

Condition Sheet: LINE OF TREES Habitat Type													
Habitat Types													
Line of trees Line of trees – associated with bank or ditch Ecologically valuable line of trees Ecologically valuable line of trees – associated with bank or ditch <i>Please see the separate Individual trees condition sheet for linear blocks and groups of trees in an urban setting. You should only use this Line of trees condition assessment and record this habitat type in rural locations.</i>													
Habitat Description													
W1 is a line of mature trees on a bank and forms the border with the road on its southern side. Species recorded include field maple <i>Acer campestre</i> , ash, sycamore, hazel and dogwood, with a ground cover of mainly ivy. W2 is a line of mature trees on the southwest boundary of the site. Species recorded include silver birch, English oak, cypress sp. and spruce sp.													
See the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide. This assessment is based on the Hedgerow Survey Handbook ¹ . For further clarifications please refer to the Handbook. Where ancient and veteran trees are present within the line of trees, see Footnote 2 for standing advice.													
On-site or off-site, site name and location	Blackland Lakes	Survey date and Surveyor name		Miranda Maybank 16.10.25									
		Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)											
Limitations (if applicable)		Habitat parcel reference											
		W1	W2										
		Grid reference											
Condition Assessment Criteria													
		Criterion passed (Yes or No)										Notes (such as justification)	
A	At least 70% of trees are native species.	Y	Y										
B	Tree canopy is predominantly continuous with gaps in canopy cover making up <10% of total area and no individual gap being >5 m wide.	Y	Y										
C	One or more trees has veteran features and or natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates, such as presence of standing and attached deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.	N	N										
D	There is an undisturbed naturally-vegetated strip of at least 6 m on both sides to protect the line of trees from farming and other human activities (excluding grazing). Where veteran trees are present, root protection areas should follow standing advice ² .	N	N										
E	At least 95% of the trees are in a healthy condition (deadwood or veteran features valuable for wildlife are excluded from this). There is little or no evidence of an adverse impact on tree health by damage from livestock or wild animals, pests or diseases, or human activity.	Y	Y										
Number of criteria passed		3	3										
Condition Assessment Result (out of 5 criteria)		Condition Assessment Score		Score Achieved ×/✓									
Passes 5 criteria		Good (3)											
Passes 3 or 4 criteria		Moderate (2)		X	X								
Passes 2 or fewer criteria		Poor (1)											
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score													
Footnotes													