

Condition Sheet: INDIVIDUAL TREES Habitat Type

Habitat Types

Individual trees – Urban trees

Individual trees – Rural trees

Complete a condition sheet for each tree or block of trees.

Please see the separate Line of trees condition sheet for a line of rural trees. You should only use the Line of trees condition assessment and record that habitat type in rural locations.

Habitat Description

Leiglandii tree - Good condition

Individual trees (description applied to the urban or rural environment):

Young trees over 7.5 cm in diameter at breast height whose canopies are not touching.

Urban Perimeter / Linear Blocks and Groups (description applied to the urban environment only):

Groups or stands of trees (size requirement as defined above) within and around the perimeter of urban land. This includes those along urban streets, highways, railways and canals, and also former field boundary trees incorporated into developments. Canopies should predominantly overlap continuously. Groups of urban trees that don't match the descriptions for woodland may be assessed within this category.

On-site or off-site, site name and location

Survey date and Surveyor name

Limitations (if applicable)

Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)

Grid reference

Habitat parcel reference

Condition Assessment Criteria

Criterion passed (Yes or No)

Notes (such as justification)

A The tree is a native species (or at least 70% within the block are native species).

N

B The tree canopy is predominantly continuous, with gaps in canopy cover making up <10% of total area and no individual gap being >5 m wide (individual trees automatically pass this criterion).

Y

C The tree is mature (or more than 50% within the block are mature) ¹.

Y

D There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by human activities (such as vandalism, herbicide or detrimental agricultural activity). And there is no current regular pruning regime, so the trees retain >75% of expected canopy for their age range and height.

Y

E Natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates are present, such as presence of deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.

Y

F More than 20% of the tree canopy area is oversailing vegetation beneath.

Y

Number of criteria passed

Condition Assessment Result (out of 6 criteria)

Condition Assessment Score

Score Achieved x/✓

Passes 5 or 6 criteria

Good (3)

Passes 3 or 4 criteria

Moderate (2)

Passes 2 or fewer criteria

Poor (1)

Note that 'Fairly Good and Fairly Poor' condition categories are not available for this broad habitat type.

Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score ²