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**MINETY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Information to support BNG

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This document provides supporting information to the statutory 'Biodiversity Net Gain' (BNG) metric calculation carried out for land at Minety Church of England Primary School, herein referred to as 'the site'. The Assessment is made in connection with a proposal for the extension of existing school buildings, removal of an existing pre-fab mobile unit and re-configuration of outside space with additional car parking.

The site is described in the Preliminary Ecological Assessment and mostly comprises school buildings, amenity grassland and hard-surface play areas, with mixed scrub and mature trees forming important site features, particularly along the site margins. Where habitat descriptions do not align directly with habitat types defined in the metric professional ecological judgement has been applied to assign the most appropriate code based on habitat characteristics, condition, and management. The BNG metric codes that have been assigned in this instance include: developed land, modified grassland, vegetated garden, mixed scrub, bramble scrub, willow scrub, artificial unvegetated, and rural tree.

APPENDED:

Condition Sheets:

Modified grassland

Mixed scrub

Willow scrub

Rural tree

PLAN 1: Habitats

PLAN 2: Habitats Proposed

Condition Sheet: GRASSLAND Habitat Type (low distinctiveness)			
UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Type(s)			
Grassland - Modified grassland			
Site name and location	Minety C of E Primary School	On-site or off-site	On-site
Limitations (if applicable)	None	Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	
Grid reference	SU02563 90862	Habitat parcel reference	Minety Plan 1
Habitat Description			
Modified grassland - intensively mown			
ukhab – UK Habitat Classification			
Condition Assessment Criteria		Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
A	There are 6-8 vascular plant species per m ² present, including at least 2 forbs (this may include those listed in Footnote 1). Note - this criterion is essential for achieving Moderate or Good condition. Where the vascular plant species present are characteristic of medium, high or very high distinctiveness grassland, or there are 9 or more of these characteristic species per m ² (excluding those listed in Footnote 1), please review the full UKHab description to assess whether the grassland should instead be classified as a higher distinctiveness grassland. Where a grassland is classed as medium, high, or very high distinctiveness, please use the relevant condition sheet.	No	Improved or sown grassland with perennial ryegrass abundant and meadow fox-tail frequent. Docks and creeping buttercup occasional. Fewer than 6 spp. per sq. m.
B	Sward height is varied (at least 20% of the sward is less than 7 cm and at least 20% is more than 7 cm) creating microclimates which provide opportunities for vertebrates and invertebrates to live and breed.	No	
C	Some scattered scrub (including bramble <i>Rubus fruticosus</i> agg.) may be present, but scrub accounts for less than 20% of total grassland area. Note - patches of scrub with continuous (more than 90%) cover should be classified as the relevant scrub habitat type.	Yes	
D	Physical damage is evident in less than 5% of total grassland area. Examples of physical damage include excessive poaching, damage from machinery use or storage, erosion caused by high levels of access, or any other damaging management activities.	Yes	
E	Cover of bare ground is between 1% and 10%, including localised areas (for example, a concentration of rabbit warrens) ² .	No	
F	Cover of bracken <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> is less than 20%.	Yes	
G	There is an absence of invasive non-native plant species ³ (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA ⁴).	Yes	
Essential criterion achieved (Yes or No)			No
Number of criteria passed			4
Condition Assessment Result (out of 7 criteria)	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved x/✓	
Passes 6 or 7 criteria including passing essential criterion A	Good (3)		
Passes 4 or 5 criteria including passing essential criterion A	Moderate (2)		
Passes 3 or fewer criteria; OR Passes 4 - 6 criteria (excluding criterion A)	Poor (1)	●	
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score			

Condition Sheet: SCRUB Habitat Type			
UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Type			
Heathland and shrub - Blackthorn scrub Heathland and shrub - Gorse scrub Heathland and shrub - Hawthorn scrub Heathland and shrub - Hazel scrub Heathland and shrub - Mixed scrub Heathland and shrub - Dunes with sea buckthorn (H2160) Heathland and shrub - Willow scrub			
Habitat Description			
Mixed scrub			
For Dunes with sea buckthorn see:	Dunes with sea-buckthorn (Dunes with Hippophae rhamnoides) - Special Areas of Conservation (jncc.gov.uk)		
For other scrub types see:	ukhab – UK Habitat Classification		
Site name and location	Minety	On-site or off-site	On
Limitations (if applicable)	None	Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	
Grid reference	SU02611 90846	Habitat parcel reference	Minety Plan 1
Condition Assessment Criteria		Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
A	The scrub is a good representation of the habitat type it has been identified as, based on its UKHab description (where in its natural range). The appearance and composition of the vegetation closely matches the characteristics of the specific scrub type. At least 80% of scrub is native, and there are at least three native woody species ¹ , with no single species comprising more than 75% of the cover (except hazel <i>Corylus avellana</i> , common juniper <i>Juniperus communis</i> , sea buckthorn <i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i> or box <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> , which can be up to 100% cover).	Yes	
B	Seedlings, saplings, young shrubs and mature (or ancient or veteran ²) shrubs are all present.	Yes	
C	There is an absence of invasive non-native plant species ³ (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA ⁴) and species indicative of sub-optimal condition ⁵ make up less than 5% of ground cover.	Yes	
D	The scrub has a well-developed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland and or forbs present between the scrub and adjacent habitat.	Yes	
E	There are clearings, glades or rides present within the scrub, providing sheltered edges.	Yes	
Number of criteria passed			5
Condition Assessment Result (out of 5 criteria)	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved x/✓	

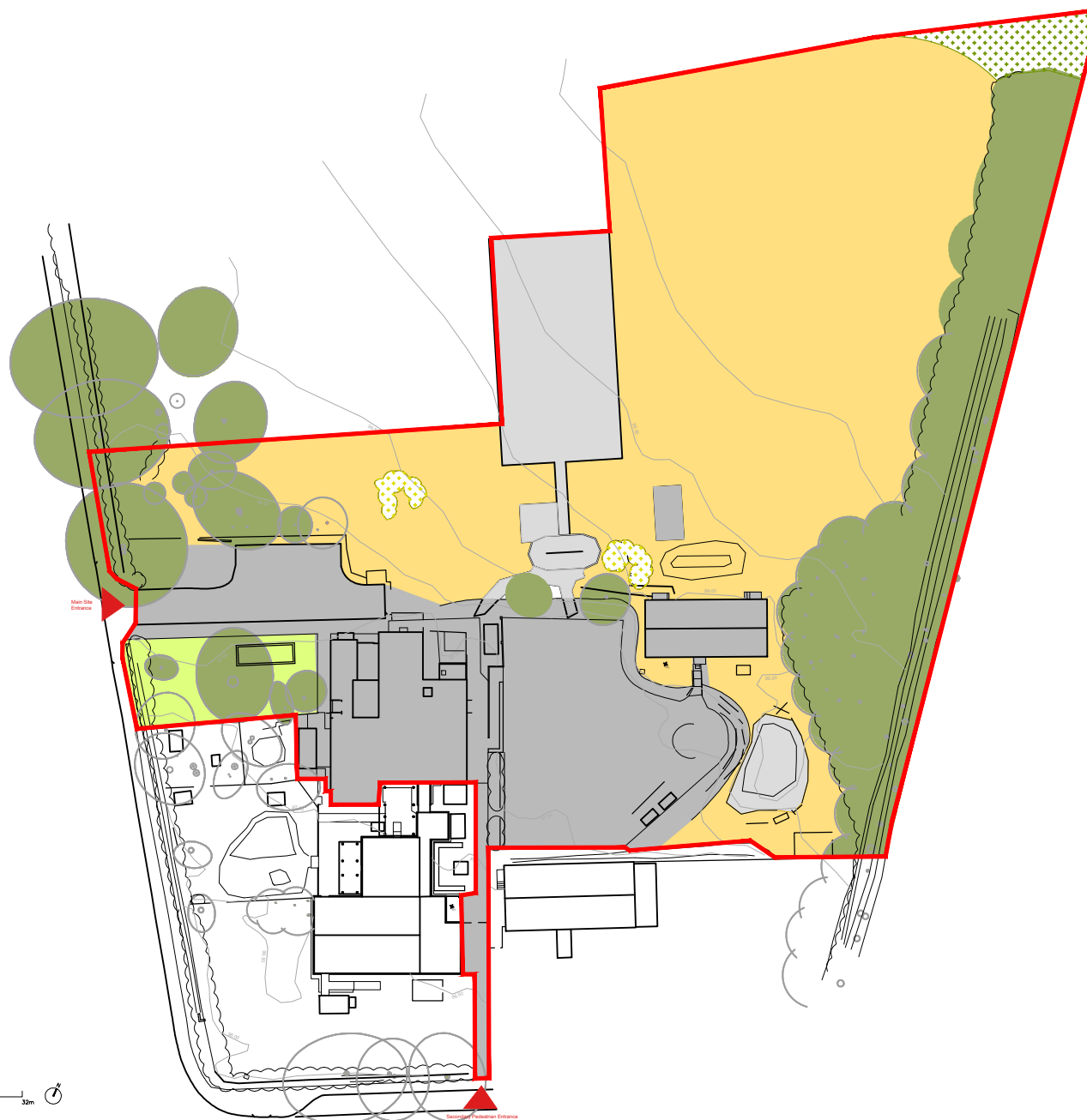
Passes 5 criteria	Good (3)	Good (3)	
Passes 3 or 4 criteria	Moderate (2)		
Passes 2 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)		
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score			

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Habitat Description			
Willow scrub			
For Dunes with sea buckthorn see:	Dunes with sea-buckthorn (Dunes with Hippophae rhamnoides) - Special Areas of Conservation (jncc.gov.uk)		
For other scrub types see:	ukhab – UK Habitat Classification		
Site name and location	Minety	On-site or off-site	On
Limitations (if applicable)	None	Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	Willow scrub
Grid reference	SU02535 90823 and SU02567 90829	Habitat parcel reference	Minety Plan 1
Condition Assessment Criteria		Criterion passed (Yes or No)	Notes (such as justification)
A	The scrub is a good representation of the habitat type it has been identified as, based on its UKHab description (where in its natural range). The appearance and composition of the vegetation closely matches the characteristics of the specific scrub type. At least 80% of scrub is native, and there are at least three native woody species ¹ , with no single species comprising more than 75% of the cover (except hazel <i>Corylus avellana</i> , common juniper <i>Juniperus communis</i> , sea buckthorn <i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i> or box <i>Buxus sempervirens</i> , which can be up to 100% cover).	No	Planted osiers around play space.
B	Seedlings, saplings, young shrubs and mature (or ancient or veteran ²) shrubs are all present.	No	
C	There is an absence of invasive non-native plant species ³ (as listed on Schedule 9 of WCA ⁴) and species indicative of sub-optimal condition ⁵ make up less than 5% of ground cover.	Yes	
D	The scrub has a well-developed edge with scattered scrub and tall grassland and or forbs present between the scrub and adjacent habitat.	No	
E	There are clearings, glades or rides present within the scrub, providing sheltered edges.	No	
Number of criteria passed			1
Condition Assessment Result (out of 5 criteria)	Condition Assessment Score	Score Achieved x/✓	

Passes 5 criteria	Good (3)		
Passes 3 or 4 criteria	Moderate (2)		
Passes 2 or fewer criteria	Poor (1)	Poor (1)	
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score			

Condition Sheet: INDIVIDUAL TREES Habitat Type			
Habitat Type(s)			
Individual trees – Urban trees Individual trees – Rural trees Complete a condition sheet for each tree or block of trees. <u>Please see separate Line of trees condition sheet for a line of Rural trees.</u>			
Habitat Description			
Mix of young-mature trees planted near site entrance. Best-fit category urban group.			
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 must overlap continuously. Groups of urban trees that don't match the descriptions for woodland may be assessed within this category.			
Site name and location	Minety	On-site or off-site	On
Limitations (if applicable)	None	Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)	
Grid reference	SU02509 90821	Habitat parcel reference	Minety Plan 1
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).	Yes	Comprising goat willow, silver birch, English oak, wild cherry and field maple.
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).	No	
C	The tree is mature (or more than 50% within the block are mature).	No	

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.	Yes	
E	Natural ecological niches for vertebrates and invertebrates are present, such as presence of deadwood, cavities, ivy or loose bark.	No	
F	More than 20% of the tree canopy area is oversailing vegetation beneath.	Yes	
Number of criteria passed		3	
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)	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			



Key

-  Survey area
-  Trees
-  Willow Scrub
-  Bramble Scrub
-  Vegetated Garden
-  Developed Land
-  Mixed Scrub
-  Modified Grassland
-  Artificial Unvegetated (unbound paths, mulch, sports pitch and play sandpit)

Plan 1 Habitats

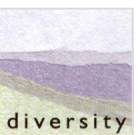
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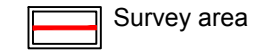
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Key



Survey area

Existing habitat



Trees



Willow Scrub



Vegetated Garden



Developed Land



Mixed Scrub



Artificial Unvegetated



Modified Grassland

Enhanced and New Habitats:



Additional Mixed Scrub (from bramble scrub) **UKHab code h3h**



Other Neutral Grassland (from modified grassland) **UKHab code g3c**



Introduced shrub (within soft play area) **UKHab code u1**



Rural trees included within soft play area

Plan 2 Habitats proposed

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