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Dear Christine:

Baden Street, Worsbrough, Barnsley, South Yorkshire

I have now visited the above site to make a preliminary assessment with regard to the eco criteria of the Code for sustainable Homes assessment process.

The site comprises an area of unmanaged neutral grassland dominated by False Oat-grass (*Arrhenatherum elatius*), with a limited range of associated species which are largely robust ruderal species including Creeping Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Broad-leaved Dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*), Common Nettle (*Urtica dioica*) and Common Ragwort (*Senecio jacobaea*).

My initial assessments with regard to the Eco Credits are:

GSH Assessment		Potential Credits
Eco 1	My survey confirmed that the site is of low ecological value as it supports low grade habitats that contain only common and widespread species.	1
Eco 2	Provided an ecologist is appointed to make recommendations and that these are sensible this credit should be achievable	1
Eco 3	The site is assessed to be of low ecological value and no features of ecological value have been identified and need protecting	1
Eco 4	The number of credits depends upon the final landscaping scheme details, however given the low density of development shown in the development plan it may be possible to gain 2 or 3 credits for this scheme	2-3
Notes	No evidence of Japanese Knotweed was noted during the preliminary survey visit.	

I hope that this preliminary assessment is helpful in your consideration of this site and it would appear that up to 6 credits may potentially be available for this scheme, depending upon the number of native or wildlife friendly species that can be included in the final landscape design. We would of course be pleased to advise on suitable species to assist in maximising the credits available under Eco 4.

In the meantime if I can be of any further assistance with this or any other project, please do not hesitate to contact me

Best wishes.

Yours Sincerely,



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Enclosure Species List

Species List—Baden Street, Worsbrough, Barnsley

Common Name	Scientific Name	Abundance
Cow Parsley	<i>Anthriscus sylvestris</i>	R
False Oat-grass	<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>	A-LD
Creeping Thistle	<i>Cirsium arvense</i>	O-LA
Hawthorn	<i>Crataegus monogyna</i>	Hedgerow only
Cock's-foot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	O-LF
Red Fescue	<i>Festuca rubra</i>	LF
Cleavers	<i>Galium aparine</i>	O-LF
Hogweed	<i>Heracleum sphondylium</i>	0
Yorkshire Fog	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	O-LF
Red Deadnettle	<i>Lamium purpureum</i>	R
Common bird's-foot-trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	LF
Ribwort Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	O
Dog Rose	<i>Rosa canina</i> agg.	Hedgerow only
Broad-laved Dock	<i>Rumex obtusifolius</i>	O-LF
Elder	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Hedgerow only
Common Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	F
Dandelion	<i>Taraxacum officinale</i> agg	O-LF
White Clover	<i>Trifolium repens</i>	O-LF
Red Clover	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	O-LF
Common Nettle	<i>Urtica dioica</i>	O-LA
Hairy Tare	<i>Vicia hirsuta</i>	LF