 6 m on both sides to protect the line of trees from farming and other human activities (excluding grazing). Where veteran trees are present, root protection areas should follow standing advice <sup>2</sup> .        |                            | N                                                |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Access road on one side of the tree line                             |  |
| E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | At least 95% of the trees are in a healthy condition (deadwood or veteran features valuable for wildlife are excluded from this). 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. |                            | Y                                                |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | All of the trees appeared healthy                                    |  |
| Number of criteria passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            | 3                                                |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| Condition Assessment Result (out of 5 criteria)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Condition Assessment Score | Score Achieved x/√                               |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| Passes 5 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Good (3)                   |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| Passes 3 or 4 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Moderate (2)               | X                                                |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| Passes 2 or fewer criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Poor (1)                   |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
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| Footnotes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| <b>Footnote 1</b> – 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 (publishing.service.gov.uk).                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| <b>Footnote 2</b> – Where ancient and veteran trees are present, see gov.uk standing advice on ancient and veteran trees. Available from:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| <a href="#">Keepers of time: ancient and native woodland and trees policy in England (publishing.service.gov.uk)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| and:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |
| <a href="#">Ancient woodland, ancient trees and veteran trees: advice for making planning decisions - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |                                                  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                                                                      |  |

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| Condition Sheet: SCRUB Habitat Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               | <a href="#">Return to 'Selecting condition sheet' tab</a>                                         |  |  |
| Habitat Types                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Heathland and shrub - Blackthorn scrub                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Heathland and shrub - Gorse scrub                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Heathland and shrub - Hawthorn scrub                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Heathland and shrub - Hazel scrub                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Heathland and shrub - Mixed scrub                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Heathland and shrub - Dunes with sea buckthorn (H2160)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Heathland and shrub - Willow scrub                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Habitat Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
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| For Dunes with sea buckthorn see: <a href="#">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>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| On-site or off-site, site name and location                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   | Survey date and Surveyor name                    |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
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| Limitations (if applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   | Habitat parcel reference                         |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   | MS1                                              | MS2 | MS3 |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
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| Condition Assessment Criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
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| 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                          | Y | N                                                |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               | MS1 and MS2 composed of a mixture of native woody species. MS3 predominantly bramble and bracken. |  |  |
| B                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Seedlings, saplings, young shrubs and mature (or ancient or veteran <sup>3</sup> ) shrubs are all present.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | N                          | N | N                                                |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               | All three parcels relatively young with no mature shrubs                                          |  |  |
| 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                          | Y | Y                                                |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               | No invasive species noted                                                                         |  |  |
| D                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | The scrub has a well-developed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland and or forbs present between the scrub and adjacent habitat.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Y                          | Y | N                                                |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               | MS1 and MS2 adjacent to grassland with a well developed edge.                                     |  |  |
| E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | There are clearings, glades or rides present within the scrub, providing sheltered edges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | N                          | N | N                                                |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               | All three parcels either dense shrubs or too small to meet criterion..                            |  |  |
| Number of criteria passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3                          | 3 | 1                                                |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Condition Assessment Result (out of 5 criteria)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Condition Assessment Score |   | Score Achieved *//                               |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Passes 5 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Good (3)                   |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Passes 3 or 4 criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Moderate (2)               |   | X                                                | X   |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Passes 2 or fewer criteria                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Poor (1)                   |   |                                                  |     | X   |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
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| Footnotes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Footnote 1 – Professional judgement should be used alongside the UKHab description.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Footnote 2 – 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 (publishing.service.gov.uk). |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
| Footnote 3 – See gov.uk standing advice on ancient and veteran species. Available from:                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                            |   |                                                  |     |     |  |  |  |  |  |                               |                                                                                                   |  |  |
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| <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, using professional judgement.</p> <p><b>Footnote 5</b> – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).</p> <p><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.</p> |  |
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