

Appendix: Raw Baseline Habitat Data

UK Habitat Classification (UKHab)

Former Ambulance Station, Cemetery Road, Ramsbottom, BL0 9PU

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A1. Purpose of Appendix

This appendix presents the raw baseline habitat data for the site in a format consistent with the UK Habitat Classification (UKHab) field survey structure. The data underpin the Defra Biodiversity Metric 4.0 calculations submitted with the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Report and are derived from site observations and the Preliminary Roost Assessment.

A2. Survey Context

The site comprises a previously developed brownfield parcel containing a former ambulance station building, associated hardstanding and areas of amenity grassland. The data presented represent baseline conditions at the time of survey and are suitable for use within the Defra Metric 4.0 calculator.

A3. Raw Baseline Habitat Data (UKHab Field Survey Format)

UKHab habitat name	Area (m²)	Distinctiveness	Condition	Strategic significance	Notes
Wilt-up areas and hardstanding	≈583	Very Low	N/A	Low	Former ambulance station building
Modified grassland (amenity)	≈367	Low	Poor	Low	Species-poor amenity grassland
Scattered scrub	<25 (within H2)	Low	Poor	Low	Ornamental shrubs at site margin
Individual trees	Count-based	Low	Moderate	Low	Two individual trees; no bat roosts

A4. Tree Baseline Data (UKHab Compatible)

Tree ID	Species	Approx. height	Approx. DBH	UKHab classification	Bat roost suitability
T1	Oak (Quercus robur)	~12 m	~45 cm	t1 – Individual tree	Negligible
T2	Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus)	~8 m	~40 cm	t1 – Individual tree	Negligible

A5. Cross-reference to Defra Metric 4.0 Habitat Parcels

The habitat parcels listed above correspond directly with the baseline habitat entries used within the Defra Biodiversity Metric 4.0 spreadsheet submitted with the BNG Report:

UKHab parcel ID	Metric 4.0 habitat type	Metric baseline entry reference
H1	Urban – sealed surface	Baseline Habitat Parcel 1
H2	Modified grassland (low distinctiveness)	Baseline Habitat Parcel 2
H3	Scrub (within grassland parcel)	Included within Parcel 2
H4	Individual trees	Baseline Tree Parcels

A6. Summary

The baseline habitat data confirm that the site is dominated by habitats of very low and low distinctiveness, with no habitats of principal importance present. The data are suitable for use within the Defra Metric 4.0 and support the conclusions of the Biodiversity Net Gain Report.