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Project details			
Planning authority:			
Project name:	Land at Beech Tree Farm		
Applicant:			
Application type:			
Planning application reference:			
Completed by:	Richard Laws		
Date of metric completion:	13th March 2026		
Reviewer:			
Calculation iteration:			
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):	0.15	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	6	0.0244		0.0000
Medium		0.0000		0.0000		0.0000
Large		0.0000		0.0000		0.0000
Very large		0.0000		0.0000		0.0000
Total	0	0.0000	6	0.0244	0	0.0000

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On-site baseline	*Habitat units*	0.23	
	Hedgerow units	0.08	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
On-site post-intervention (Including habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	*Habitat units*	0.26	
	Hedgerow units	0.08	
	Watercourse units	0.00	
On-site net change (units & percentage)	*Habitat units*	0.03	13.84%
	Hedgerow units	0.01	11.01%
	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*	0.03	
	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	

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Total net unit change	*Habitat units*	0.03
	Hedgerow units	0.01

(Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	*Watercourse units*	0.00

Total net % change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention, creation & enhancement)	*Habitat units*	13.84%
	Hedgerow units	11.01%
	Watercourse units	0.00%

Trading rules satisfied?	Yes ✓

Unit Type	Target	Baseline Units	Units Required	Unit Deficit	
Habitat units	10.00%	0.23	0.26	0.00	No additional area habitat units required to meet target ✓
Hedgerow units	10.00%	0.08	0.08	0.00	No additional hedgerow units required to meet target ✓
Watercourse units	10.00%	0.00	0.00	0.00	No additional watercourse units required to meet target ✓

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Detailed Results

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Net project biodiversity units (Including all on-site & off-site habitat retention / creation)	*Habitat units*	0.03
	Hedgerow units	0.01
	Watercourse units	0.00
Total project biodiversity % change (Including all on-site & off-site habitat creation + retained habitats)	*Habitat units*	13.84%
	Hedgerow units	11.01%
	Watercourse units	0.00%

Combined habitat retention and enhancement

	Habitats	Hedgerows	Watercourses
Total on-site and off-site baseline area / length	0.15	0.02	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline units	0.23	0.08	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline area / length retained	0.13	0.02	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline units retained	0.19	0.08	0.00
Total on-site and off-site area / length proposed for enhancement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline units proposed for enhancement	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline area / length lost	0.02	0.00	0.00
Total on-site and off-site baseline units lost	0.04	0.00	0.00

Area 1:

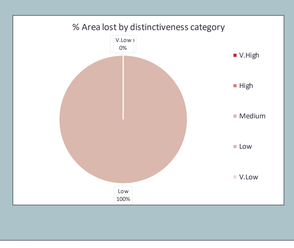
Area habitats

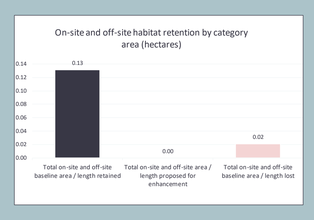
On-site change by broad habitat type

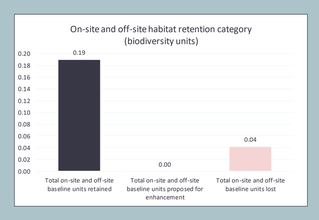
Habitat group	Baseline: On-site existing area	Baseline: On-site existing value	Post-development on-site: On-site proposed area	Post-development on-site: On-site proposed value	On-site change: On-site area change	On-site change: On-site unit change
Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.01
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	0.14	0.20	0.14	0.17	0.01	-0.03
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	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.07

Combined area lost from baseline(s) by distinctiveness band

Category	Area lost (hectares)	Area lost (%)
V.High	0	
High	0	
Medium	0	
Low	0.0212	100
V.Low	0	

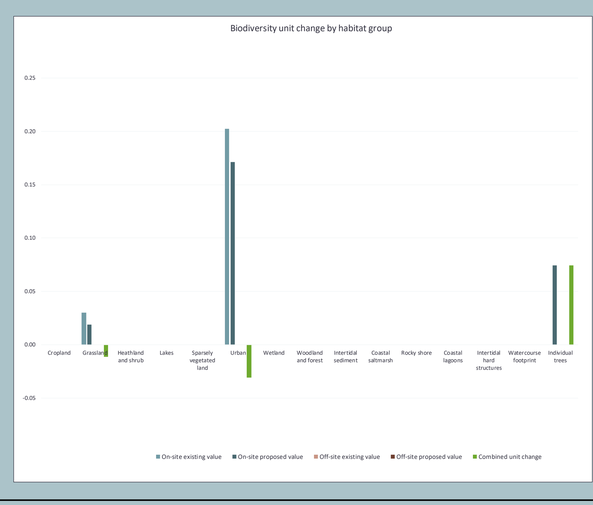


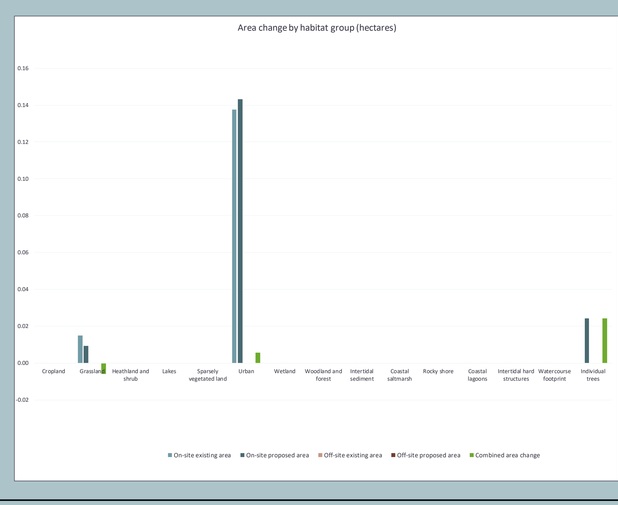




Off-site change by broad habitat type

Habitat group	Baseline: Off-site existing area	Baseline: Off-site existing value	Post-development off-site: Off-site proposed area	Post-development off-site: Off-site proposed value	Off-site change: Off-site area change	Off-site 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	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.07





Combined on-site and off-site change by broad habitat type

Habitat group	Baseline: Combined existing area	Baseline: Combined existing value	On-site and off-site post-development: Combined proposed area	On-site and off-site post-development: Combined proposed value	Combined change: Combined area change	Combined change: Combined unit change
Cropland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.01
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	0.14	0.20	0.14	0.17	0.01	-0.03
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	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.07

Hedgerows and Lines of Trees

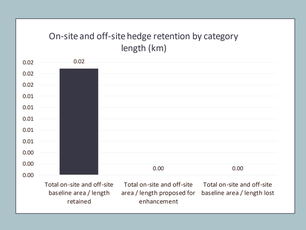
Hedgerows and lines of trees

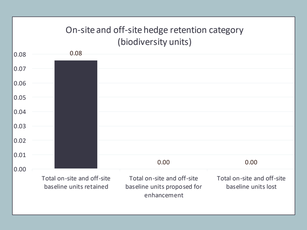
On-site change by hedgerow type

Hedgerow type	Baseline: On-site existing length	Baseline: On-site existing value	Post-development on-site: On-site proposed length	Post-development on-site: On-site proposed value	On-site change: On-site length change	On-site change: On-site unit change
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or	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	0.02	0.08	0.02	0.08	0.01	0.01
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 length lost from baseline(s) by distinctiveness band

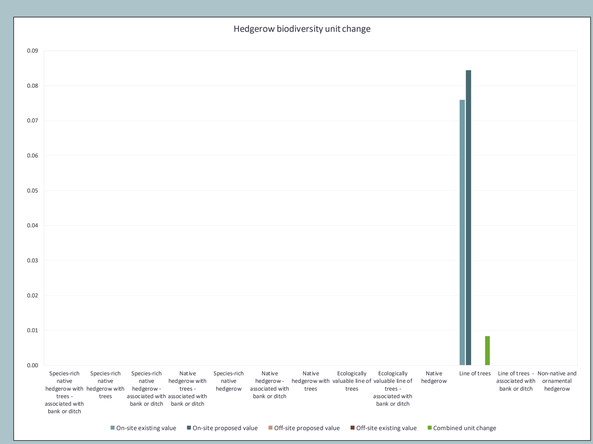
Category	Length lost (km)	Length lost (%)
V.High	0	
High	0	
Medium	0	
Low	0	
V.Low	0	

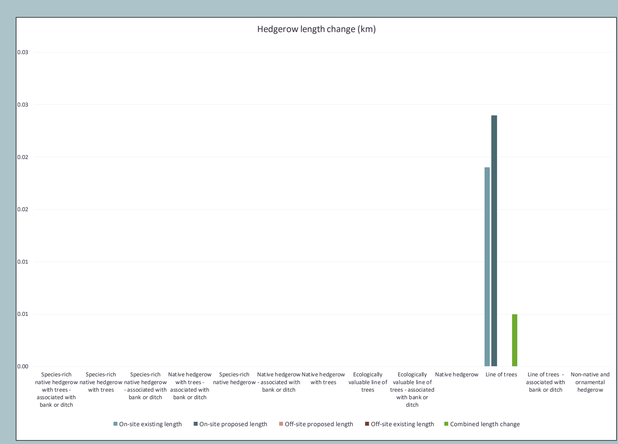




Off-site change by hedgerow type

Hedgerow type	Baseline: Off-site existing length	Baseline: Off-site existing value	Post-development off-site: Off-site proposed length	Post-development off-site: Off-site proposed value	Off-site change: Off-site length change	Off-site change: Off-site unit change
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or	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: Combined existing length	Baseline: Combined existing value	Post-development: Combined proposed length	Post-development: Combined proposed value	Change: Combined length change	Change: Combined unit change
Species-rich native hedgerow with trees - associated with bank or	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	0.02	0.08	0.02	0.08	0.01	0.01
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

Watercourses

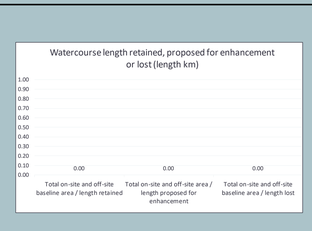
Watercourses

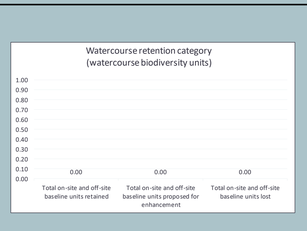
On-site change by watercourse type

Watercourse type	Baseline: On-site existing length	Baseline: On-site existing value	Post-development on site: On-site proposed length	Post-development on site: On-site proposed value	On-site Change: On-site length change	On-site 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

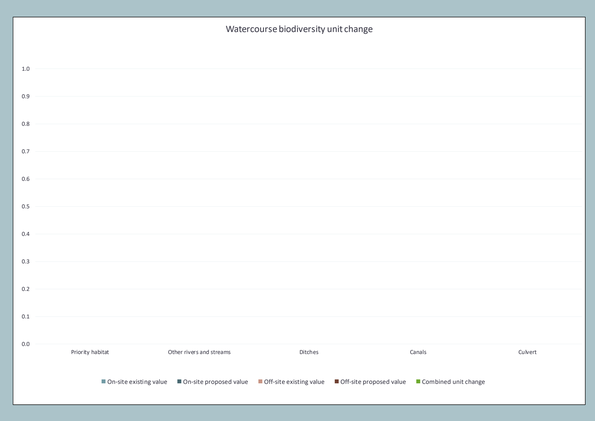
Category	Length lost (km)	Length lost (%)
V.High	0	
High	0	
Medium	0	
Low	0	

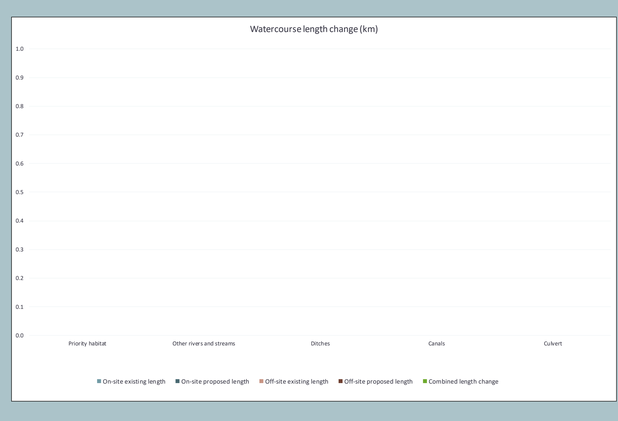




Off-site change by watercourse type

Watercourse type	Baseline: Off-site existing length	Baseline: Off-site existing value	Post development off-site: Off-site proposed length	Post development off-site: Off-site proposed value	Off-site Change: Off-site length change	Off-site 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: Combined existing length	Baseline: Combined existing value	Post-development on-site: Combined proposed length	Post-development on-site: Combined proposed value	On-site change: Combined length change	On-site 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

Project Name: Land at Beech Tree Farm Map Reference:

A-1 On-Site Habitat Baseline

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Area habitat summary	
Total Net Unit Change	0.03
Total Net % Change	13.84%
Trading Rules Satisfied	Yes ✓

	Existing area habitats				Distinctiveness		Condition		Strategic significance				Ecological baseline								Comments		
Ref	Broad Habitat	Habitat Type	Irreplaceable habitat	Area (hectares)	Distinctiveness	Score	Condition	Score	Strategic significance	Strategic significance	Strategic significance multiplier	Required Action to Meet Trading Rules	Total habitat units	Area retained	Area enhanced	Baseline units retained	Baseline units enhanced	Area habitat lost	Units lost	Bespoke compensation agreed for losses of VHDH or irreplaceable habitat	User comments	Planning authority comments	Habitat reference number
1	Urban	Developed land; sealed surface	No	0.0364	V.Low	0	N/A - Other	0	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	Low Strategic Significance	1	Compensation Not Required	0.00	0.0364		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
2	Urban	Bare ground	No	0.0874	Low	2	Poor	1	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	Low Strategic Significance	1	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required ≥	0.17	0.0768		0.15	0.00	0.01	0.02				
3	Urban	Vegetated garden	No	0.0138	Low	2	Condition Assessment N/A	1	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	Low Strategic Significance	1	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required ≥	0.03	0.0089		0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01				
4	Grassland	Modified grassland	No	0.0151	Low	2	Poor	1	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	Low Strategic Significance	1	Same distinctiveness or better habitat required ≥	0.03	0.0094		0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01				
				Total habitat area:									0.23	0.13	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.02	0.04				
				Site Area (Excluding area of individual trees, green walls, intertidal hard structures):																			

Total area lost (excluding area of individual trees, green walls and intertidal hard structures): 0.02

M² to hectares conversion tool:	M²	Hectares	M²
	96	0.0096	96

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A-2 On-Site Habitat Creation

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Area habitat summary	
Total Net Unit Change	0.03
Total Net % Change	13.84%
Trading Rules Satisfied	Yes ✓
Area Check	Area Acceptable ✓

				Distinctiveness		Condition		Strategic significance			Temporal multiplier					Difficulty multipliers					Comments		
Ref	Broad Habitat	Proposed habitat	Area (hectares)	Distinctiveness	Score	Condition	Score	Strategic significance	Strategic significance	Strategic significance multiplier	Standard time to target condition (years)	Habitat created in advance (years)	Delay in starting habitat creation (years)	Standard or adjusted time to target condition	Final time to target condition (years)	Final time to target multiplier	Standard difficulty of creation	Applied difficulty multiplier	Final difficulty of creation	Difficulty multiplier applied	Habitat units delivered	User comments	Planning authority comments	Habitat reference number
1	Urban	Developed land; sealed surface	0.0212	V.Low	0	N/A - Other	0	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	Low Strategic Significance	1	0	0	0	Standard time to target condition applied	0	1.000	Low	Standard difficulty applied	Low	1	0.00			
2	Individual trees	Urban tree	0.0244	Medium	4	Moderate	2	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	Low Strategic Significance	1	27	0	0	Standard time to target condition applied	27	0.382	Low	Standard difficulty applied	Low	1	0.07			

Total habitat area	0.05
Site Area (Excluding area of individual trees, green walls, intertidal hard structures)	0.02

M² to hectares conversion tool:	M²	Hectares	M²
	2500	0.0500	2500

Total Units 0.07

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B-1 On-Site Hedge Baseline

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Hedgerow summary	
Total Net Unit Change	0.01
Total Net % Change	11.01%
Trading Rules Satisfied	Yes ✓

	Existing hedgerow habitats			Distinctiveness		Condition		Strategic significance				Ecological baseline	Comments								
Ref	Hedge number	Habitat type	Length (km)	Distinctiveness	Score	Condition	Score	Strategic significance	Strategic significance	Strategic significance multiplier	Required Action to Meet Trading Rules	Total hedgerow units	Length retained	Length enhanced	Units retained	Units enhanced	Length lost	Units lost	User comments	Planning authority comments	Habitat reference number
1		Line of trees	0.019	Low	2	Moderate	2	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	Low Strategic Significance	1	Same distinctiveness band or better	0.08	0.019		0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00			
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Hedgerow summary	
Total Net Unit Change	0.01
Total Net % Change	11.01%
Trading Rules Satisfied	Yes ✓

		Proposed habitats		Distinctiveness		Condition		Strategic significance			Temporal multiplier						Difficulty risk multipliers				Hedge units delivered	Comments		
Ref	New hedge number	Habitat type	Length (km)	Distinctiveness	Score	Condition	Score	Strategic significance	Strategic significance	Strategic significance multiplier	Standard Time to target condition (years)	Habitat created in advance (years)	Delay in starting habitat creation (years)	Standard or adjusted time to target condition	Final time to target condition (years)	Final time to target multiplier	Standard difficulty of creation	Applied difficulty multiplier	Final difficulty of creation	Difficulty multiplier applied		User comments	Planning authority comments	Habitat reference number
1		Line of trees	0.005	Low	2	Poor	1	Area/compensation not in local strategy/ no local strategy	Low Strategic Significance	1	5	0	0	Standard time to target condition applied	5	0.837	Low	Standard difficulty applied	Low	1	0.01			
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