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Warwickshire Coventry and Solihull - Biodiversity Impact Assessment Calculator - Linear Features

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**Linear Features**  
Hedges and other linear features can offer a higher biodiversity value per length than a standard area of habitat due to factors such as connectivity and must therefore be compensated for in parallel to the standard metric.

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		Existing linear features on site		Linear distinctiveness		Linear condition		Linear Biodiversity Value						
								Linear features to be retained with no change within development		Linear features to be retained and enhanced within development		Linear features to be lost within development		
T. Note	code	Phase 1 habitat description	Feature length (km)	Distinctiveness	Score	Condition	Score	Length (km)	Existing value	Length (km)	Existing value	Length (km)	Existing value	Comment
Direct Impacts and retained features														
				A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H			
Hedges	J231	Hedges: Native species rich hedge with trees	0.52	High	6	Moderate	2	0.23	2.78	0.29	3.48	Hedges H1		
Hedges	J23	Hedges: Hedge with trees	0.35	Medium-High	5	Moderate	2	0.07	0.70	0.28	2.80	Hedges H2		
Hedges	J21	Hedges: Intact hedge	0.33	Medium	4	Moderate	2	0.33	2.64			Hedges H3		
Ditches	J26	Ditches: Dry ditch	0.57	Low	2	Poor	1	0.51	1.02	0.06	0.12	Ditches D1 and D3		
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CAUTION - Destruction of features of medium or high distinctiveness, e.g. hedgerows and streams, may be against local policy. Has the mitigation hierarchy been followed, can impact to these habitats be avoided?  
Any unavoidable loss of valuable habitats must be replaced with similar or better hedgerows. All newly planted hedges should be native species-rich hedgerows.

Proposed linear features on site (Onsite mitigation)			Target linear distinctiveness		Target linear condition		Time till target condition		Difficulty of creation / restoration		Linear biodiversity value		Comment
T. Note	code	Phase 1 habitat description	Length (km)	Distinctiveness	Score	Condition	Score	Time (years)	Score	Difficulty	Score	Linear biodiversity value (N x O x P) / Q / R	
Linear Creation													
			N		O		P		Q		R		
	J211	Hedges: Native species rich intact hedge	1.40	High	6	Good	3	15 years	1.7	Low	1	14.82	New hedgerow planting shown on the soil landscaping proposals (Plan Refs: LB291 D01, LB291 D02, and LB291 D03)

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### Biodiversity Impact Assessment Summary

Site name:	Catalyst Bicester
Planning reference number:	

Habitats	Area (ha)	Habitat Biodiversity Value
Total existing area onsite	14.87	52.68
Habitats negatively impacted by development Habitat Impact Score	14.87	52.68
On site habitat mitigation Habitat Mitigation Score	14.87	69.74
<b>Habitat Biodiversity Impact Score</b>		
If -ve further compensation required		<b>17.05</b>
Percentage of biodiversity impact		
Linear features	Length (km)	Linear Biodiversity Value
Total existing length onsite	1.77	13.52
Linear features negatively impacted by development Linear Impact Score	0.57	6.28
On site linear mitigation Linear Mitigation Score	2.09	18.05
<b>Linear Biodiversity Impact Score</b>		
If -ve further compensation required		<b>11.77</b>
Percentage of linear biodiversity impact		

CAUTION - Destruction of habitats of high distinctiveness, e.g. lowland meadow, ancient woodland or species-rich hedgerows, may be against local policy. Has the mitigation hierarchy been followed, can impact to these habitats be avoided? Any unavoidable loss of habitats of high distinctiveness must be replaced like-for-

For any questions with regard to biodiversity impact and this development please contact Warwickshire County Council Ecological Services:

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If there is an anticipated loss to biodiversity and no further ecological enhancements can be incorporated within the development it may be possible to compensate for this loss through a biodiversity offsetting scheme.

Please contact The Environment Bank for discussions on potential receptor sites in your area:

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Phase 1 Habitat Descriptions	Phase 1 Habitat Codes	Distinctiveness		Difficulty of creation		Difficulty of restoration	
Built Environment: Buildings/hardstanding	n/a	none	0	Low	1	Low	1
Built Environment: Gardens (lawn and planting)	n/a	Low	1	Low	1	Low	1
Woodland: Broad-leaved semi-natural woodland	A111	High	6	n/a	-	Low	1
Woodland: Broad-leaved plantation	A112	Medium	4	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Woodland: Coniferous semi-natural woodland	A121	Medium	4	n/a	-	Low	1
Woodland: Coniferous plantation	A122	Low	2	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Woodland: Mixed semi-natural woodland	A131	Medium	4	n/a	-	Low	1
Woodland: Mixed plantation	A132	Low	2	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Woodland: Wet woodland	n/a	High	6	Medium	1.5	Medium	1.5
Woodland: Dense continuous scrub	A21	Medium-Low	3	Low	1	Low	1
Woodland: Scattered scrub	A22	Medium	4	Low	1	Low	1
Woodland: Scattered trees	A3	Medium	4	Low	1	Low	1
Woodland: Broad-leaved parkland	A31	High	6	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Woodland: Coniferous parkland	A32	Medium	4	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Woodland: Recently felled woodland	A4	Low	2	n/a	-	n/a	-
Woodland: Orchard	A5	High	6	Low	1	Low	1
Grassland: Unimproved acidic grassland	B11	High	6	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Grassland: Semi-improved acidic grassland	B12	Medium-High	5	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Grassland: Unimproved neutral grassland	B21	High	6	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Grassland: Semi-improved neutral grassland	B22	Medium	4	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Grassland: Unimproved calcareous grassland	B31	High	6	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Grassland: Semi-improved calcareous grassland	B32	Medium-High	5	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Grassland: Poor semi-improved grassland	B6	Medium-Low	3	Medium	1.5	Low	1
Grassland: Improved grassland	B4	Low	2	n/a	-	Low	1
Grassland: Marsh / Marshy grassland	B5	High	6	High	3	Medium	1.5
Grassland: Dry heath / Acidic grassland mosaic	D5	High	6	Medium	1.5	Medium	1.5
Grassland: Set-aside / Arable field margins	J113	High	6	Low	1	Low	1
Grassland: Amenity grassland	J12	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Wetland: Standing water	G1	High	6	Medium	1.5	Medium	1.5
Wetland: Running water	G2	High	6	Medium	1.5	Medium	1.5
Wetland: Reedbed	n/a	High	6	low	1	low	1
Wetland: Sphagnum Bog	E11	High	6	Very High	10	High	3
Wetland: Acid/neutral flush	E21	High	6	High	3	Medium	1.5
Wetland: Basin Mire	E32	High	6	High	3	Medium	1.5
Wetland: Swamp	F1	High	6	High	3	Medium	1.5
Wetland: Inundation vegetation	F22	High	6	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Arable	J11	Low	2	n/a	-	n/a	-
Other: Continuous bracken	C11	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Tall ruderal	C31	Medium-Low	3	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Non-ruderal	C32	Medium	4	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Ephemeral/short perennial	J13	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Allotments	J112	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Quarry	I21	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Spoil	I22	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Refuse tip	I24	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Introduced shrub	J14	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1

Distinctiveness	
High	6
Medium-High	5
Medium	4
Medium-Low	3
Low	2
none	0

Condition	
Good	3
Moderate	2
Poor	1

Time	
5 years	1.2
10 years	1.4
15 years	1.7
20 years	2
25 years	2.4
30 years	2.8
32+ years	3

Difficulty	
Very high	10
High	3
Medium	1.5
Low	1
n/a	0

Other: Bare ground	J4	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Green roof	n/a	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Linear features							
Hedges: Intact hedge	J21	Medium	4	Low	1	Low	1
Hedges: Native species rich intact hedge	J211	High	6	Low	1	Low	1
Hedges: Hedge with trees	J23	Medium-High	5	Low	1	Low	1
Hedges: Native species rich hedge with trees	J231	High	6	Low	1	Low	1
Hedges: Defunct hedge	J22	Low	2	n/a	-	n/a	-
Hedges: Linear scrub	A21	Medium	4	Low	1	Low	1
Hedges: Linear trees	A3	Medium	4	Low	1	Low	1
Hedges: Introduced shrub	J14	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Ditches: Standing water	G1	High	6	Medium	2	Low	1
Ditches: Running water	G2	High	6	Medium	2	Low	1
Ditches: Dry ditch	J26	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Boundaries: Fence	J24	None	0	Low	1	Low	1
Boundaries: Wall	J25	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Boundaries: Dry stone wall	J25	Medium	4	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Inland cliff	I1	Medium	4	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Earth bank	J28	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1
Other: Green wall	n/a	Low	2	Low	1	Low	1

### Habitat trading down correction calculator

### Existing Site

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### Proposed Site

Proposed habitat creation	Area of habitat creation	Distinctiveness	High distinctiveness proposed biodiversity value	Medium-High distinctiveness proposed biodiversity value	Medium distinctiveness proposed biodiversity value	Medium-Low distinctiveness proposed biodiversity value
Wetland: Inundation vegetation	2.83	High	25.47	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland: Mixed plantation	0.29	Low	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland: Semi-improved neutral grassland	1.75	Medium	0.00	0.00	11.67	0.00
Other: Introduced shrub	0.11	Low	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland: Scattered scrub	0.02	Medium	0.00	0.00	0.20	0.00
Grassland: Amenity grassland	1.01	Low	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Woodland: Dense continuous scrub	0.43	Medium-Low	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.17
Wetland: Reedbed	0.15	High	1.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
Grassland: Semi-improved neutral grassland	3.03	Medium	0.00	0.00	20.20	0.00
Woodland: Scattered trees	0.87	Medium	0.00	0.00	4.35	0.00
Built Environment: Buildings/hardstanding	4.38	none	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Proposed habitat enhancement	Area	Distinctiveness	High	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-Low
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
-	-		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	14.87		26.73	0.00	36.42	2.17

### Trading Down Correction

Trading Down Correction	High	Medium-High	Medium	Medium-Low
Value of existing habitat loss per distinctiveness	2.64	0.00	36.18	0.00
Value of created habitats per distinctiveness	26.73	0.00	36.42	2.17
Would this result in trading down habitats?	Never	No	No	No
If no, value each distinctiveness still requiring compensation	0	0	0	0
Surplus gain to be carried over to compensate loss of lower habitats (rolls over)	24.09	24.09	24.32	26.49
Trading down correction value	n/a	0	0	0

This calculator assess whether there is any down trading in habitats value. E.g. loss of high distinctiveness habitat cannot be compensated for by surplus medium mitigation. It calculates the value which enters into the primary calculator to take this into account. Such that the full level of high habitat loss compensation is required. However if additional medium gain is created, the surplus value of the high loss, this surplus is still be taken into account with on site gain.

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Any unavoidable loss of habitats of high distinctiveness must be replaced like-for like.



### Existing Site

### Proposed Site

### Linear trading down correction

This calculator assess whether there is any down trading in linear habitats. E.g. loss of high distinctiveness habitat and surplus creation of medium or low habitats. It calculates a correction value which enters into the primary calculator to take this into account. Such that the full level of high habitat loss compensation is required. However if additional medium gain is generated above the value of the high loss, this surplus is still be taken into account with on site gain.

CAUTION - Destruction of each habitat of medium distinctiveness and above should be mitigated for with creation/restoration of a similar habitat. Trading up of habitat type is encouraged.