

The Statutory Biodiversity Metric

Auditing and accounting for biodiversity

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Project details			
Planning authority:	North Hertfordshire Council		
Project name:	Glebe Road, Letchworth		
Applicant:	Wheatley Homes		
Application type:	Development		
Planning application reference:			
Completed by:	Alice Salisbury		
Date of metric completion:	30.05.25		
Reviewer:	Hannah Brookes		
Calculation iteration:	V1		
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):	0.28	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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On-site post intervention map

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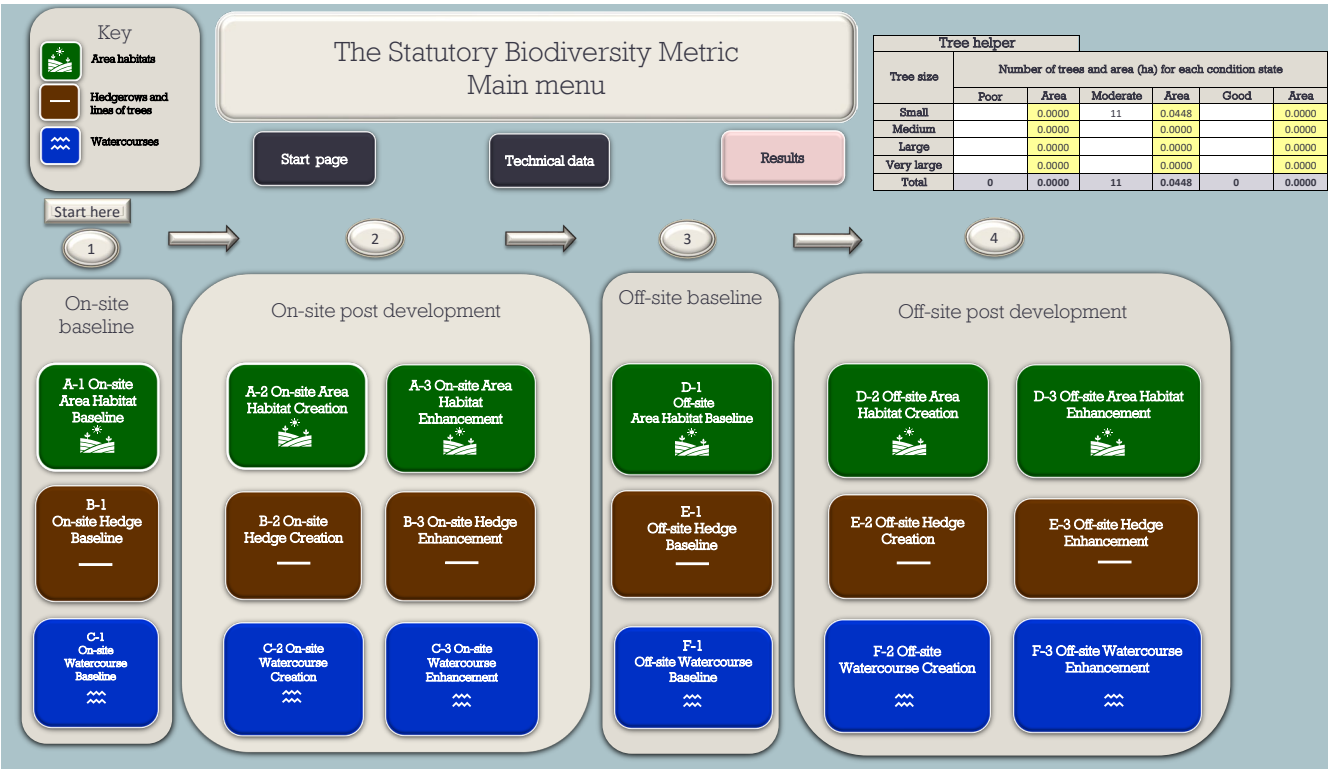
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On-site baseline	Habitat units	0.20	
	Hedgerow units	0.01	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
On-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Habitat units	0.42	
	Hedgerow units	0.02	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
On-site net change (units & percentage)	Habitat units	0.22	108.53%
	Hedgerow units	0.01	210.82%
	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	0.22	
	Hedgerow units	0.01	
	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	0.22	
	Hedgerow units	0.01	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
	Habitat units	108.53%	

Total net % change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	Hedgerow units	210.82%
	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%	0.20	0.22	0.00
Hedgerow units	10.00%	0.01	0.01	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 ✓

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Summary Figures

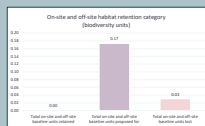
Net project biodiversity units (including all on-site & off-site habitat retention / creation)	Habitat units	0.88
	Hedgecroft units	0.01
	Watercroft units	0.00
Total project biodiversity % change (including all on-site & off-site habitat creation + retained habitats)	Habitat units	108.88%
	Hedgecroft units	210.88%
	Watercroft units	0.00%

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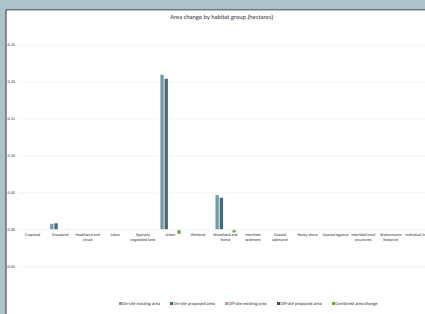
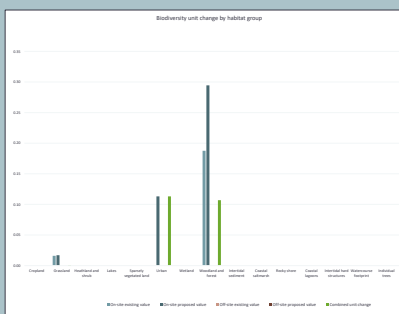
Area habitats

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Combined area lost from baseline(s) by distinctiveness band		
Category	Area lost (hectares)	Area lost (%)
Very High	0	
High	0	
Medium	0.0099	2
Low	0.008	4
Very Low	0.0008	0.01



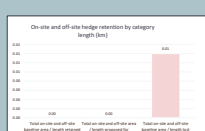
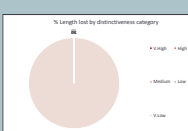
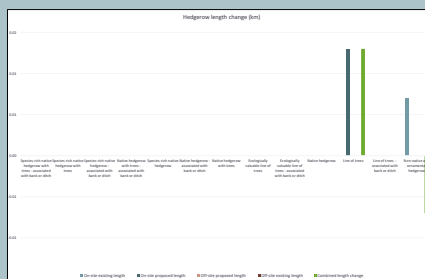
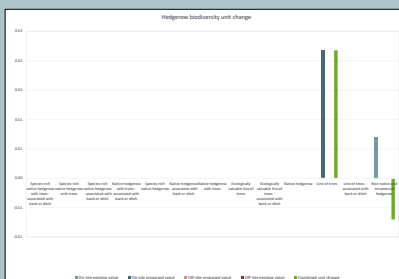
Off-site change by broad habitat type						
Habitat group	Off-site wetting area	Pre-development habitat		Post-development off-site		Off-site change
		Change in proportion	Change in proportion	Off-site wetting area	Off-site change	
Grassland	1000	100	100	1000	1000	0.00
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Urban	1000	100	1			



Hedgescapes and lines of trees

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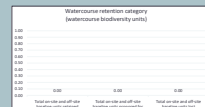
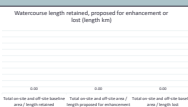
Combined length lost from baseline(x) by distinctiveness band		
Category	Length lost (km)	Length lost (%)
Very high	0	
High	0	
Medium	0	
Low	0	
Very low	1,007	100

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Watercourses

On-site change by teleconference type						
Teleconference type	Parallel		Post-development on site		On-site Change	
	On site existing length	On site existing time	On site proposed length	On site proposed time	On site length change	On site cost change
Project Initiation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Release Change and Upgrade	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
On-site	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Parallel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Combined length lost from baseline (s) by distinctiveness band		
Category	Length lost (s)	Length lost (%)
W/High	0	
High	0	
Medium	0	
Low	0	



Waterscore type	CS-site changes by waterscore type					
	Baseline		Post development CS-site		CS-site Change	
	CS-site existing length	CS-site existing value	CS-site proposed length	CS-site proposed value	CS-site length change	CS-site val change
Reservoir/Inlet	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Flow control and diversion	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Channel	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Structure	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0



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Trading summary hedgerows

Trading summary watercourses

Trading Summary			
Distinctiveness Group	Trading Rule	Trading Satisfied?	
Very High	Same habitat required - Inorganic compensation option A	Yes ✓	
High	Same habitat required or	Yes ✓	
Medium	Same broad habitat or a habitat group or a habitat sub-group habitat required (B)	Yes ✓	
Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required or	Yes ✓	

Very High Distinctiveness				
Habitat group	Group	On-site unit change	Off-site unit change	Project-wide unit change
Grassland - Lowland dry acid grassland	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Lowland meadows	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Upland hay meadows	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Mountain heath and yellow scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Acidic fed naturally fluctuating water bodies	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land - Calluna heath or cranberries	Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land - Limestone pavement	Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland - Broadleaved bog	Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland - Depressions on peat substrate (H1150)	Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland - Fens (upland and lowland)	Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland - Lowland raised bog	Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland - Oceanic valley mire (H1156.1)	Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland - Purple moor grass and rush pastures	Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland - Transition mire and peat bog (H1140)	Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Wood pasture and parkland	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore - High energy littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk	Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore - Moderate energy littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk	Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore - Low energy littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk	Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore - Features of littoral rock - on peat, clay or chalk	Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral meadow on peat, clay or chalk	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00

Very High Distinctiveness Summary	
Very High Distinctiveness Units available to offset lower distinctiveness deficit	0.00
Remaining losses. Like for like not satisfied	0.00

High Distinctiveness				
Habitat group	Group	On-site unit change	Off-site unit change	Project-wide unit change
Grassland - Traditional orchards	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Floodplain wetland mosaic and CFOM	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Lowland calcareous grassland	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Tall herb communities (H6430)	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Upland calcareous grassland	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Lowland heathland	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Dunes with sea buckthorn (H2160)	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Upland heathland	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - High alkalinity lakes	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Low alkalinity lakes	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Marl lakes	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Moderate alkalinity lakes	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Peat lakes	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Porphy (priority habitat)	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Temporary lakes ponds and pools (H3170)	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land - Coastal sand dunes	Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land - Coastal vegetated dune	Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land - Inland rock outcrop and scree habitats	Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land - Maritime cliff and slopes	Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wetland - Broadleaved	Wetland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Felled replacement for felled woodland	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Lowland beech and yew woodland	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Native pine woodlands	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Upland birchwoods	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Upland mixed ashwoods	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Upland oakwood	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Wet woodland	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal lagoons - Coastal lagoons	Coastal lagoons	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore - High energy littoral rock	Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore - Moderate energy littoral rock	Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore - Low energy littoral rock	Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky shore - Features of littoral rock	Rocky shore	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral sand	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral mud	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal saltmarsh - Littoral mixed sediment	Coastal saltmarsh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal saltmarsh - Saltmarshes and saline reedbeds	Coastal saltmarsh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral incised reef - Mounds	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral incised reef - Sublittoral	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Features of littoral sediment	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral muddy sand	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral shingle	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00

High Distinctiveness Summary	
High Distinctiveness Units available to offset lower distinctiveness deficit	0.00
Remaining losses. Like for like not satisfied	0.00

Medium Distinctiveness				
Habitat group	Group	On-site unit change	Off-site unit change	Project wide unit change
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
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 and grassland	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Other neutral grassland	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Upland acid grassland	Grassland	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Blackberry scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Bramble scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Close 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 - Yellow scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Hazel scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Mixed scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Ponds (non-priority habitat)	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Reservoir	Lakes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land - Other inland rock and scree	Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Cemeteries and churchyards	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Biodiverse green roof	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Individual trees - Urban tree	Individual trees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Individual trees - Rural tree	Individual trees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Other Scots pine woodland	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland and forest - Other wetland, grassland	Woodland and forest	0.11	0.00	0.11
Woodland and forest - Other woodland mixed	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral coarse sediment	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral sand	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Littoral muddy sand	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal hard structures - Artificial hard structures with integrated greening of grey infrastructure (OGI)	Intertidal hard structures	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.11	0.00	0.11

Medium Distinctiveness Summary	
Medium Distinctiveness Units available to offset Lower Distinctiveness Deficit	0.11 ✓
Medium Distinctiveness Broad Habitat losses to be offset by trading up	0.00
Higher Distinctiveness Surplus Units minus Medium Distinctiveness Broad Habitat Deficit	0.00
Cumulative surplus of units	0.11 ✓

Low Distinctiveness			
Habitat group	Group	On-site unit change	Off-site unit change
Cropland - Cereal crops	Cropland	0.00	0.00
Cropland - Horticulture	Cropland	0.00	0.00
Cropland - Intensive arable	Cropland	0.00	0.00
Cropland - Non-cereal crops	Cropland	0.00	0.00
Cropland - Temporary grass and clover leys	Cropland	0.00	0.00
Cropland - Winter stubble	Cropland	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Mixed acid grassland	Grassland	0.00	0.00
Grassland - Bracken	Grassland	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Blackberry scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00
Lakes - Ornamental lake or pond	Lakes	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land - Ruderal/steppe	Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00
Sparsely vegetated land - Tall herb	Sparsely vegetated land	0.00	0.00
Urban - Biotope	Urban	0.00	0.00
Urban - Bare ground	Urban	0.00	0.00

Low Distinctiveness Summary	
Low Distinctiveness net change in units	0.11 ✓
Cumulative surplus of units	0.22 ✓

Urban - Altimontes	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Paved-to-board green wall	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Ground-based green wall	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Ground-level planter	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Other green roof	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Intensive green roof	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Introduced shrub	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Rain garden	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Actively worked sand pit quarry or open cast mine	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Sustainable drainage system	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Vacant or derelict land	Urban	0.00	0.00	0.00
Urban - Wooded garden	Urban	0.11	0.00	0.11
Woodland and forest - Other coniferous woodland	Woodland and forest	0.00	0.00	0.00
Coastal saltmarsh - Artificial saltmarshes and saline reedbeds	Coastal saltmarsh	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral coarse sediment	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral mud	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral sand	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral muddy sand	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral mixed sediments	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral seagrass	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal sediment - Artificial littoral eelgrass meads	Intertidal sediment	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal hard structures - Artificial hard structure	Intertidal hard structures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Intertidal hard structures - Artificial features of hard structures	Intertidal hard structures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Heathland and shrub - Other sea buckthorn scrub	Heathland and shrub	0.00	0.00	0.00
		0.11	0.00	0.11

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Trading Summary		
Distinctiveness Group	Trading Rule	Trading Satisfied?
Very High	Same habitat required =	Yes ✓
High	Like for like or better	Yes ✓
Medium	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Yes ✓
Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Yes ✓
Very Low	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required	Yes ✓

Very High Distinctiveness			
Habitat group	On-site unit change	Off-site unit change	Project-wide 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

High Distinctiveness			
Habitat group	On-site unit change	Off-site unit change	Project wide unit change
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Species rich native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	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

Medium Distinctiveness			
Habitat group	On-site unit change	Off-site unit change	Project wide unit change
Species-rich native hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow - associated with bank or ditch	0.00	0.00	0.00
Native hedgerow with trees	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ecologically valuable line of trees	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

Low Distinctiveness			
Habitat group	On-site unit change	Off-site unit change	Project wide unit change
Native hedgerow	0.00	0.00	0.00
Line of trees	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

Very Low Distinctiveness			
Habitat group	On-site unit change	Off-site unit change	Project wide unit change
Non-native and ornamental hedgerow	-0.01	0.00	-0.01 Δ
	-0.01	0.00	-0.01

Very High Distinctiveness Summary	
Very High Distinctiveness Units available to offset lower distinctiveness deficits	0.00
Remaining losses: Like for like not satisfied	0.00

High Distinctiveness Summary	
High Distinctiveness Units available to offset lower distinctiveness deficits	0.00
High Distinctiveness losses to be offset by trading up	0.00
High Distinctiveness surplus units minus any high distinctiveness deficit	0.00

Medium Distinctiveness Summary	
Units available from higher distinctiveness habitats	0.00
Medium Distinctiveness losses to be offset by trading up	0.00
Cumulative availability of units	0.00

Low Distinctiveness Summary	
Low Distinctiveness net change in units	0.00 ✓
Cumulative availability of units	0.00 ✓

Very Low Distinctiveness Summary	
Very Low Distinctiveness net change in units	-0.01 Δ
Cumulative availability of units	0.01 ✓

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