

Small Sites Metric (The Statutory Biodiversity Metric)

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Technical Requirements - Excel Versions: 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019, Office 365, Excel for Android

Sheet Name	Site Details
1. Planning authority:	
2. Site name:	Hare Park Farm, Royston Road, Slip End. Baldock. Herts
3. Applicant:	
4. Planning application type:	Full planning consent
5. Planning application reference:	
6. Metric completed by (name & job title):	Andrew May (Managing Director)
7. Date of metric completion:	08 October 2024
8. Revision number:	
9. Masterplan document title / drawing number:	

Net Gain Targets

10. Targeted % increase in Units	10a. Habitat	10.00
	10b. Hedgerow	10.00
	10c. Watercourses	10.00

11. Optional target increase in units if baseline value is zero	11a. Habitat units	0.00
	11b. Hedgerow units	0.00
	11c. Watercourse units	0.00

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12. Planning authority reviewer:	
13. Date of planning authority review:	

Site Name:	Hare Park Farm, Royston Road, Slip End. Baldock. Herts
Sheet Name	Desktop Assessment

Development

14. Select the type of proposed development. If Other provide details at Q.25 below	Residential	Site area must be less than 10,000 m2
15. Site area (m ²)	560	
N/A		
17. Number of dwellings proposed within the development site	Between 1 - 9 dwellings	

Designated sites and priority habitats

18. Any designated sites on or within 500m of the site?	No	
19. Any priority habitats on or within 500m of the site?	No	
20. List the designated sites and/or priority habitats		
21. Information sources used for assessment of designated sites and priority habitats (See guidance)		

European protected species

22. Any european protected species present on site		
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Site walkover

23. Site walkover completed?	Walkover completed by qualified ecologist	
24. Date of site walkover - DD/MM/YY	08/08/2024	Site walkover data valid until 08/02/25
25. Who completed the walkover? (Name and job title)	Andrew May Ecologist	

Additional details

26. Any additional information or notes		
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Site Name	Hare Park Farm, Royston Road, Slip End, Baldock, Herts
Sheet Name	S: Area Habitats

Instructions:
1. Enter data into 1a. Baseline habitats table
2. Enter data on habitats to be created into 1b. Habitats to be created
3. Enter data on habitats to be enhanced into 1c. Habitats to be enhanced
4. Enter data on individual trees into 1d. Tree area calculator

All Key Rules Satisfied ✓

Lost Units	0.2240
Created Units	0.2676
Enhancement Units	0.0000
Net Change	0.0436

1a. Baseline habitats

Ref	Habitat		C. Strategic significance	Areas (m ²)			Baseline results			Comments	
	A. Broad Habitat	B. Habitat type		D. Total Area	E. Area retained	F. Area enhanced	Total habitat units onsite	Area Lost	Units lost	User comments	LPA comments
1	Grassland	Modified grassland	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	360.00			0.14	360.00	0.144		
2	Grassland	Modified grassland	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	200.00			0.08	200.00	0.080		
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Trees	Individual trees	Urban/rural tree	Formally identified in local strategy	0.00	0.00		0.0000	0.00	0.0000		
				Totals Lenses and trees, green walls and intertidal band structured			360.00	0.00	0.2240	360.00	0.2240
				Error Check 1			Areas Acceptable ✓				
				Error Check 2			Areas Acceptable ✓				
				Error Check 3			Areas Acceptable ✓				

1b. Habitats to be created

Ref	A. Broad Habitat	B. Habitat type	Condition Assessment		D. Strategic significance	E. Total Area (m ²)	Habitat units created onsite	Comments	
			Acceptable condition variants	C. Targeted condition				User comments	LPA comments
1	Urban	Developed land; sealed surface	N/A - Other	N/A - Other	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	360.00	0.0000		
2	Heathland and shrub	Mixed scrub	Moderate, Good	Good	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	200.00	0.0081		
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Trees	Individual trees	Urban/rural tree	Moderate	Moderate	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	325.56	0.0000		
Totals Lenses and trees, green walls and intertidal band structures: Error Check 4						560.00	0.2676		

1c. Habitats to be enhanced

Baseline ref	Existing Habitat Type		Enhanced Habitat Type		B. Strategic significance	Area Enhanced	Enhanced Condition	Total Units	Net improvement	Comments	
	A. Broad habitat type	Existing habitat type	Enhancement Type	A. Enhanced habitat type						User comments	LPA comments
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				Totals Lenses and trees, green walls and intertidal band structured			0.00	0.0000	0.0000		

1d. Tree area calculator

Tree size (Diameter at breast height)	A. Total number of trees pre development	B. Number of trees retained (but not enhanced)	C. Number of new trees planted post development	Areas		
				Area pre development	Area retained	Area of new trees planted post development
Small - DBH < 50cm			5	0	0	326
Medium - DBH > 50 to < 60cm				0	0	0
Large - DBH > 60 to < 90cm				0	0	0
Very Large - DBH > 90cm				0	0	0
Total	0	0	5	0	0	326

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1e. Trading Summary

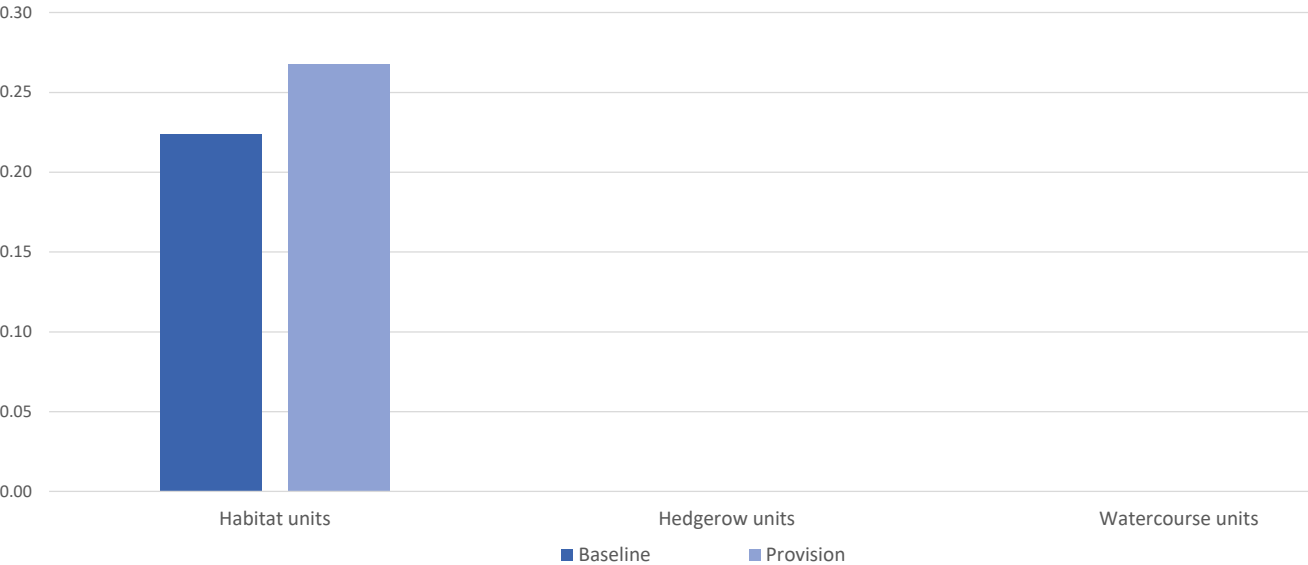
Broad Habitat Type: Medium Distinctiveness Habitats	Trading Rules Satisfied ✓
Medium and Low Distinctiveness Band	Trading Rules Satisfied ✓

1f. Habitat trading assessment

Broad habitat types	Distinctiveness Band	Baseline units	Onsite provision	Net change	Trading satisfied?
Cropland	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.2240	0.0000	-0.2240	
Grassland	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.1681	0.1681	
Heathland and shrub	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Intertidal hard structures	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Intertidal sediment	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Lakes	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Sparsely vegetated land	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Urban	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Woodland and forest	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Coastal saltmarsh	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Individual trees	Low	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
	Medium	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	N/A
	High	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	
Distinctiveness band		Baseline units	Onsite provision	Net change	Trading satisfied?
Medium distinctiveness		0.0000	0.368	0.3676	Yes ✓
Low distinctiveness		0.2240	0.000	-0.2240	Yes ✓
Surplus area habitat biodiversity units after offsetting low distinctiveness units				0.0436	Yes ✓

Site Name		Hare Park Farm, Royston Road, Slip End. Baldock. Herts	
Sheet Name		Headline Results	
Headline Results			
Headline		BNG Targets Met ✓	
Trading Rules		Trading Rules Satisfied ✓	
Next steps		Check for input errors/rule breaks present in the metric ⚠	
Baseline Units	Habitat units	0.2240	
	Hedgerow units	Zero Units Baseline	
	Watercourse units	Zero Units Baseline	
Post-development Units	Habitat units	0.2676	
	Hedgerow units	0.0000	
	Watercourse units	0.0000	
Total net unit change	Habitat units	0.0436	
	Hedgerow units	0.0000	
	Watercourse units	0.0000	
Total net % change	Habitat units	19.46%	
	Hedgerow units	% target not appropriate	
	Watercourse units	% target not appropriate	
Habitats units required to meet target		0.0000	
Hedgerow units required to meet target		0.0000	
Watercourse units required to meet target		0.0000	

Chart 1 - Unit change by habitat group



9. All Habitats + Multipliers - (general technical information for reference purposes only)						
Ref	Habitat Type		Distinctiveness		Risk Multipliers	
	Habitat Type	Broad Habitat Group	Distinctiveness Category	Trading Notes	Technical Difficulty Creation	Technical Difficulty Enhancement
1	Arable field margins cultivated annually	Cropland	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
2	Arable field margins game bird mix	Cropland	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
3	Arable field margins pollen and nectar	Cropland	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
4	Arable field margins tussocky	Cropland	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
5	Cereal crops	Cropland	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
6	Winter stubble	Cropland	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
7	Horticulture	Cropland	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
8	Intensive orchards	Cropland	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
9	Non-cereal crops	Cropland	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
10	Temporary grass and clover leys	Cropland	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
11	Bracken	Grassland	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
12	Modified grassland	Grassland	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
13	Other lowland acid grassland	Grassland	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
14	Other neutral grassland	Grassland	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
15	Upland acid grassland	Grassland	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
16	Blackthorn scrub	Heathland and shrub	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
17	Bramble scrub	Heathland and shrub	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
18	Gorse scrub	Heathland and shrub	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
19	Hawthorn scrub	Heathland and shrub	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
20	Hazel scrub	Heathland and shrub	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Low
21	Mixed scrub	Heathland and shrub	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
22	Rhododendron scrub	Heathland and shrub	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
23	Other sea buckthorn scrub	Heathland and shrub	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
24	Willow scrub	Heathland and shrub	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Low
25	Ornamental lake or pond	Lakes	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	High
26	Ponds (non-priority habitat)	Lakes	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Medium
27	Reservoirs	Lakes	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Medium
28	Ruderal/Ephemeral	Sparsely vegetated land	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Medium
29	Other inland rock and scree	Sparsely vegetated land	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Medium
30	Tall forbs	Sparsely vegetated land	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Medium
31	Allotments	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
32	Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface	Urban	V.Low	Compensation Not Required	Low	Low
33	Bioswale	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Medium	Low
34	Biodiverse green roof	Urban	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Medium
35	Built linear features	Urban	V.Low	Compensation Not Required	Low	Low
36	Cemeteries and churchyards	Urban	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Low
37	Developed land, sealed surface	Urban	V.Low	Compensation Not Required	Low	Low
38	Intensive green roof	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
39	Facade-bound green wall	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Medium	Medium
40	Ground based green wall	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Medium	Medium
41	Ground level planters	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
42	Other green roof	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
43	Introduced shrub	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
44	Rain garden	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
45	Actively worked sand pit quarry or open cast mine	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
46	Urban/rural tree	Individual trees	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
47	Sustainable drainage system	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Medium	Medium
48	Unvegetated garden	Urban	V.Low	Compensation Not Required	Low	Low
49	Vacant or derelict land	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
50	Vegetated garden	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
51	Bare ground	Urban	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
52	Other coniferous woodland	Woodland and forest	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
53	Other Scots pine woodland	Woodland and forest	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Medium
54	Other woodland, broadleaved	Woodland and forest	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
55	Other woodland, mixed	Woodland and forest	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Low	Low
56	Littoral coarse sediment	Intertidal sediment	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Medium
57	Artificial saltmarshes and saline reedbeds	Coastal saltmarsh	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	High	Medium
58	Artificial littoral coarse sediment	Intertidal sediment	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Medium	Medium
59	Artificial littoral mud	Intertidal sediment	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	High	Medium
60	Artificial littoral sand	Intertidal sediment	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Medium	Medium
61	Artificial littoral muddy sand	Intertidal sediment	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	High	Medium
62	Artificial littoral mixed sediments	Intertidal sediment	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	High	Medium
63	Artificial littoral seagrass	Intertidal sediment	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	High	High
64	Artificial littoral biogenic reefs	Intertidal sediment	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	High	Medium
65	Littoral sand	Intertidal sediment	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Medium
66	Artificial hard structures	Intertidal hard structures	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Medium	Medium
67	Artificial features of hard structures	Intertidal hard structures	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Medium	Medium
68	Artificial hard structures with integrated greening of grey infrastructure (IGGI)	Intertidal hard structures	Medium	Same broad habitat or a higher distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	Medium
69	Species-rich native hedgerow	Hedgerows and Lines of trees	Medium	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
70	Native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	Hedgerows and Lines of trees	Medium	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
71	Native hedgerow with trees	Hedgerows and Lines of trees	Medium	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
72	Native hedgerow	Hedgerows and Lines of trees	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
73	Non-native and ornamental hedgerow	Hedgerows and Lines of trees	V.Low	Compensation Not Required	Low	Low
74	Line of trees	Hedgerows and Lines of trees	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
75	Ecologically valuable line of trees	Hedgerows and Lines of trees	Medium	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
76	Line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	Hedgerows and Lines of trees	Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
77	Ecologically valuable line of trees - associated with bank or ditch	Hedgerows and Lines of trees	Medium	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Low	Low
78	Ditches	Rivers	Medium	Same habitat required	Medium	Low
79	Canals	Rivers	Medium	Same habitat required	Medium	Low
80	Culvert	Rivers	Low	Better distinctiveness habitat required	Medium	N/A
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