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## Biodiversity Impact Calculation

**Land Adjacent Either Side of Batchelors Farm,  
Keymer Road, Burgess Hill**

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## **Report Summary**

1. The Ecology Co-operation was commissioned by Fairfax Acquisitions to undertake a Biodiversity Impact Calculation of a proposal to build 26 residential units with associated hard and soft landscaping on land adjacent either side of Batchelors Farm residential property in Burgess Hill using the Statutory Biodiversity Metric, to quantify net change in biodiversity.

2. The proposed development scheme at this site will result in the loss of:

### **On-site**

- 0.31ha of g3c – other neutral grassland (moderate condition);
- 0.53ha of h3d – bramble scrub (condition assessment N/A);
- 0.021ha of h3a – blackthorn scrub (poor condition);
- 0.277ha of u1b – developed land; sealed surface (condition assessment NA);
- 0.11ha of s 81 – sparsely vegetated land; ruderal/ephemeral (moderate condition);
- 0.033ha of s 81 – sparsely vegetated land; ruderal/ephemeral (poor condition);
- 9 small trees (0.0407ha) (moderate condition);
- 0.038km of h2b – non-native and ornamental hedgerow (poor condition);
- 0.04km of w 33 – line of trees (moderate condition);
- 0.05km of w 33 – line of trees (poor condition).

3. The proposed development scheme at this site will retain:

### **On-site**

- 2 large trees (0.0733ha) (moderate condition);
- 2 medium trees (0.0326ha (moderate condition);
- 5 small trees (0.0204ha (moderate condition);
- 0.089km of h2a – native hedgerow (moderate condition);
- 0.038km of h2b – non native hedgerow (poor condition);
- 0.132km of w 33 – line of trees (poor condition);
- 0.103km of w 33 – line of trees (moderate condition); and
- 0.163km of w 33 – line of trees (good condition).

4. Post intervention the following habitats will be created:

### **On-site**

- 0.124ha of g3c – other neutral grassland (poor condition);
- 0.0411ha of g3c – other neutral grassland (planted up SuDS) (moderate condition);
- 0.098ha of g4 – modified grassland (poor condition);
- 0.324ha of h3h – mixed scrub (moderate condition);



- 0.273ha of u1 828 – vegetated garden (condition assessment N/A);
- 0.252ha of u1b – developed land; sealed surface (condition assessment N/A);
- 0.17ha of u1b5 – developed land; sealed surface (condition assessment N/A);
- 25 small trees (0.1018ha) (moderate condition);
- 0.0207km of h2a – species-rich native hedgerow (moderate condition).

**5. The Biodiversity Impact Calculation has demonstrated that the proposed scheme results in a likely net loss of 1.72 habitat units (-24.81%). The linear feature calculation for the proposed scheme results in a likely net gain of 0.88 hedgerow units (+19.62%).**

**6. The current scheme does not meet the 10% mandatory net gain value set out within the Environment Act 2021 and fails to satisfy the trading rules of the Statutory Metric. The calculation has identified a ‘Medium Distinctiveness Broad Habitat Deficit’ of 1.95 Habitat Units. This will need to be offset through the off-site creation of medium distinctiveness habitat of the same broad habitat type being lost using a third party habitat bank. The total unit deficit is 2.41 habitat units.**



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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Purpose of the Report**

As of the 12th of February 2024, there is now a mandatory requirement for all new developments to demonstrate ‘net gains’ in biodiversity following the release of updated National Planning Policy Framework<sup>1</sup> by the Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Environment Act 2021<sup>2</sup>. A mandatory value of 10% net gain for all developments has also been set out within the Environment Act 2021<sup>2</sup>.

This document includes a baseline ‘Biodiversity Impact Calculation’ (BIC) for the proposed development at land adjacent either side of Batchelors Farm. The calculation utilises the Statutory Biodiversity Metric and assigns ‘biodiversity units’ to the pre-existing habitats contained within a proposed development site and those that are predicted to be lost, restored and/or created once the development has been constructed. This allows an objective comparison to be made between the existing biodiversity value of a given site and the predicted biodiversity value post development, with the net change in biodiversity value subsequently quantified.

The purpose of this document is to present the findings of the BIC based on the most up-to date existing habitat survey information and the most current outline plans for the proposed development of the site. Biodiversity Impact Calculations provide an evidence base for discussions between the ecological consultant, developer and the local planning authority regarding on-site avoidance, on-site mitigation and off-site compensation requirements.

This report will be used in relation to a proposal to build 26 residential units with associated hard and soft landscaping. Given the likelihood of proposed changes in the design scheme, some of the recommendations will potentially be subject to change. The results of the BIC are deemed accurate for the most recent layout plan.

This report was commissioned and produced at the request of Fairfax Acquisitions.

### **1.2 Background**

The site measures 1.28ha in area, and comprises other neutral grassland, bramble scrub, blackthorn scrub, developed land/sealed surface, sparsely vegetated land and urban trees.

An Ecological Impact Assessment<sup>3</sup> (EIA) was produced in 2019 following an initial site walkover in January 2018 with a suite of ecological surveys taking place between March 2018 and October 2018. Presence was confirmed in 2018 for reptiles (slow worm *Anguis fragilis*, common lizard *Zootoca vivipara*

<sup>1</sup> HM Government (2023). National Planning Policy Framework. Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Available online at: [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65a11af7e8f5ec000f1f8c46/NPPF\\_December\\_2023.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65a11af7e8f5ec000f1f8c46/NPPF_December_2023.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> HM Government (2021). Environment Act 2021. Available online at: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2021/30/contents/enacted>

<sup>3</sup> The Ecology Co-op (2019). *Ecological Impact Assessment – Land West of Batchelor’s Farm, Burgess Hill*.



and grass snake *Natrix helvetica*) and dormice *Muscardinus avellanarius* within the site and a meta-population of great crested newts (GCN) *Triturus cristatus* was present in the surrounding area.

An updated site proposal (see Figure 2) and redline boundary were submitted in 2023 and repeat ecological surveys were conducted including bat activity surveys, bat tree roost assessments, breeding bird surveys, as well as great crested newt and reptile presence/absence surveys. Dormouse surveys were not repeated as it is assumed that dormice are still present on the site. An updated EclA<sup>4</sup> was produced in November 2023.

A new amended scheme was produced in February 2025 and an updated site visit was conducted on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to confirm no significant changes to any of the habitats on site and their conditions.

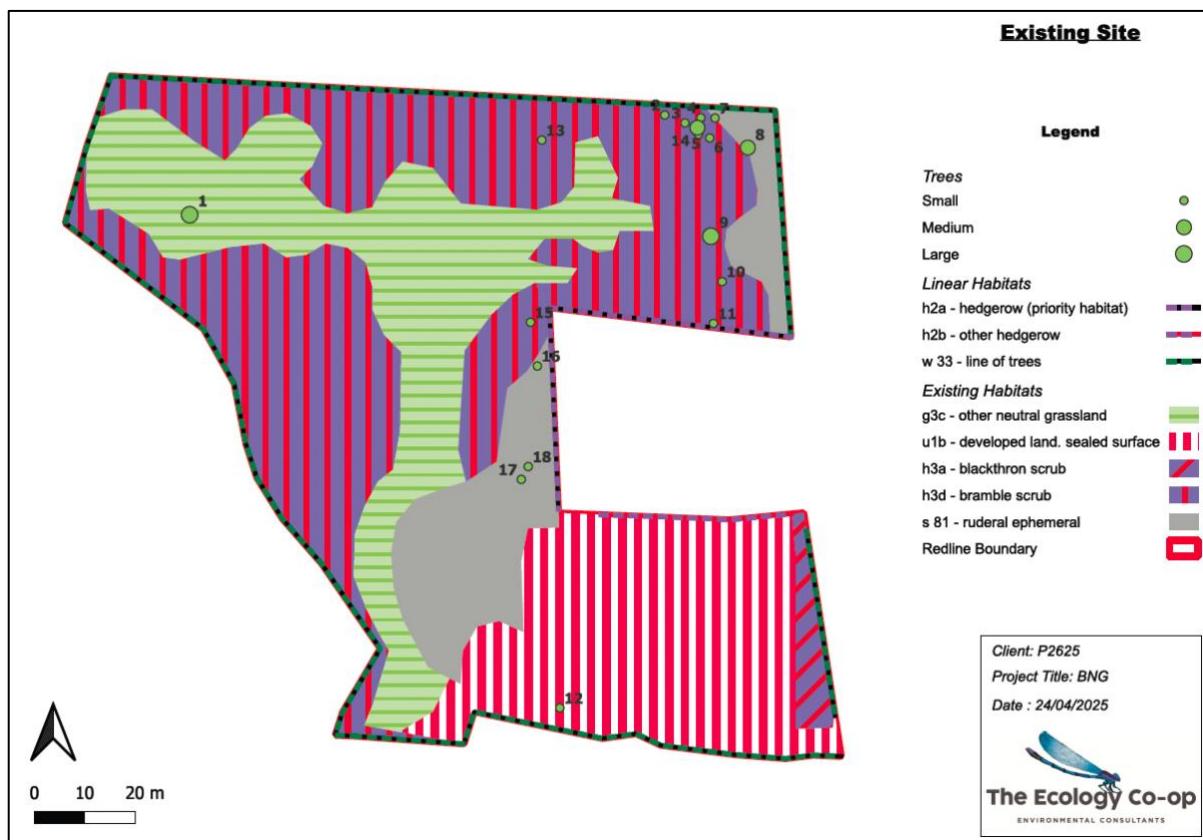
Habitats (UKHab) within the site and along the site boundaries are shown in (Figure 1), and these include:

- g3c – other neutral grassland;
- h3d – dense scrub (bramble);
- h3a – dense scrub (blackthorn);
- s 81 – sparsely vegetated land; ruderal ephemeral;
- u1b – developed land, sealed surface;
- 2x large rural trees;
- 2x medium rural trees;
- 14x small rural trees;
- h2b – hedgerow (non-native and ornamental);
- h2a – hedgerow (priority habitat);
- w 33 – line of trees.

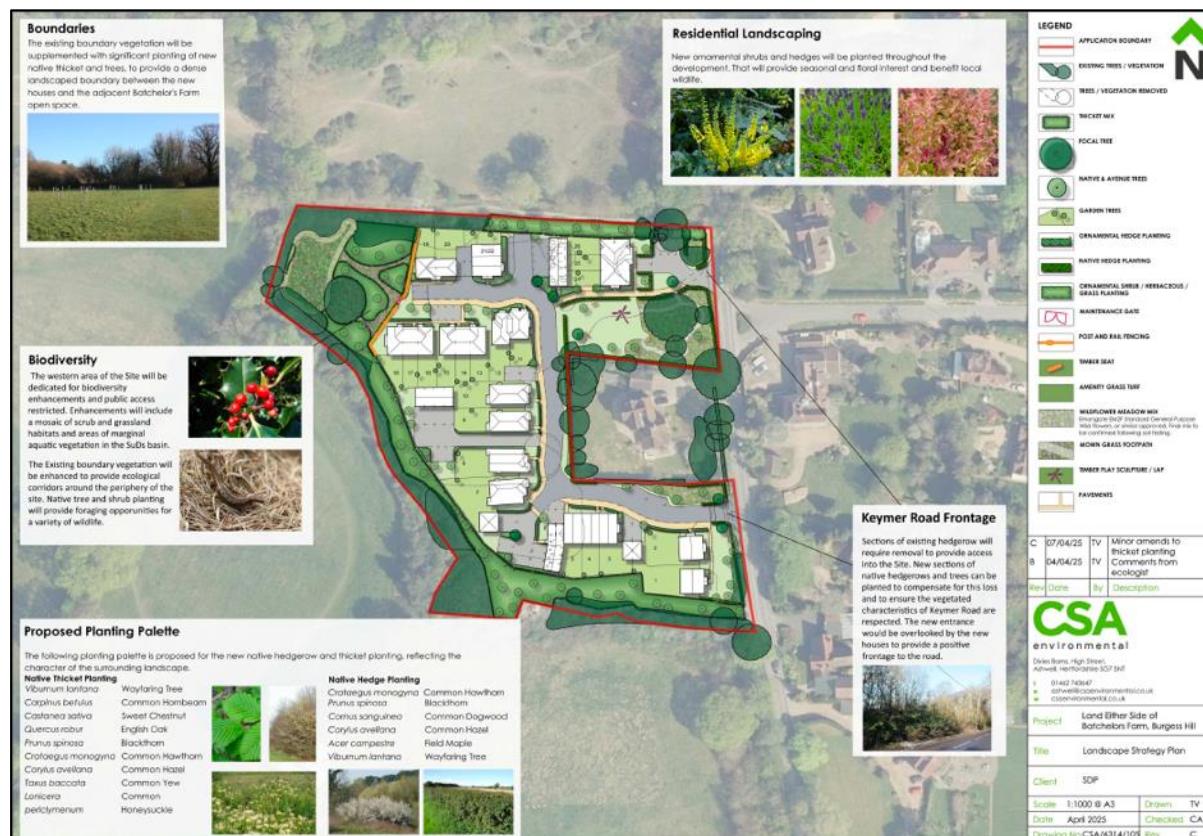
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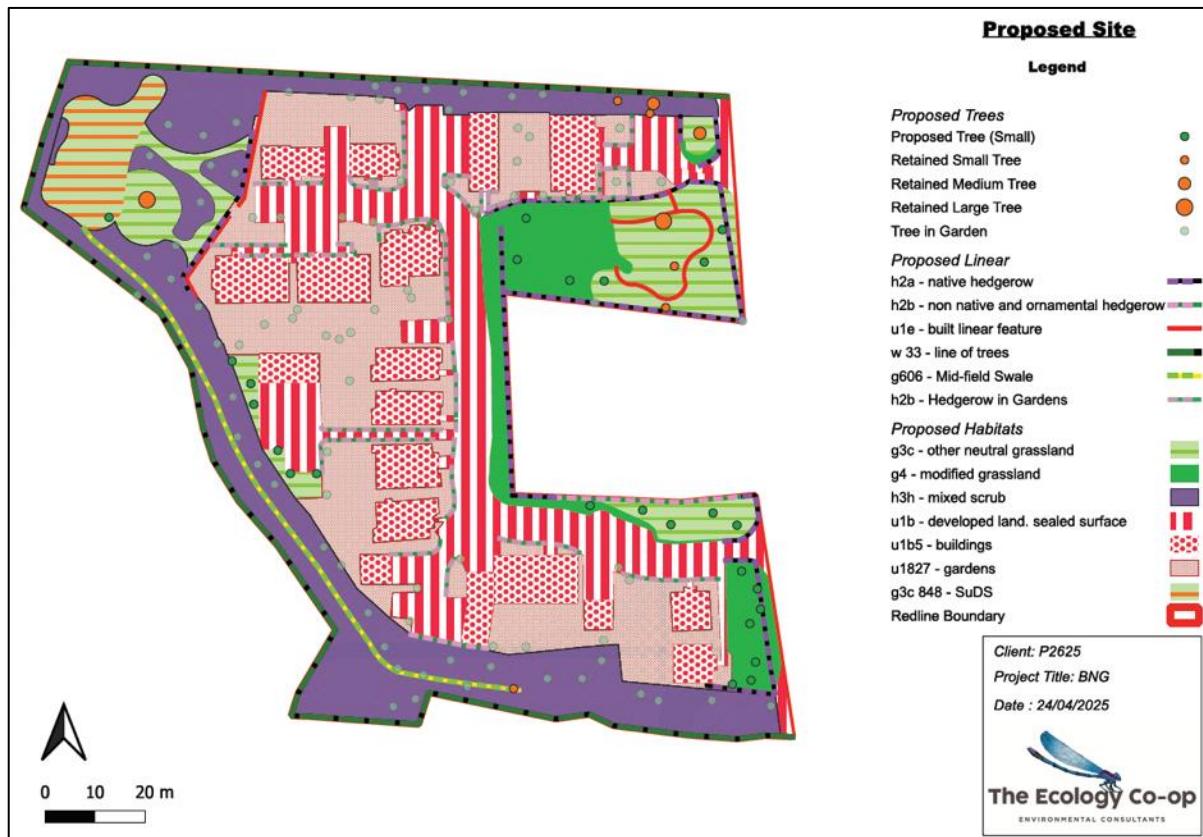
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**Figure 1.** UKHab map showing existing habitats within the site. The site boundary is indicated with a red line. Produced using QGIS software.



**Figure 2.** Proposed landscape strategy plan for the development at Land adjacent either side of Batchelors Farm, dated April 2025, Rev C. Plan courtesy of CSA Environmental (Dwg. No. CSA/6314/105).



**Figure 3.** A UKHab map showing proposed habitats within the site. The site boundary is indicated with a red line. Produced using QGIS software.

### 1.3 Policy & Legislation

#### NPPF (2024)

The NPPF sets out the Government's view on how planners should balance nature conservation with development and helps ensure that Government meets its biodiversity commitments with regards to the operation of the planning system.

Paragraph 187d, states that planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the local environment by:

- *"minimising impacts on and providing net gains for biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures."*

Paragraph 192b, states that to protect and enhance biodiversity and geodiversity, plans should;

- *"promote the conservation, restoration and enhancement of priority habitats, ecological networks and the protection and recovery of priority species; and identify and pursue opportunities for securing measurable net gains for biodiversity."*

Paragraph 193d, states that when determining planning applications, authorities should apply the following principle:

- *"development whose primary objective is to conserve or enhance biodiversity should be supported; while opportunities to improve biodiversity in and around developments should be integrated as part of their design, especially where this can secure measurable net gains for biodiversity or enhance public access to nature where this is appropriate."*



## **Environment Act (2021)**

The Environment Act sets a target of halting the decline in species through the inclusion of a legally binding 2030 species abundance target. Aiming to restore natural habitats and enhance biodiversity, the Act requires new developments to improve or create habitats for nature (through mechanisms such as mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain), and tackle deforestation. Going forwards, UK businesses will need to look closely at their supply chains as amongst other measures they will be prohibited from using commodities associated with wide-scale deforestation. Woodland protection measures are also strengthened through the Act.

## **Local Policy**

Development Plan 38 of the current Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031 (March 2018)<sup>5</sup> notes that it will support development proposals which:

- contribute and take opportunities to improve, enhance, manage and restore biodiversity and green infrastructure so there is a net gain in biodiversity including through creating new designated sites and locally relevant habitats, and incorporating biodiversity features within developments
- protect existing biodiversity, so there is no net loss of biodiversity
- unavoidable damage to biodiversity should be offset through enhancements and mitigation measures
- minimise habitat and species fragmentation and maximises opportunities to enhance and restore ecological corridors to connect natural habitats and increase coherence and resilience
- Promote the restoration, management and expansion of priority habitats in the district
- Avoid damage to, protects and enhances the qualifying features of internationally designated sites of importance

Designated sites will be given protection and appropriate weight according to their importance and the contribution they make to the wider ecological networks.

Valued soils will be protected and enhanced, including the best and most versatile agricultural land and development should not contribute to unacceptable levels of soil pollution.

## **2 METHODOLOGY**

This Biodiversity Impact Calculation uses the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool published by Natural England<sup>6</sup>. This uses the Government Biodiversity Metric developed by DEFRA ('the Biodiversity Metric') to calculate 'habitat units' and 'hedgerow units' by multiplying the area (ha) or lengths (km), 'distinctiveness' (habitat type), 'condition' (quality), and strategic significance (location in relation to the authority's local strategy) of each habitat parcel.

The calculation provides a negative value to the biodiversity units where habitat is being directly lost to development. Where habitats are enhanced or created on-site, or off-site, the calculation gives a positive value but adds risk factors that account for uncertainty - difficulty in creating new habitats and

<sup>5</sup> Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031 (March 2018). Available online at:

<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/media/3406/mid-sussex-district-plan.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Natural England (2024) The Statutory Biodiversity Metric – Calculation Tool. Available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/statutory-biodiversity-metric-tools-and-guides>



time delays while they establish; habitats that are more difficult to restore or that will take a long time to reach a set target condition will score lower and therefore make a smaller positive contribution.

Where on-site gains are equal to or larger than the losses, the project is deemed to have neutral biodiversity impact or biodiversity ‘net gain’ respectively.

Where on-site gains do not outweigh on-site losses and a biodiversity ‘net loss’ is calculated, this becomes an ‘offset requirement’. Offsets can be provided by further habitat creation or enhancement in-situ or elsewhere and are assessed using the same metric to balance the predicted gains against the losses to ensure no net loss will be achieved. It follows that a biodiversity net gain can still be achieved by providing higher biodiversity gains through the offset than the net loss resulting from the development.

Note that the Biodiversity Metric does not allow for ‘trading down’; one of the key principles in measuring biodiversity net losses or gains is that habitats of high ecological importance cannot be offset by the creation of larger areas of habitats with lower value. The Statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool includes a ‘trading down correction’ that deducts the number of biodiversity units that are not accounted for through the creation of equivalent high distinctive habitats than that lost. For example, the loss of a small area of lowland meadow priority habitat (very high distinctiveness) will not be offset by a larger area of modified grassland (low distinctiveness) and will only be offset by an equivalent area of habitat of the same distinctiveness or higher.

## 2.1 Data Sources

This calculation uses the most up to date survey information and specific condition assessments, using botanical data gathered during the site visit on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and during a repeat visit in July 2024 which confirmed that the habitats have not significantly changed since then. The areas of each habitat category were measured using GIS mapping tools (QGIS). Condition assessments were made in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric condition assessment sheets<sup>7</sup>. Applying the precautionary principle, a presumption for the higher condition was used where there was any uncertainty in the condition of existing habitats.

To predict habitat/hedgerow units supported after by the site after completion of the development, the aerial imagery was overlaid by the proposed scheme layout (see Figure 2). This allowed direct losses of habitats to be measured where the built environment overlaps with pre-existing habitat, with gardens and amenity areas treated separately. The habitats that are ‘created’ after development are assumed to achieve the highest level of condition as appropriate; a separate landscape and enhancement plan should be produced to ensure this condition is achieved

The Statutory Biodiversity Metric uses a separate calculator spreadsheet for linear features. This works under the same principles as above but replaces areas of habitat with linear length of a feature. It should be noted that because linear features often have higher ecological importance, linear habitats are assigned higher distinctiveness and must be offset with other linear features. The hedgerow units

<sup>7</sup> Natural England (2023). *Statutory Biodiversity Metric – habitat condition assessment sheets with instructions*. Available online at: <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk>



generated for linear features are not equivalent or interchangeable with biodiversity calculations for areas of habitat.

## 3 RESULTS

### 3.1 Existing Habitats Assessment

A summary of habitats and condition assessments is provided in Table 1. Full results of condition assessments for habitats which require it (using the Statutory Biodiversity Metric condition assessment pro-forma) are provided in Appendix 1.

**Overall, the on-site calculated baseline is 6.94 habitat units and 4.49 hedgerow units.**

**Table 1.** Existing habitat conditions for land adjacent either side of Batchelors Farm.

UK Habitat (UKHab) Classification System	Habitats		Condition Assessments	Strategic Significance
	Location/Reference (habitat parcels split if multiple areas with different condition assessments)	Area/Length		
g3c – Other Neutral Grassland	Found throughout central and northern sections of the site.	0.31ha	Moderate	Ecologically desirable but not local strategy
h3d – Dense scrub (bramble scrub)	Extends into the centre of the site from the western, northern and eastern boundaries across site.	0.53ha	N/A	Not in local strategy
h3a – Dense scrub (blackthorn scrub)	Found along the south east boundary of the site.	0.021ha	Moderate	Not in local strategy
s 81– Sparsely vegetated land	Found in the central section of the site.	0.11ha	Moderate	Not in local strategy
s 81– Sparsely vegetated land	Found in the north east section of the site.	0.033ha	Poor	Not in local strategy
u1b – Developed land; sealed surface	Large area in the south eastern section of the site.	0.277ha	N/A	Not in local strategy
Rural trees -24	14 small rural trees; 2 medium rural trees, 2 large trees all in moderate condition.	0.1873	Moderate	Formally identified in local strategy
h2b – Hedgerow (non-native and ornamental)	Found in the south eastern section of the site.	0.038km	Poor	Not in local strategy
h2a – Hedgerow (priority habitat)	Found along the inner north and west site boundaries bordering the existing residential property.	0.089km	Moderate	Ecologically desirable but not local strategy
W 33 – Line of trees	Found along both the northern and north eastern site boundaries.	0.177km	Poor	Ecologically desirable but not local strategy
W 33 – Line of trees	Found along both the southern and south eastern site boundaries.	0.14km	Moderate	Ecologically desirable but not local strategy
W 33 – Line of trees	Found along the western site boundary.	0.163km	Good	Ecologically desirable but not local strategy



### **3.2 Habitat Losses and Gains**

The proposed development scheme at this site will result in the loss of:

**On-site**

- 0.31ha of g3c – other neutral grassland (moderate condition);
- 0.53ha of h3d – bramble scrub (condition assessment N/A);
- 0.021ha of h3a – blackthorn scrub (poor condition);
- 0.277ha of u1b – developed land; sealed surface (condition assessment NA);
- 0.11ha of s 81 – sparsely vegetated land; ruderal/ephemeral (moderate condition);
- 0.033ha of s 81 – sparsely vegetated land; ruderal/ephemeral (poor condition);
- 9 small trees (0.0407ha) (moderate condition);
- 0.04km of w 33 – line of trees (moderate condition);
- 0.05km of w 33 – line of trees (poor condition).

The proposed development scheme at this site will retain:

**On-site**

- 2 large trees (0.0733ha) (moderate condition);
- 2 medium trees (0.0326ha (moderate condition);
- 5 small trees (0.0204ha (moderate condition);
- 0.089km of h2a – native hedgerow (moderate condition);
- 0.038km of h2b – non-native hedgerow (poor condition);
- 0.132km of w 33 – line of trees (poor condition);
- 0.103km of w 33 – line of trees (moderate condition); and
- 0.163km of w 33 – line of trees (good condition).

Post intervention the following habitats will be created:

**On-site**

- 0.124 ha of g3c – other neutral grassland (poor condition);
- 0.0411ha of g3c – other neutral grassland – SuDS (moderate condition);
- 0.098ha of g4 – modified grassland (poor condition);
- 0.324ha of h3h – mixed scrub (moderate condition);
- 0.273ha of u1 828 – vegetated garden (condition assessment N/A);
- 0.252ha of u1b – developed land; sealed surface (condition assessment N/A);
- 0.17ha of u1b5 – developed land; sealed surface – buildings (condition assessment N/A);
- 25 small trees (0.1018ha) (moderate condition);
- 0.207km of h2a – species-rich native hedgerow (moderate condition).



The overall results of the calculations are presented in Table 2 and Table 3. Please refer to the Statutory Biodiversity Metric – Calculation Tool supplied with this document (submitted separately) for full details of the calculation.



**Table 2.** Headline results of the Biodiversity Impact Calculation for the proposed development at land adjacent either side of Batchelors Farm.

<b>On-site baseline</b>  (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>6.94</b>	<b>On-site net gain is less than target set □</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>4.49</b>	
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>On-site post-intervention</b>  (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>5.22</b>	<b>On-site net gain is less than target set □</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>5.37</b>	
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>On-site net change</b>  (units & percentage)	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>-1.72</b>	<b>On-site net gain is less than target set □</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>0.88</b>	
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Off-site baseline</b>  (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>On-site net gain is less than target set □</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Off-site post-intervention</b>  (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>On-site net gain is less than target set □</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Off-site net change</b>  (units & percentage)	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Combined net unit change</b>  (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>-1.72</b>	<b>On-site net gain is less than target set □</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>0.88</b>	
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Spatial risk multiplier (SRM) deductions</b>	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>On-site net gain is less than target set □</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>FINAL RESULTS</b>			
<b>Total net unit change</b>  (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>-1.72</b>	<b>Total net gain achieved is less than target set ▲</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>0.88</b>	
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total net % change</b>  (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	<i>Habitat units</i>	<b>-24.81%</b>	<b>Total net gain achieved is less than target set ▲</b>
	<i>Hedgerow units</i>	<b>19.62%</b>	
	<i>Watercourse units</i>	<b>0.00%</b>	
<b>Trading rules satisfied?</b>	<b>No - Check Trading Summaries ▲</b>		

**Table 3.** Trading summary results for Medium Distinctiveness Habitats of the Biodiversity Impact Calculation for the proposed development at land adjacent either side of Batchelors Farm.

<b>Medium Distinctiveness</b>						<b>Medium Distinctiveness Summary</b>
<b>Habitat group</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>On-site unit change</b>	<b>Off-site unit change</b>	<b>Project wide unit change</b>	<b>Cumulative broad habitat change</b>	
Cropland - Arable field margins cultivated annually	Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Cropland - Arable field margins game bird mix	Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cropland - Arable field margins pollen and nectar	Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Cropland - Arable field margins tussocky	Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Grassland - Other lowland acid grassland	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Grassland - Other neutral grassland	Grassland	-1.82	0.00	-1.82	-1.82	
Grassland - Upland and grassland	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Heathland and shrub - Broadleaved scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Heathland and shrub - Heathland scrub	Heathland and shrub	-0.15	0.00	-0.15	-0.15	
Heathland and shrub - Gorse scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Heathland and shrub - Hawthorn scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Heathland and shrub - Willow scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Heathland and shrub - Hazel scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Individual trees - Individual trees	Individual trees	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Lakes - Ponds - Water habitats	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Lakes - Reservoirs	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sparingly vegetated land - Other inland rock and scree	Sparingly vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Urban - Cemeteries and churchyards	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Urban - Biodiverse green roof	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Urban - Individual trees - Individual trees	Individual trees	-0.15	0.00	-0.15	-0.15	
Woodland and forest - Other Scots pine woodland	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Woodland and forest - Other woodland; broadleaved	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Woodland and forest - Other woodland; mixed	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Intertidal sediment - Intertidal coarse sediment	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Intertidal sediment - Littoral sand	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Intertidal hard structures - Artificial hard structures with integrated greening of grey infrastructure (IGGI)	Intertidal hard structures	0.00	0.00	0.00		

## 4 CONCLUSIONS

The Statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculation has demonstrated that the proposed scheme will result in a likely net loss of **-1.72 habitat units (-24.81%)**.



The linear feature calculation for the proposed scheme results in a likely gain of **0.88 hedgerow units (+19.62%)**.

The current scheme does not satisfy the trading rules within the Statutory Biodiversity Metric. The calculation has identified a 'Medium Distinctiveness Broad Habitat Deficit' of 1.95 Habitat Units and a total deficit of 2.41 habitat units.

In order to satisfy the trading requirements, the scheme would require offsetting by trading up through the creation of medium distinctiveness habitat off-site. There is no land available for off-site off-setting and therefore this will need to be procured through a third-party habitat bank. A minimum of 1.92 units of other neutral grassland (moderate condition) and 0.04 units of mixed scrub (moderate condition) will be required plus an additional 0.47 habitat units to achieve 10% net gain and satisfy the trading rules.

With the above measures in place, the scheme would satisfy the trading rules.

**Should you need any further advice on the information provided above, please do not hesitate to contact The Ecology Co-op.**



## APPENDIX 1 – Habitat Condition Assessment Proformas

CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - AREA BASED HABITATS																												
Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)																									
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1																											
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)																									
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type		Grassland – Other Neutral Grassland																							
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes																							
Onsite or offsite?	On-site		Condition sheet used		Grassland Habitat Type (medium distinctiveness)																							
Habitat description																												
Recently unmanaged grassland that is being encroached on by bramble scrub on all sides. Several grasses were present including Yorkshire fog <i>Holcus lanatus</i> , fescue sp. and poa sp. as well as creeping buttercup <i>Ranunculus repens</i> , common mouse-ear <i>Cerastium fontanum</i> , common sorrel <i>Rumex acetosa</i> and thistles. The following species were also identified: Cleavers <i>Gallium aparine</i> , Bugle <i>Ajuga reptans</i> , Common Field speedwell <i>Veronica persica</i> , common nettle <i>Urtica dioica</i> , creeping buttercup <i>Ranunculus repens</i> , Creeping thistle <i>Cirsium arvense</i> , Cuckoo flower <i>Cardamine pratensis</i> , Dock sp. <i>Rumex</i> , Garlic Mustard <i>Alliaria petiolata</i> , Great willowherb <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> , Hoary ragwort <i>Senecio erucifolius</i> , Lesser celandine <i>Ranunculus ficaria</i> , Male fern <i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i> , Meadow buttercup <i>Ranunculus acris</i> , Red campion <i>Selinum dioica</i> , Soft rush <i>Juncus effusus</i> , Thistle sp <i>Cirsium</i> and wood forget-me-not <i>Myosotis sylvestris</i> .																												
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>														
Result	P	P	P	F	F	F	n/a	3																				
Photo ref																												
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	<p>C1: The grassland is a good representation of the habitat type it has been identified as – passed</p> <p>C6: There are 10 or more vascular plant species per m<sup>2</sup> present, including forbs characteristic of the habitat type – Failed</p>		Condition		Moderate																							



## CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC – AREA BASED HABITATS

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Heathland and Shrub – Bramble Scrub
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	No
Onsite or offsite?	On-site	Condition sheet used	N/A

### Habitat description

Dominated by bramble scrub, this area has been encroaching onto the grassland habitat over the past few years

Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	v	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Photo ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	N/A													N/A



## CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - AREA BASED HABITATS

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Heathland and Shrub – BlackthornScrub
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	Yes
Onsite or offsite?	On-site	Condition sheet used	Scrub

### Habitat description

Area of scrub dominated by blackthorn close to the entrance.

Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	F	F	P	F	F	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	N				Condition (Good/Moderate/Poor):				Poor					
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														



<b>CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - AREA BASED HABITATS</b>																
Date		10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)												
Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1														
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)												
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type		Sparsely Vegetated Land – Ruderal/Ephemeral										
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes										
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used		Urban										
<b>Habitat description</b>																
A area covered in nettles <i>Urtica dioica</i> , great willowherb <i>Epilobium hirsutum</i> , teasel <i>Dipsacus fullonum</i> , creeping buttercup, <i>Rumex</i> sp., <i>Brassica</i> sp., dandelion and <i>Cirsium</i> sp.																
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>		
Result	P	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2/3		
Photo ref																
Target note ref																
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	N				Condition (Good/Moderate/Poor):				Moderate							



<b>CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - AREA BASED HABITATS</b>															
Date		10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)											
Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1													
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)											
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type							Sparsely Vegetated Land – Ruderal/Ephemeral				
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?							Yes				
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used							Urban				
<b>Habitat description</b>															
Area dominated by nettles and sparse bramble underneath a mature oak tree															
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Result	F	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1/3	
Photo ref															
Target note ref															
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	N						Condition (Good/Moderate/Poor):				Poor				



**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Non-native and ornamental hedgerow
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	No
Onsite or offsite?	On-site	Condition sheet used	N/A

**Habitat description**

Leyland Cypress hedgerow forming southern boundary that surrounds adjacent farmhouse property.

Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	N/A				Condition				N/A					
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														



**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date		10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)											
Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1													
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)											
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type		Native Hedgerow									
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes									
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used		Hedgerow									
<b>Habitat description</b>															
Dominated by hawthorn with occasional beech, oak, spindle, and blackthorn. This feature extends along the north and western boundaries that surround the adjacent farmhouse.															
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Result	P	P	F	F	P	F	P	P	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	6	
Photo ref															
Target note ref															
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?		No				Condition		Moderate							
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score															



**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	North & North East Tree Lines
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Line of Trees
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	Yes
Onsite or offsite?	On-site	Condition sheet used	Line of Trees

**Habitat description**

North: A defunct line of trees with several gaps along the northern boundary comprising hawthorn, blackthorn, English oak, silver birch and wild cherry

North east: Contains elder, dogwood, spindle and hawthorn and borders the road.

Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	F	F	n/a	2							
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No													Poor
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														



**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	South Boundary
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Line of Trees
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	Yes
Onsite or offsite?	On-site	Condition sheet used	Line of Trees

**Habitat description**

This hedgerow runs along the southern half of the southeast boundary and includes spindle *Euonymus europaeus*, beech *Fagus sylvatica*, dogwood *Cornus sanguinea*, fruit tree sp, ash, sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus*, horse chestnut *Aesculus hippocastanum* and hawthorn. It varies in height ranging from 3.5m to the section in front of the residential property which stands at 1.5m high.

Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	F	P	n/a	3							
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No													Moderate
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														



**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date		10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)											
Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1													
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)		West Boundary									
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type		Line of Trees									
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes									
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used		Line of Trees									
<b>Habitat description</b>															
Dominated by hawthorn and bramble.															
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Result	P	P	P	P	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	5	
Photo ref															
Target note ref															
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?		No				Condition				Good					
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score															



**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	Tree 9 (large) (Figure 1)
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Individual tree
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	Yes
Onsite or offsite?	On-site	Condition sheet used	Individual tree

**Habitat description**

Mature Oak tree

Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	P	P	P	P	n/a	6						

Photo ref





Target note ref													
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No			Condition				Good					
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score													

## CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)											
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1													
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)		Tree 1 (large) (Figure 1)									
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type		Individual tree									
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes									
Onsite or offsite?	On-site		Condition sheet used		Individual tree									
<b>Habitat description</b>														
Goat willow														
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	P	F	P	n/a	4						



Photo ref													
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No			Condition			moderate						
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score													

**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		
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Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)											
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)										2 X small salix sp. Trees 17 & 18	
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type										Individual tree	
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?										Yes	
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used										Individual tree	
<b>Habitat description</b>															
Salix sp.															
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Result	P	P	F	P	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Result	P	P	F	P	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	
Photo ref	 														
Target note ref															
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?		No				Condition				moderate					
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score															

**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**



Date		10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)										
Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1												
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)		Tree 2 (small)								
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type		Individual tree								
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes								
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used		Individual tree								
<b>Habitat description</b>														
Oak														
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	P	F	P	n/a	4						
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No		Condition		moderate									
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														

**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**



Date		10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)										
Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1												
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)		Tree 3 (small)								
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type		Individual tree								
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes								
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used		Individual tree								
<b>Habitat description</b>														
Oak														
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	P	F	F	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No				Condition			moderate						
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														

**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**



Date		10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)											
Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1													
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)		Tree 4 (Medium)									
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type		Individual tree									
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes									
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used		Individual tree									
<b>Habitat description</b>															
Hornbeam															
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Result	P	P	P	P	F	F	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	
Photo ref															
Target note ref															
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?		No				Condition			moderate						
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score															

**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**



Date		10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)										
Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1												
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)		Tree 5 (Small)								
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type		Individual tree								
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes								
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used		Individual tree								
<b>Habitat description</b>														
Oak														
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	P	F	F	n/a	3						
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No		Condition		moderate									
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														

**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25		
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Weather conditions		20°C, dry, BF1		Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)										
Surveyor name(s)		Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)						Tree 6 (Small)				
Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type						Individual tree				
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?						Yes				
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used						Individual tree				
<b>Habitat description</b>														
Hawthorn														
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	P	F	F	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No						Condition			moderate				
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														

**CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	



Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn						Unique polygon reference(s)						Tree 7 (Small)		
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill						Metric habitat type						Individual tree		
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill						Condition assessment required?						Yes		
Onsite or offsite?	On-site						Condition sheet used						Individual tree		
<b>Habitat description</b>															
Oak															
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>	
Result	P	P	F	P	F	F	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3	
Photo ref															
Target note ref															
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No						Condition				moderate				
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score															

### CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)		
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1			
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn		Unique polygon reference(s)	Tree 8 (medium)



Project / development name		Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Metric habitat type						Individual tree																	
Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?						Yes																	
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used						Individual tree																	
<b>Habitat description</b>																											
Oak																											
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>													
Result	P	F	F	P	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3													
Photo ref																											
Target note ref																											
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No				Condition				moderate																		
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score																											

<b>CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS</b>			
Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	Tree 10 (small)
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Individual tree



Site name or location		Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill		Condition assessment required?		Yes								
Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used		Individual tree								
<b>Habitat description</b>														
Hazel														
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	P	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No			Condition			moderate							
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														

#### **CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS**

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	Tree 11 (small)
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Individual tree
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	Yes



Onsite or offsite?		On-site		Condition sheet used							Individual tree											
Habitat description																						
willow																						
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>								
Result	P	P	F	P	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4								
Photo ref																						
Target note ref																						
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No			Condition			moderate															
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score																						

CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS			
Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1	Unique polygon reference(s)	Tree 12 (small)
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Metric habitat type	Individual tree
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	Yes
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition sheet used	Individual tree
Habitat description			



Sallow														
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	F	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No				Condition				moderate					
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														

## CONDITION ASSESSMENT PROFORMA FOR USE WITH STATUTORY BIODIVERSITY METRIC - LINEAR BASED HABITATS

Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	Tree 13 (small)
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Individual tree
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	Yes
Onsite or offsite?	On-site	Condition sheet used	Individual tree
<b>Habitat description</b>			
Apple, cultivated			



Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	P	F	F	n/a	3						
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No													moderate
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														

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Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)	
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1		
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	Tree 15 and 16 (small)
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Individual tree
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	Yes
Onsite or offsite?	On-site	Condition sheet used	Individual tree
<b>Habitat description</b>			
Oaks – both trees already removed but left next to stumps so condition assessments could still be undertaken.			



Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	F	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>
Result	P	P	F	F	F	P	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No			Condition			moderate							
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														

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Date	10/05/2023, 11/07/2024 and 27/02/25	Metric survey reference (if condition assessment of this polygon relates to a wider habitat survey)												
Weather conditions	20°C, dry, BF1													
Surveyor name(s)	Sam Lunn	Unique polygon reference(s)	Tree 14 (small)											
Project / development name	Land at Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Metric habitat type	Individual tree											
Site name or location	Batchelors Farm, Burgess Hill	Condition assessment required?	Yes											
Onsite or offsite?	On-site	Condition sheet used	Individual tree											
<b>Habitat description</b>														
Oak														
Criterion	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10	C11	C12	C13	<b>TOTAL</b>



Result	P	P	F	P	F	F	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3
Photo ref														
Target note ref														
Are any criteria non-negotiable? (Y/N) If Yes are they passed?	No				Condition				moderate					
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score														