Condition Sheet: URBAN Habitat Type

Habitat Types

Sparsely vegetated land - Ruderal/Ephemeral
Sparsely vegetated land - Tall forbs
Urban - Allotments
Urban - Biodiverse green roof
Urban - Bioswale
Urban - Cemeteries and churchyards
Urban - Facade-bound green wall
Urban - Ground based green wall
Urban - Intensive green roof
Urban - Open mosaic habitats on previously developed land
Urban - Rain garden
Urban - Sustainable drainage system (SuDS)
Urban - Vacant or derelict land
Urban - Bare ground

Habitat Description

See the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide for green roofs, and UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) for other habitats: ukhab – UK Habitat Classification

On-site or off-site, site name and location	On-site, Cudworth Parkway, Barnsley	**Survey date and Surveyor name**	02/04/2026 , Dean Fisher
		Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	A5956
Limitations (if applicable)	Survey date earlier in the season (02 April 2026), as such, plant composition limited.		

Condition Assessment Criteria		**Habitat parcel reference**		**Grid reference**		**Notes (such as justification)**
		BG1	TF1	SE 39121 10326	SE 39148 10370	
		Criterion passed (Yes or No)				
Core Criteria - must be assessed for **all urban habitat types**:						
A	Vegetation structure is varied, providing opportunities for vertebrates and invertebrates to live, eat and breed. A single structural habitat component or vegetation type does not account for more than 80% of the total habitat area.	Y	N			
B	The habitat parcel contains different plant species that are beneficial for wildlife, for example flowering species providing nectar sources for a range of invertebrates at different times of year.	Y	Y			
C	Invasive non-native plant species (listed on Schedule 9 of WCA[1]) and others which are to the detriment of native wildlife (using professional judgement)[2] cover less than 5% of the total vegetated area[3]. **Note - to achieve Good condition, this criterion must be satisfied by a complete absence of invasive non-native species (rather than <5% cover).**	Y	Y			
Additional Criterion - must be assessed for **Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land** only:						
D	The parcel shows spatial variation and forms a mosaic of bare substrate PLUS: - At least four early successional communities (a) to (i); Communities: (a) annuals; (b) mosses/liverworts; (c) lichens; (d) ruderals; (e) inundation species; (f) open grassland; (g) flower-rich grassland; (h) heathland, (i) pools.	N	N			
Additional Criteria - must be assessed for **Bioswale and SuDS** habitat types only:						
E1	Plant species are mostly native. If non-native species are present, they should not be detrimental to the habitat or native wildlife[4].	N/A	N/A			
E2	The vegetation is comprised of plant species suited to wetland or riparian situations.	N/A	N/A			
Additional Criterion - must be assessed for **Intensive green roofs** only:						
F	The roof has a minimum of 50% native and non-native wildflowers. 70% of the roof area is soil and vegetation (including water features).	N/A	N/A			
Additional Criterion - must be assessed for **Biodiverse green roofs** only:						

G	The roof has a varied depth of 80 – 150 mm; at least 50% is at 150 mm and is planted and seeded with wildflowers and sedums or is pre-prepared with sedums and wildflowers. **Note – to achieve Good condition, some additional habitat, such as sand piles, stones, logs etc. are present.**	N/A	N/A									
Essential criteria relevant for habitat type achieved (Yes or No)		Y	Y									
Number of criteria passed		3	2									
Condition Assessment Result	**Condition Assessment Score**	**Score Achieved ×/✓**										
Results for habitats requiring assessment of **3 core criteria** only **(all listed urban habitats except Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land, Bioswale, SuDS and Green roofs)**:												
• Passes all 3 core criteria; AND • Meets the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.	Good (3)	Y	N									
• Passes 2 of 3 core criteria; OR • Passes 3 of 3 core criteria but does not meet the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.	Moderate (2)	N	Y									
• Passes 0 or 1 of 3 core criteria.	Poor (1)	N	N									
Results for **Green roofs** and **Open mosaic habitat on previously developed land** (requiring assessment of **4 criteria** only - core criteria plus additional criterion specified for habitat type):												
• Passes all 3 core criteria; AND • Meets the requirements for Good condition within criterion C; AND • Passes additional criterion relevant to specific habitat type (D, F or G).	Good (3)	N/A	N/A									
• Passes 2 or 3 of 4 criteria; OR • Passes 4 of 4 criteria but does not meet the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.	Moderate (2)	N/A	N/A									
• Passes 0 or 1 of 4 criteria.	Poor (1)	N/A	N/A									
Results for **Bioswale or SuDS** (requiring assessment of **5 criteria** - core criteria plus additional criteria specified for habitat type):												
• Passes all 3 core criteria; AND • Meets the requirements for Good condition within criterion C; AND • Passes all additional criteria relevant to specific habitat type (Group E)	Good (3)	N/A	N/A									
• Passes 3 or 4 of 5 criteria; OR • Passes 5 of 5 criteria but does not meet the requirements for Good condition within criterion C.	Moderate (2)	N/A	N/A									
• Passes 2 or fewer of 5 criteria.	Poor (1)	N/A	N/A									
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score												
Footnotes												