

Condition Sheet: WOODLAND Habitat Type																
UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) Habitat Types																
Woodland and forest - Lowland beech and yew woodland Woodland and forest - Lowland mixed deciduous woodland Woodland and forest - Native pine woodlands Woodland and forest - Other coniferous woodland Woodland and forest - Other Scot's pine woodland Woodland and forest - Other woodland; broadleaved Woodland and forest - Other woodland; mixed Woodland and forest - Upland birchwoods Woodland and forest - Upland mixed ashwoods Woodland and forest - Upland oakwood Woodland and forest - Wet woodland																
Habitat Description																
Two areas of broadleaved woodland on the Site, in the northwest and the east. Both dominated by Alder.																
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This condition sheet is based on the England Woodland Biodiversity Group (EWBG) Woodland Condition Survey Method, available here:																
Woodland Wildlife Toolkit (sylva.org.uk)																
IMPORTANT: This biodiversity metric woodland condition assessment must be used to assess woodland being input into the biodiversity metric. The outputs of this condition assessment are not equivalent to, nor are they comparable with the scores from the EWBG condition assessment, because the EWBG assessment has been adapted for the biodiversity metric, including the removal of EWBG Indicator 7 (Proportion of favourable land cover around woodland) and Indicator 14 (Size of woodland), and minor changes to other indicators.																
On-site or off-site, site name and location		On-site, Ratby Sports Club, Desford Ln, Ratby, Leicester LE6		Survey date and Surveyor name		2 December 2025 Imogen Holloway and Zachary Mason		Habitat parcel reference								
						30301416		30874650								
Limitations (if applicable)		The survey was undertaken in December; It should be noted that winter is a sub-optimal time of		Survey reference (if relating to a wider survey)				Grid reference								
						SK 5096305624		SK 5122005528								
Condition Assessment Criteria																
Indicator		Good (3 points)		Moderate (2 points)		Poor (1 point)		Score per indicator						Notes (such as justification)		
A Age distribution of trees		Three age-classes ¹ present.		Two age-classes ¹ present.		One age-class ¹ present.		1		1						
B Wild, domestic and feral herbivore damage		No significant browsing damage evident in woodland ² .		Evidence of significant browsing pressure is present in less than 40% of whole woodland ² .		Evidence of significant browsing pressure is present in 40% or more of whole woodland ² .		3		3						
C Invasive plant species		No invasive species ³ present in woodland.		Rhododendron <i>Rhododendron ponticum</i> or cherry laurel <i>Prunus laurocerasus</i> not present, and other invasive species ³ <10% cover.		Rhododendron or cherry laurel present, or other invasive species ³ ≥10% cover.		3		3						
D Number of native tree species		Five or more native tree or shrub species ⁴ found across woodland parcel.		Three to four native tree or shrub species ⁴ found across woodland parcel.		Two or less native tree or shrub species ⁴ across woodland parcel.		1		2						
E Cover of native tree and shrub species		>80% of canopy trees and >80% of understory shrubs are native ⁵ .		50 - 80% of canopy trees and 50 - 80% of understory shrubs are native ⁵ .		<50% of canopy trees and <50% of understory shrubs are native ⁵ .		3		3						
F Open space within woodland		10 - 20% of woodland has areas of temporary open space ⁶ . Unless woodland is <10ha, in which case 0 - 20% temporary open space is permitted ⁷ .		21 - 40% of woodland has areas of temporary open space ⁶ .		<10% or >40% of woodland has areas of temporary open space ⁶ . But if woodland <10ha has <10% temporary open space, please see Good category ⁷ .		3		3						
G Woodland regeneration		All three classes present in woodland ⁸ ; trees 4 - 7 cm Diameter at Breast Height (DBH), saplings and seedlings or advanced coppice regrowth.		One or two classes only present in woodland ⁸ .		No classes or coppice regrowth present in woodland ⁸ .		2		2						

H	Tree health	Tree mortality 10% or less, no pests or diseases and no crown dieback ⁹ .	11% to 25% tree mortality and or crown dieback or low risk pest or disease present ⁹ .	Greater than 25% tree mortality and or any high-risk pest or disease present ⁹ .	3	3									
I	Vegetation and ground flora	Recognisable NVC plant community ¹⁰ at ground layer present, strongly characterised by ancient woodland flora specialists.	Recognisable woodland NVC plant community ¹⁰ at ground layer present.	No recognisable woodland NVC plant community ¹⁰ at ground layer present.	1	1									
J	Woodland vertical structure	Three or more storeys across all survey plots, or a complex woodland ¹¹ .	Two storeys across all survey plots ¹¹ .	One or less storey across all survey plots ¹¹ .	1	1									
K	Veteran trees	Two or more veteran trees ¹² per hectare.	One veteran tree ¹² per hectare.	No veteran trees ¹² present in woodland.	1	1									
L	Amount of deadwood	50% of all survey plots within the woodland parcel have deadwood, such as standing and fallen deadwood, large dead branches and or stems, branch stubs and stumps, or an abundance of small cavities ¹³ .	Between 25% and 50% of all survey plots within the woodland parcel have deadwood, such as standing and fallen deadwood, large dead branches and or stems, stubs and stumps, or an abundance of small cavities ¹³ .	Less than 25% of all survey plots within the woodland parcel have deadwood, such as standing and fallen deadwood, large dead branches and or stems, stubs and stumps, or an abundance of small cavities ¹³ .	1	1									
M	Woodland disturbance	No nutrient enrichment or damaged ground evident ¹⁴ .	Less than 1 hectare in total of nutrient enrichment across woodland area, and or less than 20% of woodland area has damaged ground ¹⁴ .	1 hectare or more of nutrient enrichment, and or 20% or more of woodland area has damaged ground ¹⁴ .	3	1									
Total Score (out of a possible 39)					26	25									
Condition Assessment Result		Condition Assessment Score		Result Achieved											
Total score >32 (33 to 39)		Good (3)													
Total score 26 to 32		Moderate (2)		Yes											
Total score <26 (13 to 25)		Poor (1)			Yes										
Suggested enhancement interventions to improve condition score															