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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 **Background and Scope**

- AECOM Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited (AECOM) has been commissioned by Highways England to provide design services with regards to the A38 Derby Junctions scheme (referred to as the proposed scheme herein).
- 1.1.2 The proposed scheme concerns the grade separation of three junctions on the A38 in Derby, namely:
  - A38/ A61 Little Eaton junction;
  - A38/ A52 Markeaton junction; and
  - A38/ A5111 Kingsway junction.
- 1.1.3 These three junctions are located along an approximate 5.5km length of the A38 national trunk road, to the west and north of Derby.
- To assist with the assessment of the proposed scheme's potential environmental effects, a range of environmental surveys has been undertaken to define prevailing baseline conditions. AECOM will be preparing an Environmental Statement which will assess whether the proposed scheme has the potential to result in significant environmental effects, taking into account impact avoidance measures that are embedded into the proposed scheme design, as well as standard management activities that will be adopted. To support the ecological impact assessment, in 2015 AECOM undertook an extended Phase 1 habitat survey along the route of the proposed scheme (AECOM report 47071319-URS-05-RP-EN-003). The results of the extended Phase 1 Habitat surveys were used to identify areas of hedgerow, scrub, plantation woodland and grassland where further surveys were undertaken to inform the Environmental Impact Assessment process (see AECOM report 47071319-URS-05-RP-EN-011).
- 1.1.5 The proposed scheme boundary was updated in 2017 to include additional areas proposed for potential flood storage, construction compounds and ecological compensation. The results of an extended Phase 1 habitat survey (AECOM, 2017 Unpub.) informed the selection of additional areas requiring further survey and also included a re-survey of 2 of the species-rich grassland areas identified in 2015, 7 new grassland areas, 1 woodland area (noted as a 'site of interest' by the Local Wildlife Trust) and one hedgerow.

#### 1.2 Site and Study Area

- The proposed scheme under appraisal encompasses the Kingsway and Markeaton 1.2.1 junctions, west of the City of Derby (Centroid SK 32801 36103) and Little Eaton junction north of Derby (SK 36402 39990). A plan showing the proposed scheme boundary is presented in Figure 1, Appendix A. The ecological study area as referred to herein extends up to 50m beyond the proposed scheme boundary.
- 1.2.2 The A38 is a busy arterial 'A' road carrying traffic around the west and north of the City of Derby. South of Kingsway junction, the road enters a cutting and is bordered by semi-improved grassland and scrub covered verges. The central reservation south of Kingsway junction and the junction island in this location support a mosaic of habitat types, including semi-improved neutral grassland and native broadleaved

- woodland. Bramble Brook flows from the west of the proposed scheme in this location through culverts located under the north-bound carriageway and the central reservation before connecting with further culverts located between the junction islands. North of Kingsway junction there is an area of mixed plantation represented by semi-mature trees on embankment.
- 1.2.3 Markeaton junction is bordered to the east by residential properties and to the west by parkland with veteran trees. The outfall from Markeaton Lake and Markeaton Brook flows through culverts beneath the existing A38 at the northern extent of the proposed scheme at Markeaton junction.
- The western boundary of the proposed scheme at Little Eaton junction borders the 1.2.4 road bridge over the River Derwent. The existing A38 is on embankment in this location, with the embankments themselves represented by areas of scrub and immature broadleaved plantation habitats. A variety of grassland habitats exist at the base of the embankments in this location.

#### 1.3 Relevant Legislation and Biodiversity Strategies

- The botanical survey sought to identify the presence of protected or notable habitats and plant species, which in this case are covered under one or more of the following pieces of legislation:
  - The Natural Environment and Rural Communities (NERC) Act 2006;
  - The Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981) as amended (WCA);
  - The EC Habitats Directive (Directive 92/43/ECC) as translated into UK law by The Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 (as amended);
  - The Hedgerow Regulations 1997; and
  - Section 41 of the NERC Act (2006).
- 1.3.2 Further details on Legislation and Policy are given in Appendix B.
- 1.3.3 The Post-2010 Biodiversity Framework covers the period 2011 2020 and replaces the UK Biodiversity Action Plan (UK BAP); which was launched in 1994 with the main aim 'To conserve and enhance biological diversity within the UK, and to contribute to the conservation of global biodiversity through all appropriate mechanisms'.
- The Lowland Derbyshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP) contains all the plant species and habitats that are identified as being in need of assistance in Derbyshire (outside the Peak District). The habitat action plans (HAP) listed under the LBAP are the semi-natural grassland HAP and the floodplain grazing marsh HAP.
- 1.3.5 Highways England, through the national Road Investment Strategy (RIS), has set an aspiration that the operation, maintenance, and enhancement of the Strategic Road Network (SRN) should move to a position that reduces no net loss of biodiversity by 2020; and, in the long term, Highways England should deliver a net gain in biodiversity across its broader range of works by 2040. Highways England published a Biodiversity Plan in 2015 to show how it will work with service providers to halt overall biodiversity loss, and maintain and enhance habitats and ecological networks. The Government requires Highways England to demonstrate progress against the 2015 Biodiversity Plan, to secure an ongoing annual reduction in the loss of net biodiversity due to its activities. The 2015 Biodiversity Plan provides a general plan to

protect and increase biodiversity. The 2015 Biodiversity Plan supersedes the preceding 2002 Highways Agency (now Highways England) Biodiversity Action Plan (Highways BAP 2002), which still however carries some relevance as it lists specific habitats and species of conservation concern.

#### 2 **METHODOLOGY**

#### 2.1 **Desk-Based Study**

2.1.1 The results of the 2017 Phase 1 habitat survey and the 2015 Phase 1 habitat and vegetation surveys undertaken in relation to this development were used to identify areas of semi-natural grassland and hedgerows and other habitats that required further surveys.

#### 2.2 **Grassland Survey**

- 2.2.1 Nine grassland areas were surveyed at Little Eaton junction (See Figure 1 for junction location). The location of these grassland areas is given in Figure 2 in Appendix A as Areas 2E, 2H, 2K, 2L, 2M, 2N, 2O, 2P and 2Q. Areas 2E and 2K were repeat surveys of areas surveyed in 2015.
- 2.2.2 Each of the 9 grassland areas was visited by a suitably experienced ecologist.
- 2.2.3 Photographs were taken of the grassland swards and notes taken on the grassland species composition including an indication of abundance for each species based on the DAFOR scale (given below).
  - D: Dominant
  - A: Abundant
  - F: Frequent
  - O: Occasional
  - R: Rare
- 2.2.4 Additional notes collected are as follows:
  - The presence of invasive weed species such as broad leaved dock (Rumex obtusifolius) as well as the presence of scrub and trees. The locations of stands of any previously unrecorded invasive non-native plant species were also noted.
  - Any signs of management or relevant site usage such as fly-tipping, grazing were also noted.

#### 2.3 **Hedgerow Survey**

2.3.1 The hedgerow survey was carried out based on the standard methods devised for the Hedgerow Regulations 1997. One hedgerow was surveyed on 27 July 2017 and the location is given in Figure 2 as H8.

#### 2.4 **Additional Survey of Other Habitats**

- 2.4.1 A survey was undertaken of woodland lacking any baseline survey data identified in the desk studies as being of interest (Site DE050/3). Species data was gathered on this woodland and the site was photographed. The woodland was surveyed on 27 July 2017 and the location is given in Figure 2 as W1.
- 2.4.2 The woodland was surveyed to confirm the habitat type and define further survey requirements.

#### 2.5 **Habitat Assessment**

#### **Grassland Assessment**

2.5.1 The grasslands were assessed using criteria taken from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (2003, revised 2011) Local Wildlife Assessment Guidance. The criteria used are based on scoring the number of grassland indicator species in a habitat stand and if a score of 8 or more is attained, then the grassland is worthy of consideration for local wildlife status. Further details are given in Appendix C. The indicator species are indicated in the results table in Appendix D.

#### **Hedgerow Assessment**

The hedgerow was assessed using the assessment criteria defined in relation to the 1997 Hedgerow Regulations which are given in Appendix C.

#### **Woodland Assessment**

The woodland plot did not support characteristic woodland flora; it was grazed as woodland pasture and largely comprised young to medium aged trees and so it was not recommended for further detailed woodland surveys.

#### 2.6 **Survey Limitations**

#### Grassland

- The grassland surveys were undertaken on 20 and 27 July 2017, which is a suitable 2.6.1 time of year and no survey constraints were identified. Survey access was not possible for Area 2L and so it was viewed from over a fence. The Area was occupied by a solar farm with tall unmanaged species-poor mesotrophic sward between and under the solar panels and the lack of access is unlikely to have significantly affected the survey results.
- 2.6.2 The LWS at the Kingsway roundabout was aimed to be re-surveyed however due to access restrictions it was not possible. An updated survey will still be required.

#### **Hedgerows**

The hedgerow survey was undertaken in July, which is a suitable time of year for the woody species but does limit to a degree the assessment of the hedgerow ground flora. In this instance, based on the survey results and location of the hedgerow it is considered very unlikely that woodland flora (as defined in the Hedgerow Regulations 1997) would have been recorded in the hedgerow bottom and the species-poor nature of the hedgerow made that information irrelevant to the assessment of whether the hedgerow was 'important' under the Regulations. Therefore no survey constraints were identified.

#### Woodland

The woodland survey was undertaken in July 2017 when some of the characteristic vernal, ground layer woodland species may not have been evident. In this instance the woodland plot was found to be managed as pasture woodland and so it is very unlikely that a spring survey would have revealed any additional characteristic ancient woodland species due to the effects of grazing pressure. Therefore, no survey constraints were identified.

#### 3 SURVEY RESULTS

#### 3.1 Grassland Survey Results

3.1.1 Descriptions of the nine grassland areas surveyed are given below, with the locations of these areas shown on Figure 2 in Appendix A. Appendix D provides the Grassland Species list and Appendix F comprises site photographs. The grassland Local Wildlife Sites indicator species (see Appendix C) are highlighted in the grassland species list given in Appendix D.

#### Area 2E

- 3.1.2 Area 2E survey was a re-survey from 2015 to ascertain if any change had taken place. This is still a horse-grazed field, with local stands of perennial weeds such as common nettle *Urtica dioica*, creeping thistle *Cirsium arvense* and spear thistle *Cirsium vulgare*. The field was variously inundated through the seasons and the invasive New-Zealand pigmyweed *Crassula helmsii* was locally dominant. There was an area of open water with a draw down zone at the southern end of the field which was not re-surveyed in 2017 because it now lies outside the area that will be affected by the development.
- 3.1.3 Creeping bent *Agrostis stolonifera* and red fescue *Festuca rubra* dominated the grasses, with lesser amounts of marsh foxtail *Alopecurus geniculatus* Yorkshire-fog *Holcus lanatus*, cock's-foot *Dactylis glomerata* and smooth meadow-grass *Poa pratensis*, perennial rye-grass *Lolium perenne* was a minor grass component.
- 3.1.4 The effects of heavy horse-grazing meant the frequent occurrence of daisy *Bellis perennis*, silverweed *Potentilla anserina*, common ragwort *Senecio jacobaea* and creeping buttercup *Ranunculus repens*.
- 3.1.5 Meadow buttercup Ranunculus acris, ribwort plantain Plantago lanceolata, meadowsweet Filipendula ulmaria, meadow crane's-bill Geranium pratensis, red clover Trifolium pratense were also noted, along with small amounts of more diminutive herbs, such as common mouse-ear Cerastium fontanum, cut-leaved crane's-bill Geranium dissectum and dove's-foot crane's-bill Geranium molle.
- 3.1.6 This area supported 3 grassland indicator species: water forget-me-not *Myostis scorpioides*, meadowsweet and meadow crane's bill.

#### Area 2H

- 3.1.7 Area 2H survey was a re-survey from 2015 to ascertain if any change had taken place. This area was still a tall unmanaged and physically dense grassland sward that was overwhelmingly dominated by Yorkshire fog, with lesser amounts of other robust grass species. Herbs were still a very minor component of the sward.
- 3.1.8 Common bent was locally frequent with abundant false oat-grass *Arrhenatherum elatius* and frequent meadow foxtail *Alopecurus pratensis*. Other grasses recorded included smooth meadow-grass, cock's-foot and perennial rye-grass.
- 3.1.9 Herbs recorded included occasional cleavers *Galium aparine*, hogweed *Heracleum spondylium*, oxeye daisy *Leucanthemum vulgare*, meadow buttercup, common vetch *Vicia sativa* ssp *sativa* and bush vetch *Vicia sepium*.
- 3.1.10 This area still supported 2 grassland indicator species: oxeye daisy and common vetch.

#### Area 2K

- 3.1.11 The Area 2K survey was a re-survey from 2015 to check if any change had taken place. This unmanaged species-rich grassland sward occurs on a steep slope near a sewage works on the A38. There was extensive scrub and encroachment from trees including ash *Fraxinus excelsior* and common hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*. It was dominated by tall grasses, but also still supported a range of indicator species; although weed species such as stinging nettle *Urtica dioica* were locally frequent. Evidence of ash dieback was noted on ash saplings within area 2K.
- 3.1.12 The grassland was dominated by false oat-grass, with frequent Yorkshire-fog. Other grasses recorded included cock's-foot, red fescue, smooth meadow-grass, common bent *Agrostis capillaris* and the less widely recorded yellow oat-grass *Trisetum flavescens*.
- 3.1.13 There was locally frequent oxeye daisy with scattered meadow vetchling *Lathyrus* pratensis, common bird's-foot-trefoil *Lotus corniculatus*, lupin *Lupinus* sp., burnet-saxifrage *Pimpinella saxifraga*, meadow buttercup, common sorrel *Rumex acetosa*, goat's-beard *Tragopogon pratensis* and smooth tare *Vicia tetrasperma*.
- 3.1.14 Yarrow *Achillea millefolium*, bladder campion *Silene vulgaris*, germander speedwell *Veronica chamaedrys*, common knapweed *Centauria nigra*, ribwort plantain *Plantago lanceolata* and bush vetch were also recorded.
- 3.1.15 This area supported 10 grassland indicator species: germander speedwell, oxeye daisy, yellow oat-grass, common knapweed, burnet-saxifrage, selfheal *Prunella vulgaris*, common bird's-foot-trefoil, common vetch, and meadow vetchling. Zig Zag clover *Trifolium medium* recorded in 2015 was not re-found in 2017, but salad burnet *Poterium sanguisorba* was a new record for 2017.

#### Area 2L

3.1.16 This tall unmanaged species-poor grassland forms part of a solar farm. It was dominated by false oat grass with hogweed, cow parsley Anthriscus sylvestris and locally frequent creeping thistle and ragwort. The invasive Himalayan balsam Impatiens glandulifera was recorded and just 1 indicator species common vetch was recorded.

#### Area 2M

- 3.1.17 This tall unmanaged grassland had Yorkshire fog and cock's-foot co-dominant with lesser amounts of common bent, smooth meadow grass and false oat grass. Weedy species such as stinging nettle, creeping thistle, spear thistle and the invasive Himalayan balsam were prominent generally and also locally abundant. There was some willow Salix spp. scrub.
- 3.1.18 The sward was not diverse but herbs recorded included bush vetch, common mouseear and 4 grassland indicator species selfheal, meadow cranesbill, bird's foot trefoil and narrow leaved vetch *Vicia sativa* ssp. *nigra*.

#### Area 2N

3.1.19 Area 2N comprised several sheep grazed fields with species-poor neutral grassland dominated by perennial rye grass with Yorkshire fog and lesser amounts of common bent, red fescue, cock's-foot with few herbs including white clover *Trifolium repens*,

creeping buttercup *Ranunculus repens*, and locally frequent creeping thistle and stinging nettle. No indicator species were found.

#### Area 20

- 3.1.20 Area O was a closely sheep grazed valley grassland along the River Derwent.
- 3.1.21 The species recorded included abundant common bent and Yorkshire-fog; frequent yarrow, creeping thistle, crested dog's-tail *Cynosurus cristatus*, perennial rye-grass; occasional smooth hawk's-beard *Crepis capillaris*, cock's-foot, common cat's-ear *Hypochaeris radicata*, mouse-ear-hawkweed *Pilosella officinarum* agg., ribwort plantain, creeping cinquefoil *Potentilla reptans*, meadow and creeping buttercup, common sorrel and dandelion *Taraxacum officinale* agg.
- 3.1.22 There is a flood bund present in the field with a more herb-rich grassland community on the slopes, but bird's-foot trefoil, found in small amounts on the flood bund, was the only grassland indicator species.

#### Area 2P

- 3.1.23 Area 2P was a ryegrass ley with occasional records of annual meadow grass *Poa annua*, Yorkshire fog, red fescue and yarrow.
- 3.1.24 No grassland indicator species were recorded.

#### Area 2Q

- 3.1.25 Area 2Q is a very disturbed area of grassland which has established on a restored landfill site. Some areas were open, short rabbit grazed herb dominated and other areas were taller and grass dominated. The grassland surrounded a hard standing area used for storage of old shipping containers. There was evidence of off-road biking and vehicle movements across much of the area especially the western half.
- 3.1.26 There were stands of scrub included bramble, rose Rosa spp., and willow and plantation woodland within the grassland; as well as large stands of ruderals such as rosebay willow herb Chamerion angustifolium, stinging nettle and wild teasel Dipsacus fullonum. Marsh woundwort Stachys palustris, a grassland indicator species, was occasionally recorded within areas of impeded drainage with species such as teasel and great hairy willowherb Epilobium hirsutum. The invasive nonnative Japanese knotweed Fallopia japonica was growing along the western part of the area and Himalayan balsam was also recorded.
- 3.1.27 False oat grass, common couch *Elytrigia repens*, red fescue, Yorkshire fog and creeping bent were typical of the grasses recorded and taller herbs recorded included black knapweed, ox eye daisy and yarrow.
- 3.1.28 10 grassland indicator species were recorded; self-heal, oxeye daisy, common knapweed, bird's foot trefoil, lesser trefoil, common vetch, meadow vetchling, germander speedwell, marsh woundwort and tufted vetch *Vicia cracca*.

#### 3.2 Hedgerow Survey Results

3.2.1 Refer to Appendix A Figure 2 for survey location, Appendix E for photographs and Appendix F for survey results.

3.2.2 One hedgerow H8, 143m in length was surveyed and found to have dominant hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*, with ash, holly *Ilex aquifolium*, dog-rose *Rosa canina* agg., bramble, elderberry *Sambucus nigra* and English elm *Ulmus procera* also present. Most of the hawthorns present were old mature multi-stemmed trees and gaps were <4.5 %. The hedge connects to other hedgerows at both ends and surrounded by grazed improved grassland. The mean number of species/30m length was 4.5, slightly less than the target of 5. There were no hedgerow indicator species in the ground flora.

#### 3.3 Woodland Survey Results

- 3.3.1 Refer to Appendix A, Figure 2 for survey location, Appendix E for photographs.
- 3.3.2 W1 was the only woodland surveyed it comprised broad-leaved pasture woodland with fairly even-aged ash and pedunculate oak *Quercus robur* with a few being veteran trees. The understorey was grazed grassland with local willow scrub and occasional patches of the invasive Himalayan balsam. The species-poor grassland included abundant perennial rye grass, Yorkshire fog, creeping bent and occasional soft rush *Juncus effusus* and stinging nettle. Few herbs were present. No further detailed botanical survey was undertaken because the woodland ground flora was species-poor grassland and the diversity of shrubs and trees was also poor.

#### 4 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1.1 Botanical surveys were carried out on 9 areas of grassland, and 2 other habitat areas; a hedgerow and a broad-leaved pasture woodland, on the 20 and 27 July 2017.
- 4.1.2 The nature conservation assessment of the grassland used the criteria devised by DWT (2003, revised 2011). Each of the indicator species recorded during the surveys was only worth 1 point in the assessment system. No species valued at 2 points were recorded. The grasslands were all largely species-poor, apart from Area 2K and 2Q, which each with 10 indicator species recorded, easily satisfies the minimum species requirement of 8 for consideration to be taken forward for LWS assessment. As neutral grasslands neither of them qualify as target habitats under the NERC 41.
- 4.1.3 Area 2K is a small (0.25ha), steep, unmanaged slope with grassland, succeeding to scrub. If left unmanaged this grassland area would become covered by scrub within five to ten years, leading to a reduction and subsequent loss of grassland including the indicator species. The ash trees were showing signs of ash dieback, which could slow down the development of the scrub, but could also have implications for translocation of plant material as part of any mitigation.
- 4.1.4 Area 2Q is a disturbed grassland mosaic which has developed on restored landfill. The hedgerow surveyed on 27 July 2017 does not qualify as 'important' under the 1997 Regulations ecology criteria. The hedgerow had a mean of 4.5 species per 30m sample, which is less than 5 (the qualifying number). H8 supported many very old mature multi-stemmed hawthorn trees. However, being composed of all native species, this hedgerow qualifies as being important under S41 of the NERC Act.
- 4.1.5 Recommendations for mitigation and/ or enhancement of the proposed scheme with regard to grasslands and hedgerows will be considered and reported in the Environmental Statement.

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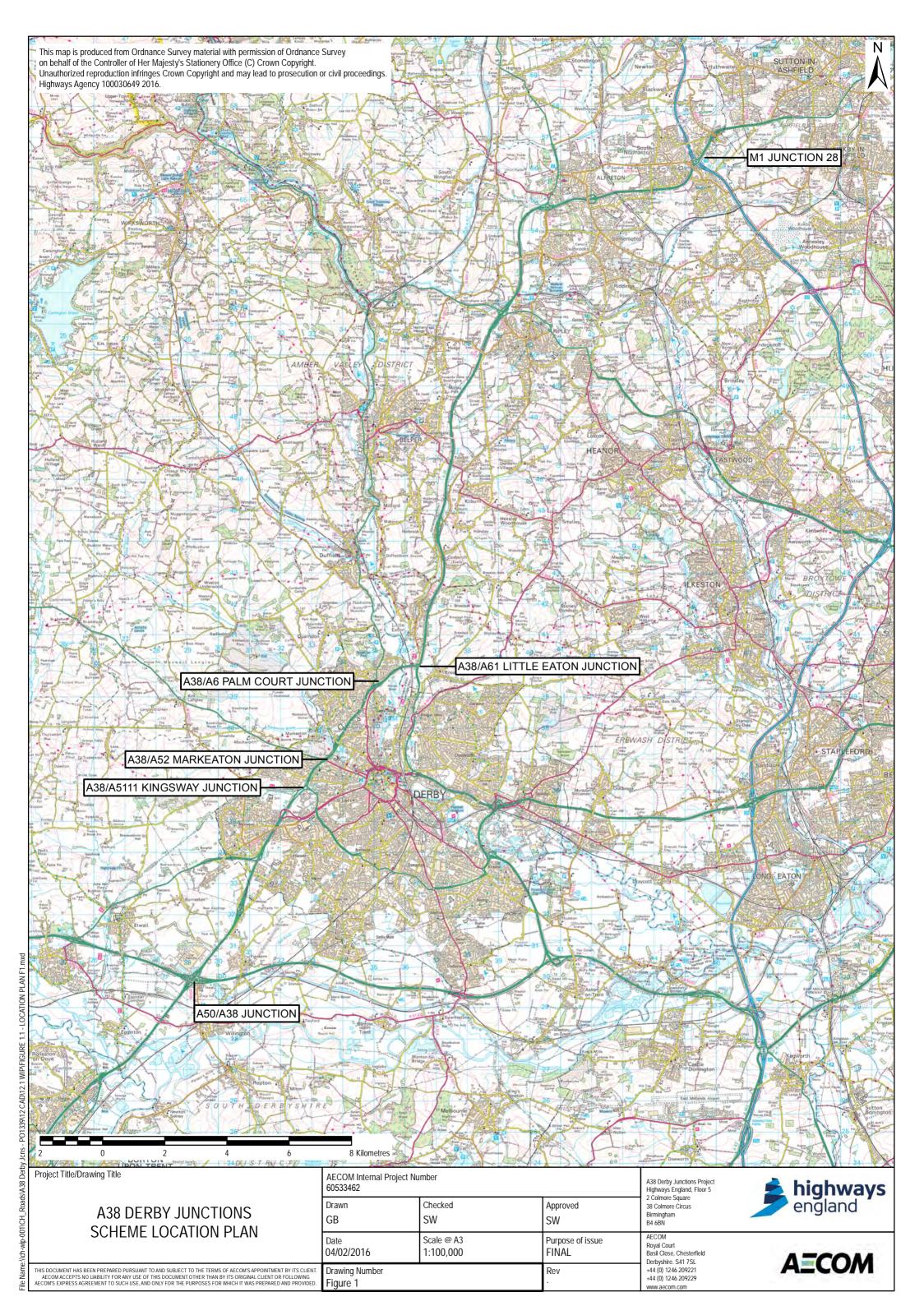
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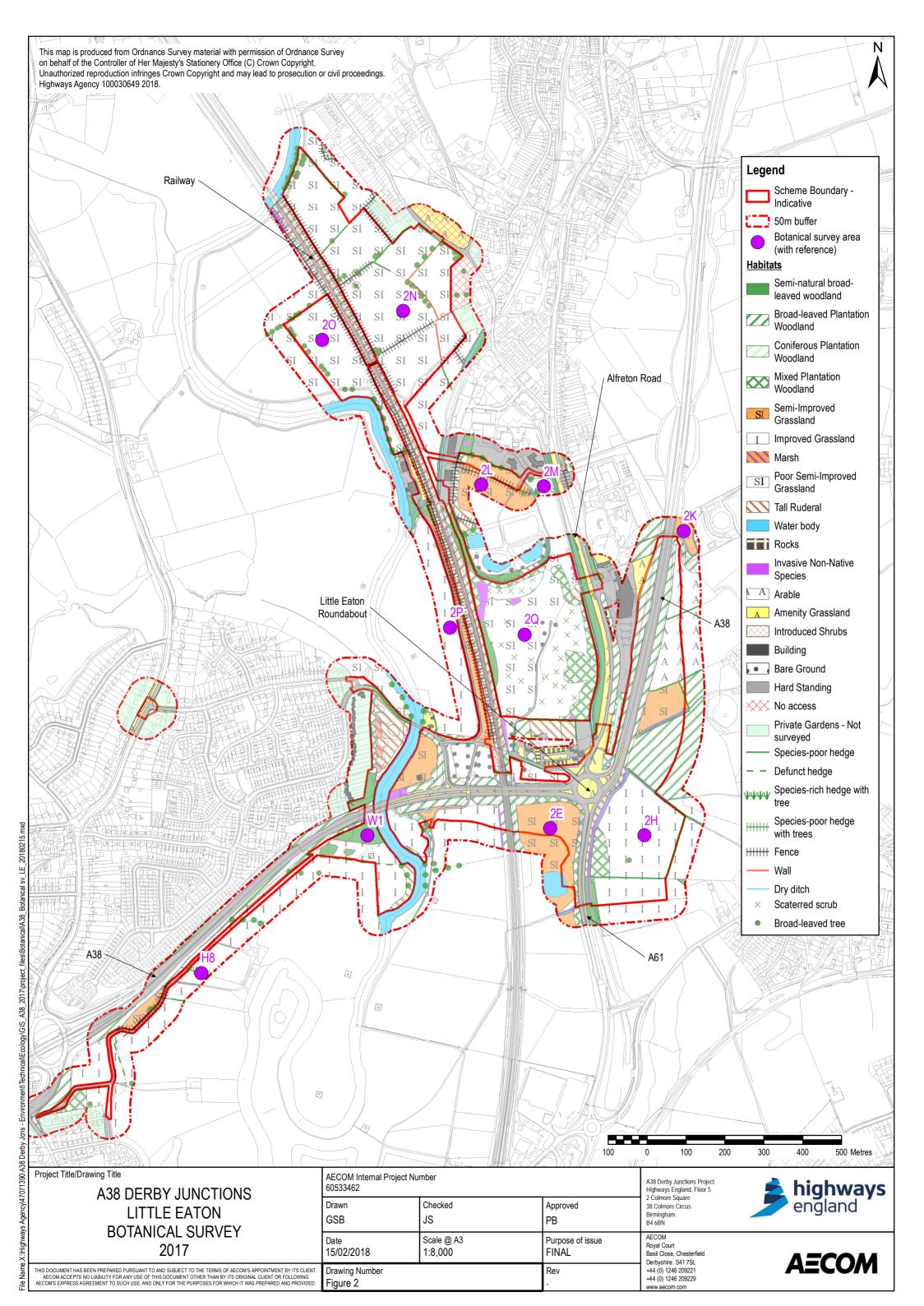
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# Appendix A Figures





### Appendix B Legislation and Planning Policy

#### **Legislation Relating to Invasive Species**

Schedule 9 of the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) covers the control of invasive plants and animals.

#### **Legislation Relating to Plants**

All wild plants are protected against unauthorised removal or uprooting under Section 13 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (WCA) 1981 (as amended). Plants listed on Schedule 8 of the Act are afforded additional protection against picking, uprooting, destruction and sale.

The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 consolidate the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 with subsequent amendments. The Regulations transpose Council Directive 92/43/EEC, on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora (EC Habitats Directive), into national law. The Regulations provide for the designation and protection of 'European sites', the protection of 'European protected species', and the adaptation of planning and other controls for the protection of European Sites.

The Regulations make it an offence (subject to exceptions) to deliberately capture, kill, disturb, or trade in the animals listed in Schedule 2, or pick, collect, cut, uproot, destroy, or trade in the plants listed in Schedule 4.

#### **Legislation Relating to Hedgerows**

Under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 it is against the law to remove or destroy hedgerows that qualify as 'important' without permission from the local planning authority. The local planning authority is the enforcement body for offences created by the Regulations.

#### **Planning Policy**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government planning policies for England and how these are expected to be applied. The key points relevant to biodiversity are given below:

"The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible, contributing to the Government's commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures";

"to minimise impacts on biodiversity and geodiversity through planning policies"; and

"when determining planning applications, local planning authorities should aim to conserve and enhance biodiversity."

### Appendix C Habitat Assessment Criteria

#### Hedgerow Assessment Criteria (Ecological); Hedgerow Regulations 1997

- (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the hedgerow includes:
- (a) at least 7 woody species;
- (b) at least 6 woody species, and has associated with it at least 3 of the features specified in sub-paragraph (4);
- (c) at least 6 woody species, including one of the following—

black-poplar tree (Populus nigra ssp betulifolia);

large-leaved lime (Tilia platyphyllos);

small-leaved lime (Tilia cordata);

wild service-tree (Sorbus torminalis); or

- (d) at least 5 woody species, and has associated with it at least 4 of the features specified in sub-paragraph (4),
  - and the number of woody species in a hedgerow shall be ascertained in accordance with sub-paragraph (3).
- (2) Where the hedgerow in question is situated wholly or partly in the county (as constituted on 1st April 1997) of the City of Kingston upon Hull, Cumbria, Darlington, Durham, East Riding of Yorkshire, Hartlepool, Lancashire, Middlesbrough, North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire, Northumberland, North Yorkshire, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-on-Tees, Tyne and Wear, West Yorkshire or York (14), the number of woody species mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (d) of sub-paragraph (1) is to be treated as reduced by one.
- (3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) (and those of paragraph 8(b)):
- (a) where the length of the hedgerow does not exceed 30 metres, count the number of woody species present in the hedgerow;
- (b) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 30 metres, but does not exceed 100 metres, count the number of woody species present in the central stretch of 30 metres;
- (c) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 100 metres, but does not exceed 200 metres, count the number of woody species present in the central stretch of 30 metres within each half of the hedgerow and divide the aggregate by two;
- (d) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 200 metres, count the number of woody species present in the central stretch of 30 metres within each third of the hedgerow and divide the aggregate by three.
- (4) The features referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(b) and (d) (which include those referred to in paragraph 8(b)) are:
- (a) a bank or wall which supports the hedgerow along at least one half of its length;
- (b) gaps which in aggregate do not exceed 10% of the length of the hedgerow;
- (c) where the length of the hedgerow does not exceed 50 metres, at least one standard tree;

- (d) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 50 metres but does not exceed 100 metres, at least 2 standard trees;
- (e) where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 100 metres, such number of standard trees (within any part of its length) as would when averaged over its total length amount to at least one for each 50 metres;
- (f) at least 3 woodland species within one metre, in any direction, of the outermost edges of the hedgerow;
- (g) a ditch along at least one half of the length of the hedgerow;
- (h) connections scoring 4 points or more in accordance with sub-paragraph (5);
- (i) a parallel hedge within 15 metres of the hedgerow.
- (5) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (4)(h) a connection with another hedgerow scores one point and a connection with a pond or a woodland in which the majority of trees are broad-leaved trees scores 2 points; and a hedgerow is connected with something not only if it meets it but also if it has a point within 10 metres of it and would meet it if the line of the hedgerow continued.
- 8. The hedgerow:
- (a) is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath, within the meaning of the Highways Act 1980(15), a road used as a public path, within the meaning of section 54 (duty to reclassify roads used as public paths) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(16), or a byway open to all traffic, within the meaning of Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981(17), and
- (b) includes at least 4 woody species, ascertained in accordance with paragraph 7(3) and at least 2 of the features specified in paragraph 7(4)(a) to (g).

#### **Grassland Assessment Criteria**

The following grassland assessment is taken from DWT (2003, revised 2011).

"Gr2 Areas of semi-natural grassland including grassland mosaics that score the following values from the plant species within Table 2 (see below):

8 or more if in the following National Character Areas or in the Derby area:

- Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands
- Potteries and Churnet Valley
- Mease/Sence Lowlands
- Melbourne Parklands
- Trent Valley Washlands
- Leicestershire & South Derbyshire Coalfield
- Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire & Yorkshire Coalfield (the survey area) "
- Grassland Indicator species

# Table C1. Vascular Plant species of semi-natural grasslands in Derbyshire taken from DWT (2003, revised 2011).

All species score 1 with the exception of those species in **bold** which score 2; these species are listed in Derbyshire Vascular Plant Red Data List Species - 2009

Scientific Name	Common Name	
Antennaria dioica	Mountain everlasting	
Anthyllis vulneraria	Kidney Vetch	
Aphanes australis	Slender Parsley-piert	
Aquilegia vulgaris	Columbine	
Arabis hirsuta	Hairy Rock-cress	
Arenaria serpyllifolia	Thyme-leaved Sandwort	
Astragalus glycyphllylos	Wild Liquorice	
Betonica officinalis	Betony	
Blackstonia perfoliata	Yellow-wort	
Blysmus compressus	Flat Sedge	
Botrychium lunaria	Moonwort	
Briza media	Quaking Grass	
Bromopsis erectus	Upright Brome	
Bromus racemosus	Smooth Brome	
Calluna vulgaris	Heather	
Caltha palustris	Marsh Marigold	
Campanula glomerata	Clustered Bellflower	
Campanula rotundifolia	Harebell	
Cardamine pratensis	Cuckoo Flower	
Carduus nutans	Musk Thistle	
Carex acutiformis	Lesser Pond-sedge	
Carex binervis	Green-ribbed sedge	
Carex caryophyllea	Spring Sedge	
Carex demissa	Common Yellow Sedge	
Carex disticha	Brown Sedge	
Carex echinata	Star Sedge	
Carex ericetorum	Rare Spring-sedge	
Carex flacca	Glaucous Sedge	
Carex hostiana	Tawny Sedge	
Carex laevigata	Smooth-stalked Sedge	
Carex leporina	Oval Sedge	
Carex montana	Soft-leaved Sedge	
Carex muricata ssp. lamprocarpa	Prickly Sedge	
Carex nigra	Common Sedge	
Carex panicea	Carnation Sedge	
Carex pilulifera =	Pill Sedge	

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Carex pulicaris	Flea Sedge
Carex spicata	Spiked Sedge
Carlina vulgaris	Carline Thistle
Catapodium rigidum	Fern Grass
Centaurea nigra	Common Knapweed
Centaurea scabiosa	Greater Knapweed
Centaurium erythraea	Common Centaury
Cerastium arvense	Field Mouse-ear
Cirsium acaule	Dwarf Thistle
Cirsium dissectum	Meadow Thistle
Cirsium eriophorum	Woolly Thistle
Cirsium heterophyllum	Melancholy Thistle
Clinopodium acinos	Basil Thyme
Clinopodium vulgare	Wild Basil
Coeloglossum viride	Frog Orchid
Colchicum autumnale	Meadow Saffron
Conopodium majus	Pignut
Crepis capillaris	Smooth Hawk's-beard
Crepis paludosa	Marsh Hawk's-beard
Dactylorhiza fuchsii	Common Spotted-orchid
Dactylorhiza hybrids	Hybrid orchids
Dactylorhiza incarnata	Early Marsh-orchid
Dactylorhiza maculata	Heath-spotted-orchid
Dactylorhiza praetermissa	Southern Marsh-orchid
Dactylorhiza purpurella	Northern Marsh-orchid
Danthonia decumbens	Heath-grass
Daucus carota	Wild Carrot
Deschampsia flexuosa	Wavy Hair-grass
Dianthus deltoides	Maiden Pink
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-rush
Epilobium palustre	Marsh Willowherb
Epilobium parviflorum	Hoary Willowherb
Epipactis atrorubens	Dark-red Helleborine
Epipactis palustris	Marsh Helleborine
Equisetum palustre	Marsh Horsetail
Equisetum sylvaticum	= Wood Horsetail
Erica cinerea	Bell-heather

Table C1. Vascular Plant species of semi-natural grasslands in Derbyshire taken from DWT (2003
revised 2011).

All species score 1 with the exception of those species in **bold** which score 2; these species are listed in Derbyshire Vascular Plant Red Data List Species - 2009

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Erica tetralix	Cross-leaved Heather
Erigeron acris	Blue Fleabane
Erodium cicutarium	Common Stork's-bill
Eupatorium cannabinum	Hemp-agrimony
Euphrasia anglica	Eyebright
Euphrasia confusa	Eyebright
Euphrasia nemorosa	Eyebright
Euphrasia officinalis ssp. pratensis	Eyebright
Festuca ovina	Sheep's fescue
Ficaria verna	Lesser Celandine
Filago vulgaris	Common Cudweed
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet
Filipendula vulgaris	Dropwort
Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry
Galeopsis angustifolia	Red Hemp-nettle
Galium cruciata	Crosswort
Galium palustre	Common Marsh-bedstraw
Galium saxatile	Heath Bedstraw
Galium sterneri	Limestone Bedstraw
Galium uliginosum	Fen Bedstraw
Galium verum	Lady's Bedstraw
Genista anglica	Petty Whin
Genista tinctoria	Dyer's Greenweed
Gentianella amarella	Autumn Gentian
Gentianella campestris	Field Gentian
Geranium columbinum	Long-stalked Crane's-bill
Geranium pratense	Meadow Crane's-bill
Geranium pusillum	Small-flowered Crane's-bill
Geranium sanguineum	Bloody Crane's-bill
Geum rivale	Water Avens
Gnaphalium sylvaticum	Heath Cudweed
Gymnadenia conopsea	Fragrant Orchid
Helianthemum nummularium	Common Rock-rose
Helictotrichon pratensis	Meadow Oat-grass
Helictotrichon pubescens	Downy Oat-grass
Hieracium spp.	any Hawkweed
Hippocrepis comosa =	Horseshoe Vetch
Hordeum secalinum	Meadow Barley

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Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell	
Hydrocotyl vulgaris	Marsh Pennywort	
Hypericum hirsutum	Hairy St John's-wort	
Hypericum humifusum	Trailing St John's-wort	
Hypericum maculatum	Imperforate St John's-wort	
Hypericum montanum	Pale St John's-wort	
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St John's-wort	
Hypericum pulchrum	Slender St John's-wort	
Hypericum tetrapterum	Square-stalked St John's-wort	
Hypochaeris radicata	Cat's-ear	
Inula conyzae	Ploughman's Spikenard	
Isolepis setacea	Bristle Club-rush	
Jasione montana	Sheep's-bit	
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp-flowered Rush	
Juncus bulbosus	Bulbous Rush	
Juncus compressus	Round-fruited Rush	
Leontodon saxatilis	Lesser Hawkbit	
Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye Daisy	
Linum catharticum	Fairy Flax	
Lotus corniculatus	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	
Lotus pedunculatus	Large Bird's-foot-trefoil	
Lotus tenuis	Narrow-leaved Bird's-foot-trefoil	
Luzula campestris	Field Wood-rush	
Luzula mulitiflora	Heath Wood-rush	
Lysimachia nummularia	Creeping Jenny	
Malva moschata	Musk Mallow	
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick	
Mentha aquatica	Water Mint	
Molinea caerulea	Purple Moor-grass	
Myosotis discolor	Changing Forget-me-not	
Myosotis ramosissima	Early Forget-me-not	
Myosotis scorpiodes	Water Forget-me-not	
Myosotis secunda	Creeping Forget-me-not	
Narcissus pseudonarcissus	Daffodil	
Nardus stricta	Mat-grass	
	Burnt Orchid	

Common Twayblade

Neottia ovata

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Ononis repens	Common Restharrow
Ononis spinosa	Spiny Restharrow
Ophioglossum vulgatum	Adder's-tongue Fern
Ophrys apifera	Bee Orchid
Ophrys insectifera	Fly Orchid
Pilosella officinarum	Mouse-ear Hawkweed
Pimpinella major	Greater Burnet-saxifrage
Pimpinella saxifraga	Burnet-saxifrage
Plantago media	Hoary Plantain
Platanthera chlorantha	Greater Butterfly Orchid
Poa compressa	Flattened Meadow-grass
Poa humilis	Spreading Meadow-grass
Polemonium caeruleum	Jacob's-ladder
Polygala serpyllifolia	Heath Milkwort
Polygala vulgaris	Common Milkwort
Potentilla anglica	Trailing Tormentil
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed
Potentilla argentea	Hoary Cinquefoil
Potentilla crantzii	Alpine Cinquefoil
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil
Potentilla neumanniana	Spring Cinquefoil
Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil
Potentilla sterilis	Barren Strawberry
Poterium sanguisorba	Salad Burnet
Primula veris	Cowslip
Primula vulgaris	Primrose
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal
Pulicaria dysenterica	Common Fleabane
Ranunculus bulbosus	Bulbous Buttercup
Ranunculus flammula	Lesser Spearwort
Rhinanthus minor	Hay Rattle
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's sorrel
Sagina nodosa	Knotted Pearlwort
Sanguisorba officinalis	Great Burnet
Saxifraga granulata	Meadow Saxifrage
Saxifraga tridactylites	Rue-leaved saxifrage
Scabiosa columbaria	= Small Scabious
Scorzoneroides autumnalis	Autumn Hawkbit

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Sedum acre	Biting Stonecrop
Sedum anglicum	English Stonecrop
Senecio aquaticus	Marsh Ragwort
Senecio erucifolius	Hoary Ragwort
Serratula tinctoria	Saw-wort
Silaum silaus	Pepper-saxifrage
Silene flos-cuculi	Ragged Robin
Solidago virgaurea	Goldenrod
Stachys palustris	Marsh Woundwort
Stellaria alsine	Bog Stitchwort
Stellaria graminea	Lesser Stitchwort
Stellaria palustris	Marsh Stitchwort
Succissa pratensis	Devil's-bit Scabious
Teucrium scorodonia	Wood Sage
Thalictrum flavum	Common Meadow-rue
Thalictrum minus	Lesser Meadow-rue
Thymus polytrichus	Wild Thyme
Tragopogon pratensis	Goat's-beard
Trifolium arvense	Hare's-foot Clover
Trifolium campestre	Hop Trefoil
Trifolium medium	Zigzag Clover
Trifolium micranthum	Slender Trefoil
Trifolium striatum	Knotted Clover
Trifolium subterranean	Subterranean Clover
Triglochin palustris	Marsh Arrowgrass
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oat Grass
Trollius europaeus	Globe Flower
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry
Valeriana officinalis	Common Valerian
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander Speedwell
Veronica officinalis	Heath Speedwell
Veronica scutellata	Marsh Speedwell
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch
Vicia sativa ssp. sativa	Common Vetch
<i>Vicia sativa</i> subsp. nigra	Narrow-leaved Vetch
Viola canina	Heath Dog-violet

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Viola hirta	Hairy Violet
Viola lutea	Mountain Pansy
Viola reichenbachiana	Early Dog-violet
Viola riviniana	Common Dog-violet

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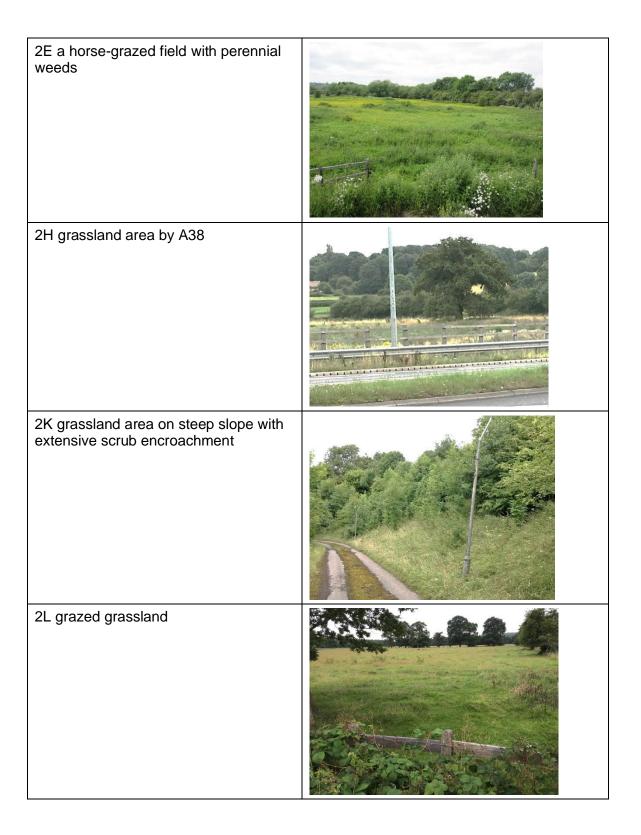
# Appendix D Grassland Species List

		Area Number								
Scientific name	English name	2E	2H	2K	2L	2M	2N	20	2P	2Q
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow		R	0	R			F	R	0
Elytrigia repens	Common couch									0
Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent	F	LF	0		0	0	F		R
Agrostis stolonifera	Creeping Bent	Α			0			0		LD
Alliaria petiolata	Garlic Mustard									R
Alopecurus geniculatus	Marsh Foxtail	0								
Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow Foxtail		F							
Angelica sylvestris	Angelica									LO
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass			R						
Anthriscus sylvestris	Cow Parsley				LF					
Arctium lappa	Greater Burdock									R
Armoracia rusticana	Horse-radish	R								LF
Arrhenatherum elatius	False Oat-grass		А	D	D	0	R			F-LD
Artemisia vulgaris	Mugwort									0
Bellis perennis	Daisy	F			R					
Bromus hordeaceus	Soft-Brome		R							
Cardamine flexuosa	Wavy Bitter-cress									R
Carex hirta	Hairy sedge									LF
Carex otrubae	False fox Sedge									0
Carex pendula	Pendulous sedge									R
Centaurea nigra	Common Knapweed			F						O-LF
Cerastium fontanum	Common Mouse-ear	R		R		R				R
Chamerion angustifolium	Rosebay Willowherb									LA
Cirsium arvense	Creeping Thistle	LD	R	0	Α	LD	LF	LF		
Cirsium vulgare	Spear Thistle	LD			R	LD		LF		
Conium maculatum	Hemlock									R
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed			LF						
Crassula helmsii	New Zealand Pigmyweed	LD								
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn			F						F
Crepis capillaris	Smooth hawksbeard			R				0		
Cynosurus cristatus	Crested Dog's-tail							F		
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot	0	0	LF	0	D	F	0		
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hair-Grass									R
Dipsacus fullonum	Wild Teasel									LF
Elymus repens	Couch grass				R					0
Elitrigia repens										0
Epilobium hirsutum	Great Willowherb									LF
Epilobium parvifolius	Hoary Willowherb									LF
Equisetum arvense	Field horsetail									R
Festuca rubra	Red Fescue	LF		F	0	0			0	
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet	LD								
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash			0						

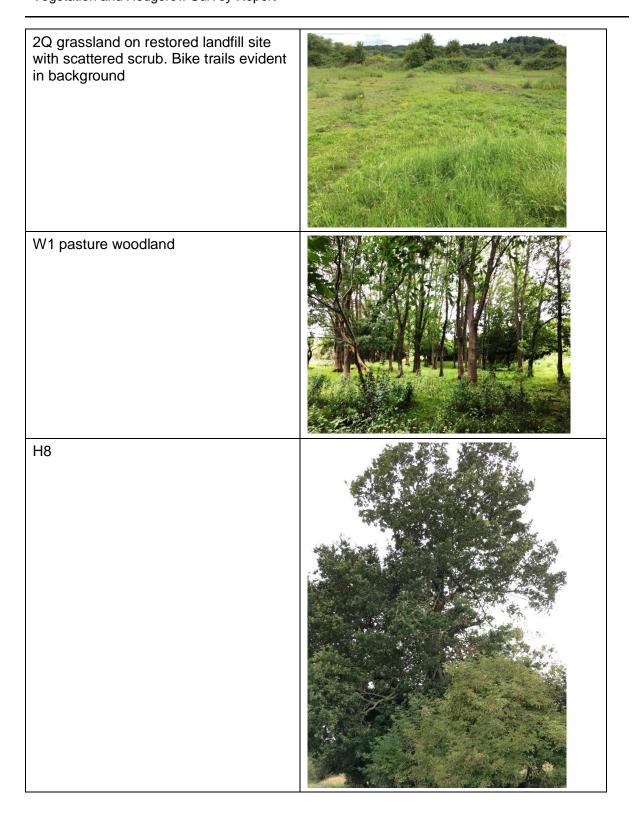
			Area Number							
Scientific name	English name	2E	2H	2K	2L	2M	2N	20	2P	2Q
Galium aparine	Cleavers		R		0					
Galium verum	Ladies bedstraw			R						
Geranium dissectum	Cut-leaved Crane's- bill									0
Geranium molle	Dove's-foot Crane's- bill	R								
Geranium pratense	Meadow Crane's-bill	0				0				
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed		R	R	0	0				
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire-fog	0	D	F	0	D	D	F	0	
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St John's- wort			R						
Hypochaeris radicata	Cat's ear							0		
Impatiens glandulifera	Himalayan Balsam				F	LD				0
Juncus effusus	Soft-rush									0
Juncus inflexus	Hard Rush									0
Lathyrus pratensis	Meadow Vetchling			LO						R
Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye Daisy		R	LF						LF
Lolium perenne	Perennial rye-grass	R	0	R	F		D	Α	D	0
Lotus corniculatus	Common Bird's- foot-trefoil			0		0		R		LF
Lupinus sp.	Lupin sp.			0						
Lysamachia vulgaris	Yellow loosestrife									R
Lythrum salicaria	Purple-loosestrife									0
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick									O-LF
Melilotus officinalus	Common mellilot									LF
Myosotis scorpioides	Water forget-me-not	0								
Odonites verna	Red bartsia									R
Phleum pratense	Timothy		R							
Helmithotheca echioides	Bristly Oxtongue									0
Pilosella officinarum	mouse-ear hawkweed			R				LR		R
Pimpinella saxifraga	Burnet-saxifrage			R						
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed canary grass									LF
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	O-F		0	0			0		0
Polygonum amphibium	Amphibious bistort									LF
Poa annua	Annual Meadow- grass								R	R
Poa pratensis	Smooth Meadow- grass	O-F	R	0		0				0
Poa trivialis	Rough Meadow-grass					0				0
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed	LF								R
Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil			R				R		R
Poterium sanguisorba	Salad burnet			R						
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal			0		R				R
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	Α	R	0			R			
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup	Α					0	0		LF

		Area Number									
Scientific name	English name	2E	2H	2K	2L	2M	2N	20	2P	2Q	
Rosa canina agg.	Dog-rose									LA	
Rubus fruticosus agg.	Bramble				R					LA-F	
Rumex acetosa	Common Sorrel			0				0			
Rumex obtusifolius	Broad-leaved Dock				0	0	0	0		0	
Salix sp.	Willow spp.					0				LF	
Senecio jacobaea	Common Ragwort	F			F			R		O-LF	
Senecio vulgaris	Groundsel									0	
Scorphularia auriculata	Common figwort									R	
Silene vulgaris	Bladder Campion			R							
Stachys palustris	Marsh woundwort									LO	
Stachys sylvatica	Hedge Woundwort									R	
Tanacetum vulgare	Tansy									R	
Taraxacum officinale agg.	Dandelion	0	0	R	0	0	R	0	0	0	
Tragopogon pratensis	Goat's-beard			0							
Trifolium dubium	Lesser trefoil									R	
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover	0								LF	
Trifolium repens	White Clover							0		LF	
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oat-grass			R							
Tussilago farfara	Colt's-foot									R	
Urtica dioica	Common Nettle	LFD	R	LF	0		0	LF		LD	
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander Speedwell			R						LF	
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch									O-LF	
Vicia hirsuta	Hairy Tare			R							
Vicia sativa ssp nigra	Narrow leaved vetch					R					
Vicia sativa ssp sativa	Common Vetch		R	R	R					0	
Vicia sepium	Bush Vetch		R	R		R					
Vicia tetrasperma	Smooth Tare			0						0	
TOTAL NUMBER OF LOCAL WILDLIFE SITE GRASSLAND INDICATOR SPECIES (all score 1 in Table 2 in Derbyshire Wildlife Trust 2003 rev 2011) (i.e. Species shown in <b>red</b> in the table)		3	2	10	1	4	0	1	0	10	

# Appendix E Photographs



2M solar farm with managed semiimproved grassland. High levels of Himalayan balsam border this area 2N poor semi-improved grassland dominated this area and was grazed by sheep and cattle 20 short grazed grassland adjacent to River Derwent 2P perennial rye-grass field



# Appendix F Hedgerow Survey Results

Number	Grid reference (start – finish)	Dimensions and planting	Adjacent land-use and scoring features	Average woody species in 30 m samples	Presence of trees	% gap	Scoring species in Hedge bottom flora	Species- rich (5 species minimum)	Hedgerow regulations assessment
Н8	SK 35358 39530 to 35517 39091	153 m long and 5 m< high Width 6-8m wide Single line	Improved grassland (grazed) 2 hedgerow connections at each end (4 points)	4.5 species mean from 2 samples.  Dominant hawthorn, with ash, holly, dog-rose, blackberry, elder and English elm also present.	Two mature ash and over ten multi stemmed mature hawthorn trees	<4.5 % (7m)	None	Yes (but at 4.5 species failed minimum of 5 species) Upgraded due to large number of old multi stemmed hawthorns	Not important (lacks sufficient woody species in 30m samples)