

The Statutory Biodiversity Metric

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Project details			
Planning authority:	North hertfordshire District Council		
Project name:	Hitchin Swimming and Fitness Centre Decarbonisation Project		
Applicant:	Willmott Dixon Construction Ltd (on behalf of North hertfordshire District Council)		
Application type:	Full		
Planning application reference:			
Completed by:	Angus McClelland- RPS		
Date of metric completion:	01 April 2025		
Reviewer:	Hannah Knight- RPS		
Calculation iteration:	E		
Planning authority reviewer:			
Date of planning authority review:			
Target % net gain:	10%		
Irreplaceable habitat present at baseline:	No ✓		
Total site area - including irreplaceable habitat area (hectares):	0.55	Irreplaceable habitat site area (hectares):	0.00
Total off-site area - including irreplaceable habitat area (hectares):	N/A	Irreplaceable habitat area off-site (hectares):	N/A

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Tree helper						
Tree size	Number of trees and area (ha) for each condition state					
	Poor	Area	Moderate	Area	Good	Area
Small		0.0000	13	0.0529		0.0000
Medium		0.0000	1	0.0163		0.0000
Large		0.0000		0.0000		0.0000
Very large		0.0000		0.0000		0.0000
Total	0	0.0000	14	0.0692	0	0.0000

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On-site baseline	Habitat units	0.57	
	Hedgerow units	0.02	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
On-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units	0.63	
	Hedgerow units	0.02	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
On-site net change (units & percentage)	Habitat units	0.07	11.45%
	Hedgerow units	0.00	15.24%
	Watercourse units	0.00	0.00%

Off-site baseline	Habitat units	0.00	
	Hedgerow units	0.00	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
Off-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units	0.00	
	Hedgerow units	0.00	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
Off-site net change (units & percentage)	Habitat units	0.00	0.00%
	Hedgerow units	0.00	0.00%
	Watercourse units	0.00	0.00%

Combined net unit change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units	0.07	
	Hedgerow units	0.00	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
Spatial risk multiplier (SRM) deductions	Habitat units	0.00	
	Hedgerow units	0.00	
	Watercourse units	0.00	

FINAL RESULTS			
Total net unit change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units	0.07	
	Hedgerow units	0.00	
	Watercourse units	0.00	

Total net % change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units	11.45%
	Hedgerow units	15.24%
	Watercourse units	0.00%

Trading rules satisfied?	Yes ✓
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Unit Type	Target	Baseline Units	Units Required	Unit Deficit
Habitat units	10.00%	0.57	0.63	0.00
Hedgerow units	10.00%	0.02	0.02	0.00
Watercourse units	10.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00

No additional area habitat units required to meet target ✓
No additional hedgerow units required to meet target ✓
No additional watercourse units required to meet target ✓

Summary Figures

Net project biodiversity units (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention / creation)	Habitat units	0.07
	Hedgerow units	0.00
	Watercourse units	0.00

Total project biodiversity % change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat creation + retained habitats)	Habitat units	11.45%
	Hedgerow units	15.24%
	Watercourse units	0.00%

Combined habitat retention and enhancement			
	Habitats	Hedgerows	Watercourses
Total on-site and off-site baseline area / length	0.58	0.02	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline units	0.57	0.02	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline area / length retained	0.50	0.02	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline units retained	0.33	0.02	0.00
Total on-site and off-site area / length proposed for enhancement	0.02	0.00	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline units proposed for enhancement	0.03	0.00	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline area / length lost	0.06	0.00	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline units lost	0.21	0.00	0.00

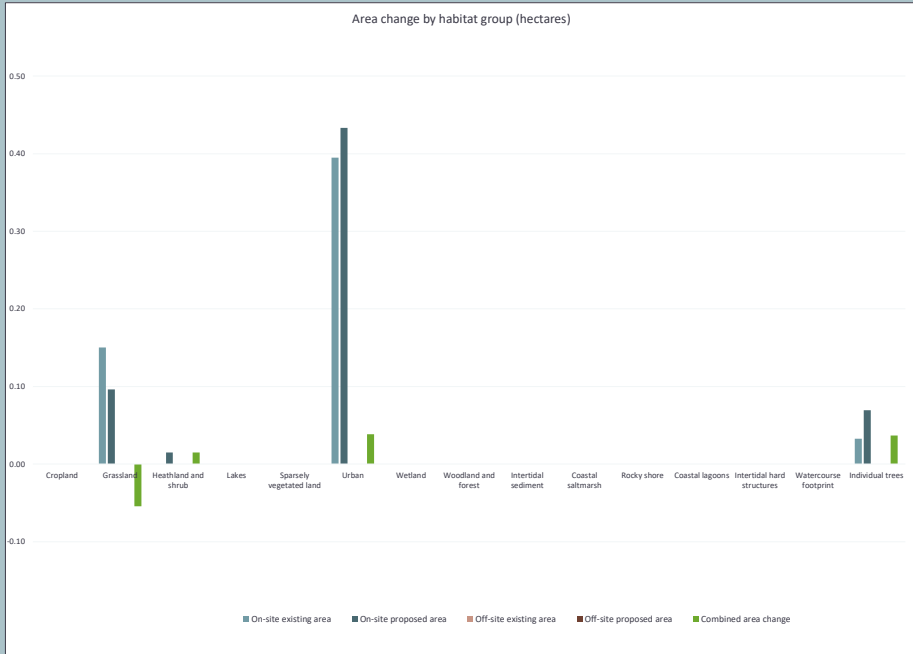
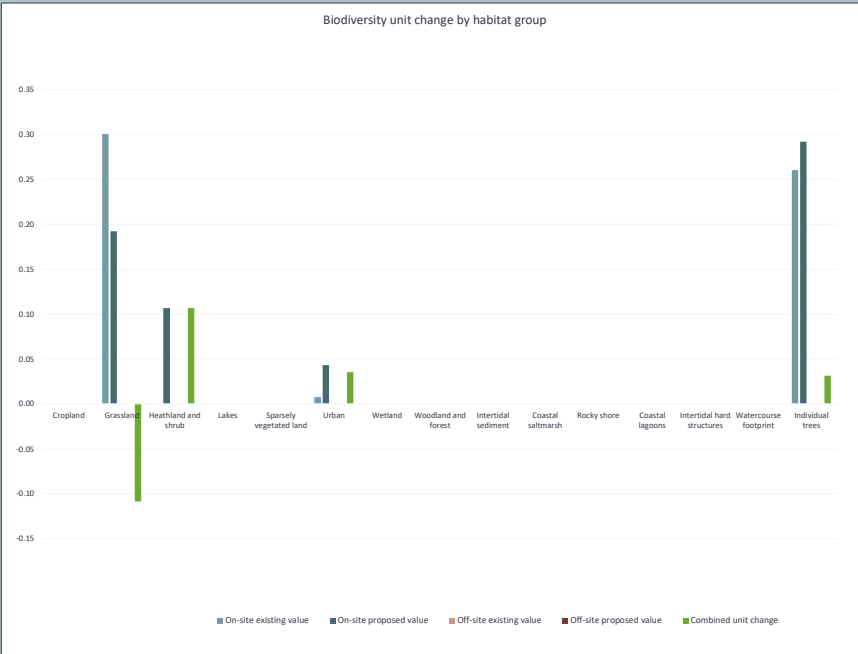
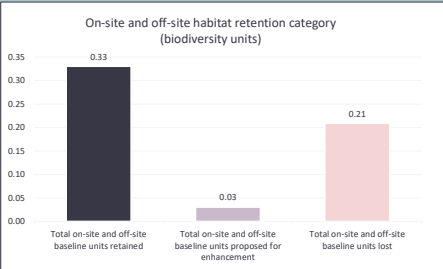
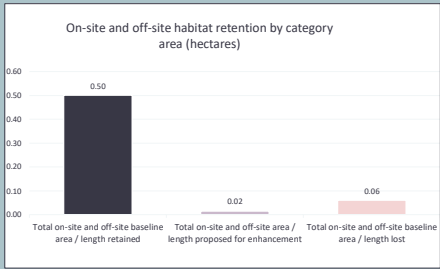
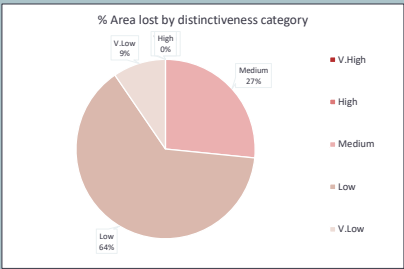
Area habitats

On-site change by broad habitat type						
Habitat group	Baseline		Post-development on-site		On-site change	
	On-site existing area	On-site existing value	On-site proposed area	On-site proposed value	On-site area change	On-site unit change
Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland	0.15	0.30	0.10	0.19	-0.05	-0.11
Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.11	0.02	0.11
Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban	0.39	0.01	0.43	0.04	0.04	0.04
Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal saltmarsh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal lagoons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal hard structures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Watercourse footprint	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Individual trees	0.03	0.26	0.07	0.29	0.04	0.03

Off-site change by broad habitat type						
Habitat group	Baseline		Post-development off-site		Off-site change	
	Off-site existing area	Off-site existing value	Off-site proposed area	Off-site proposed value	Off-site area change	Off-site unit change
Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal saltmarsh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal lagoons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal hard structures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Watercourse footprint	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Individual trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Combined on-site and off-site change by broad habitat type						
Habitat group	Baseline		On-site and off-site post-development		Combined change	
	Combined existing area	Combined existing value	Combined proposed area	Combined proposed value	Combined area change	Combined unit change
Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland	0.15	0.30	0.10	0.19	-0.05	-0.11
Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.11	0.02	0.11
Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban	0.39	0.01	0.43	0.04	0.04	0.04
Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal saltmarsh	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal lagoons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal hard structures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Watercourse footprint	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Individual trees	0.03	0.26	0.07	0.29	0.04	0.03

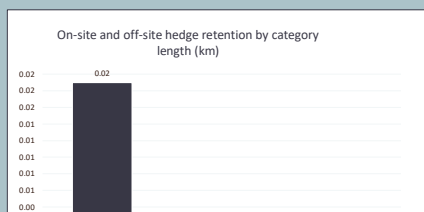
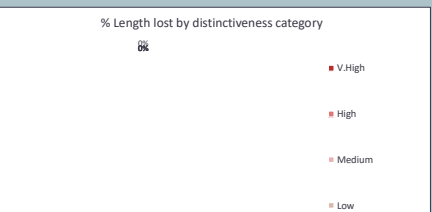
Combined area lost from baseline(s) by distinctiveness band		
Category	Area lost (hectares)	Area lost (%)
V.High	0	
High	0	
Medium	0.014289018	27
Low	0.039092311	64
V.Low	0.008834149	10



Hedgerows and lines of trees

On-site change by hedgerow type						
Hedgerow type	Baseline		Post-development on-site		On-site change	
	On-site existing length	On-site existing value	On-site proposed length	On-site proposed value	On-site length change	On-site unit change
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species-rich native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species-rich native hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Combined length lost from baseline(s) by distinctiveness band		
Category	Length lost (km)	Length lost (%)
V.High	0	
High	0	
Medium	0	
Low	0	
V.Low	0	



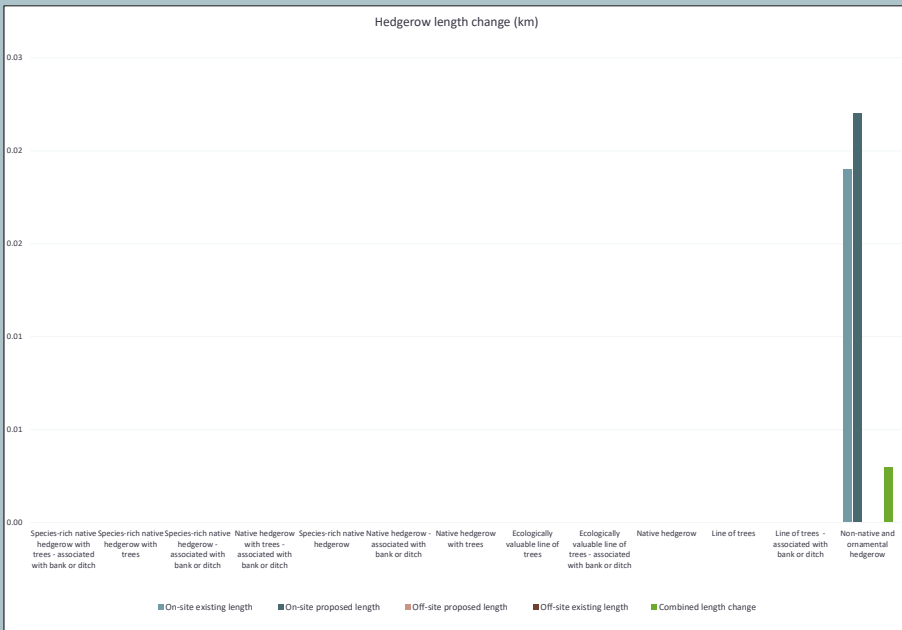
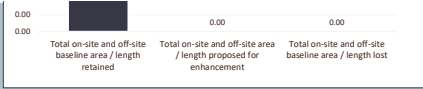
Native hedgerow with trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecologically valuable line of trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecologically valuable line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Line of trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-native and ornamental hedgerow	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00

Off-site change by hedgerow type						
Hedgerow type	Off-site baseline		Post-development off-site		Off-site change	
	Off-site existing length	Off-site existing value	Off-site proposed length	Off-site proposed value	Off-site length change	Off-site unit change
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species-rich native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species-rich native hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow with trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecologically valuable line of trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecologically valuable line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Line of trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-native and ornamental hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Combined on-site and off-site change by hedgerow type						
Hedgerow type	Baseline		Post-development		Change	
	Combined existing length	Combined existing value	Combined proposed length	Combined proposed value	Combined length change	Combined unit change
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species-rich native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species-rich native hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow with trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecologically valuable line of trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecologically valuable line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Line of trees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-native and ornamental hedgerow	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00

Low	0
V.Low	0

V.Low



Watercourses

On-site change by watercourse type						
Watercourse type	Baseline		Post-development on site		On-site Change	
	On-site existing length	On-site existing value	On-site proposed length	On-site proposed value	On-site length change	On-site unit change
Priority habitat	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other rivers and streams	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ditches	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Canals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Culvert	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Combined length lost from baseline(s) by distinctiveness band		
Category	Length lost (km)	Length lost (%)
V.High	0	
High	0	
Medium	0	
Low	0	

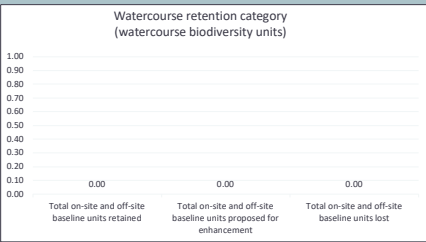
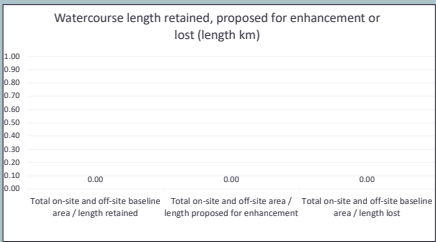
% Length lost by distinctiveness category

V.High

High

Medium

Low



Off-site change by watercourse type						
Watercourse type	Baseline		Post-development off-site		Off-site Change	
	Off-site existing length	Off-site existing value	Off-site proposed length	Off-site proposed value	Off-site length change	Off-site unit change
Priority habitat	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other rivers and streams	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ditches	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Canals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Culvert	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Combined on-site and off-site change by watercourse type						
Watercourse type	Baseline		Post-development on-site		On-site change	
	Combined existing length	Combined existing value	Combined proposed length	Combined proposed value	Combined length change	Combined unit change
Priority habitat	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other rivers and streams	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ditches	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Canals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Culvert	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

