

ROCKLEY DENE, WORSBOROUGH

BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN SUMMARY REPORT

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1 SUMMARY

It is considered that the development, if granted, would be subject to the biodiversity gain condition.

The pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitats has been determined using the habitat condition assessments contained within the accompanying Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and the Statutory Defra Biodiversity Metric (published 12.02.2024), and are as follows:

- 3.44 Habitat Units

No irreplaceable habitats are present on the application site.

It is noted that there was previous removal of urban trees on the site prior to survey, and to accurately record the pre-development biodiversity value, these have been included within the baseline UKHabs Plan (see figure 2 below) and contained within the accompanying metric.

As the site layout is fixed, this allows the post-intervention habitats to be detailed (see figure 3 below) and entered into the metric (as a Draft Biodiversity Gain Plan). This comprises areas of:

- Modified Grassland
- Other Neutral Grassland
- Individual Urban Trees
- Vegetated Gardens
- Hardstanding
- Buildings

Based on the Statutory Defra Biodiversity Metric calculations, the proposed development will result in an overall change in **Habitat Units to -4.09%** (-0.16 Habitat units).

This is summarised in the Headline Results extract in Figure 1 below.

In order to achieve the 10% net gain target required by the Environment Act (2021) **0.48 Habitat units** will need to be provided as off-site compensation.

In order to achieve trading rules these units must specifically include **0.16 Habitat units of Individual Trees**.

These units will need to be provided post-planning by the applicant either;

- On other land within the applicants ownership;
- As an agreed contribution with the LPA to implement on a scheme elsewhere;
- Through a habitat bank;
- Or as a last resort through DEFRA's Statutory Biodiversity Credit system.

This can be secured via the pre-commencement 'Biodiversity Gain Condition'.

All subsequent landscape plans / strategies submitted for approval must have due regard to habitat prescriptions provided within the user comments section of BNG metric to ensure that the targeted habitat and conditions will be achieved.



- Key
- Red Line Boundary
 - Small Tree
 - Medium Tree
 - Small Tree - Felled Prior to Survey
 - Medium Tree - Felled Prior to Survey
 - g4 - modified grassland
 - u1 - built-up areas and gardens
 - u1b - developed land; sealed surface
 - u1b5 - buildings
 - r1g - other standing water



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- Key**
- Red Line Boundary
 - Post Dev Habs
 - LMP Trees
 - Small - Existing
 - Medium - Existing
 - Small - Proposed
 - Post Dev Habs
 - g3c - other neutral grassland
 - g4 - modified grassland
 - u1 - built-up areas and gardens
 - u1b - developed land; sealed surface
 - u1b5 - buildings
 - r1g - other standing water



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