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### 1 Introduction

- 1.1.1 This report presents a summary of the ecological baseline data relating to hedgerows.
- 1.1.2 Ecological baseline data has been collected for the assessment of High Speed Rail (West midlands – Crewe). The Proposed Scheme will pass through the following community areas (CA):
  - CA1: Fradley to Colton;
  - CA2: Colwich to Yarlet;
  - CA3: Stone and Swynnerton;
  - CA4: Whitmore Heath to Madeley; and
  - CA<sub>5</sub>: South Cheshire.
- 1.1.3 This report should be read in conjunction with Map Series EC-10 in the Background Information and Data, Ecology Map Books.
- 1.1.4 The following baseline ecology reports can also be referred to:
  - Ecological baseline data phase 1 habitat survey (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-002-000);
  - Ecological baseline data protected and or notable flora (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-003-000);
  - Ecological baseline data national vegetation classification and ancient woodland (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-004-000);
  - Ecological baseline data river habitat, river corridor, and ditch surveys, (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-006-000);
  - Ecological baseline data amphibian and pond surveys (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-007-000);
  - Ecological baseline data reptiles (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-8-000);
  - Ecological baseline data breeding and wintering birds (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-009-000);
  - Ecological baseline data otter and water vole (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-010-000);
  - Ecological baseline data hazel dormouse (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-011-000);
  - Ecological baseline data bats (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-12-000);

- Ecological baseline data white clawed crayfish and other invertebrate (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-013-000); and
- Ecological baseline data fish (Background Information and Data: BID-EC-014-000).
- 1.1.5 Note that baseline data for badger is not made publically available due to the historic persecution of this species.
- 1.1.6 The ecological assessment is detailed in The High Speed Rail (West Midlands Crewe) Environmental Statement (ES)<sup>1</sup>:
  - Volume 2, Community area reports;
  - Volume 3, Route-wide effects;
  - Volume 4, Off-route effects; and
  - Volume 5, Appendices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> HS<sub>2</sub> Ltd (2017), High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Environmental Statement (ES), www.gov.uk/hs<sub>2</sub>

## 2 Hedgerows

#### 2.1 Methodology

- 2.1.1 Details of the standard methodology utilised for hedgerow surveys are provided in Technical Note HS2 Ecological Surveys: Field Survey Methods and Standards (FSMS) included in the Scope and Methodology Report (SMR) Addendum<sup>2</sup>.
- 2.1.2 Details of the locations where hedgerow survey were conducted are provided in Table 1 and in the accompanying Ecology Map Series EC-10. Sites for hedgerow survey were identified as those that are within 100m of the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme. Information on designated sites for which hedgerows are the primary feature of interest were obtained from the following sources:
  - Staffordshire Ecological Records Centre<sup>3</sup>; and
  - rECOrd<sup>4</sup> for Cheshire area.

#### 2.2 Deviations, constraints and limitations.

- 2.2.1 All hedgerows within and up to 100m from the Proposed Scheme were identified from aerial photography and were then scoped and surveyed in the field.
- 2.2.2 Hedgerow surveys can be undertaken at any time of year but the optimal period is April to October (Defra, 2007<sup>5</sup>). Approximately 20% of surveys were undertaken outside this optimal period. This may have led to an under recording of ground flora at some sites but overall this is unlikely to have detracted from the reliability of the results, as the majority of hedgerows were found in intensively farmed or improved grassland areas.
- 2.2.3 A number of hedgerows were not surveyed due to lack of land access. The likely classification of the hedgerows within these land parcels is detailed in Table 1.

Table 1: Summary of hedgerows where no access was available for survey within the West Midlands to Crewe area

Site name and location	Likely Classification	Distance from the Proposed Scheme	CA
Areas between Hanch and King's Bromley Wharf marina	Contains 18 hedgerows. These hedgerows are likely to be of ecological value and classified as 'important' under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997 <sup>6</sup>	Within Proposed Scheme	CA1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Environmental Impact Assessment Scope and Methodology Report Addendum, Volume 5: Appendix CT-001-002

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Staffordshire Ecological Record, *The Ecological Database for Staffordshire*, <a href="http://www.staffsecology.org.uk/html2015/index.php?title=Main\_Page">http://www.staffsecology.org.uk/html2015/index.php?title=Main\_Page</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> rECOrd, Local Biological Records Centre serving Cheshire, http://www.record-lrc.co.uk/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (2007), Hedgerow Survey Handbook: A standard procedure for local surveys in the UK, 2nd edition, Defra, London

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Hedgerows Regulations, SI 1197 No. 1160. Her Majesty's Stationery Office, London

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Site name and location	Likely Classification	Distance from the Proposed Scheme	CA
Areas between King's Bromley Wharf marina and north of A513 Alrewas Road	Contains 20 hedgerows. These hedgerows are likely to be of ecological value and classified as 'important' under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997	Within Proposed Scheme	CA1
Areas north of Rugeley Power Station to land east of Colton	Contains 28 hedgerows. These hedgerows are likely to be of ecological value and classified as 'important' under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997	Within Proposed Scheme	CA1
Areas between Marston and Yarlet, north of Yarlet Lane	Contains 13 hedgerows. These hedgerows are likely to be of ecological value and classified as 'important' under the Hedgerow Regulations 1997	Within Proposed Scheme	CA2
Land north-east of Pire Hill, west of M6 motorway	Contains 16 hedgerows. These hedgerows are likely to be of ecological value and classified as 'important' in accordance with The Hedgerows Regulations 1997	Within Proposed Scheme	CA <sub>3</sub>

Hedgerows that are 'important'<sup>7</sup> because they qualify with The Hedgerows Regulations 1997 'Wildlife and Landscape' criteria are identified in Table 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Hedgerow which meets the necessary criteria defined in the Hedgerow Regulations (1997). Note the current assessment only takes into consideration the wildlife and landscape criteria, as archaeological and historical value does not form part of the scope of the ecological assessment

#### 2.3 Baseline

#### Fradley to Colton (CA1)

- 2.3.1 Within this area a total of 336 hedgerows with a combined length of approximately 51.9km were surveyed (within 100m of the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme) to determine whether they meet the wildlife and landscape criteria to be considered an 'important' hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations. Of those, 112 qualified as 'important' hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 22.8km) and are detailed in Table 2. In total 88 of those 'important' hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 13km) are located within the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme.
- 2.3.2 The majority of the important hedgerows qualified under criterion six (see Table 2 for descriptions of criteria) which is that the hedgerow is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath, a road used as a public path, a byway open to all traffic and includes at least four woody species and a least two of the features specified such as a ditch, bank or mature trees. In addition there are 52 hedgerows which qualify under criterion three, which is that the hedgerow contains at least seven woody species (from Schedule 3) of the Hedgerows Regulations. In total 25 hedgerows qualify under criterion four, which is that the hedgerow contains at least six woody species (from Schedule 3) and at least three of the following features identified in Schedule 1 Part II paragraph 7 subparagraph 4 of the Hedgerows Regulations. Also in total, 25 hedgerows qualify under criteria seven, which is that the hedgerow contains at least five woody species and at least four of the features specified under criterion four.
- 2.3.3 The most common woody species found within these hedgerows were field maple, hazel, hawthorn, ash, holly, blackthorn, pedunculate oak, rose and elder.
- 2.3.4 There are ten hedgerows which are listed because the hedgerows themselves are notified as LWSs (Local Wildlife Sites) and BASs (Biodiversity Alert Sites) and are therefore the primary feature of interest in CA1. They are located within 250m of land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme:
  - Curborough House Hedgerows LWS;
  - Pipe Wood Lane LWS;
  - Newlands Lane LWS;
  - Sheracop Lane LWS;
  - Crawley Lane BAS;
  - Pipe Wood Lane BAS;
  - Long Mets Lane BAS;
  - Finners Hill BAS;
  - Moor Lane BAS; and
  - Sheracop Lane BAS.

#### Colwich to Yarlet (CA2)

- 2.3.5 Within this area a total of 261 hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 31.8km) were surveyed (within 100m of the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme) to determine whether they meet the wildlife and landscape criteria to be considered an 'important' hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations. Of those, 18 qualified as 'important' hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 2.5km) and are detailed in Table 2. In total 14 of those 'important' hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 1.4km) are located within the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme.
- 2.3.6 The majority of the important hedgerows qualified under criterion six (see Table 2 for descriptions of criteria) which is that the hedgerow is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath, a road used as a public path, a byway open to all traffic and includes at least four woody species and a least two of the features specified such as a ditch, bank or mature trees. In addition there are four hedgerows which qualify under criterion three, which is that the hedgerow contains at least seven woody species (from Schedule 3) of the Hedgerows Regulations. Four hedgerows qualify under criterion four, which is that the hedgerow contains at least six woody species (from Schedule 3) and at least three of the following features identified in Schedule 1 Part II paragraph 7 sub-paragraph 4 of the Hedgerows Regulations. Two hedgerows qualify under criteria seven, which is that the hedgerow contains at least five woody species and at least four of the features specified under criterion four.
- 2.3.7 The most common woody species found within these hedgerows were field maple, hazel, hawthorn, ash, holly, blackthorn, pedunculate oak, rose and elder.
- 2.3.8 A hedgerow at Bishton Lane BAS is the primary reason that the site was selected as a BAS. The site is located within 250m of land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme.

#### Stone and Swynnerton (CA<sub>3</sub>)

- 2.3.9 Within this area a total of 304 hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 49.9km) were surveyed (within 100m of the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme) to determine whether they meet the wildlife and landscape criteria to be considered an 'important hedgerow' under the Hedgerow Regulations. Of those, 18 qualified as 'important' hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 4km) and are detailed in Table 2. All 18 hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 3.4km) are located within the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme.
- 2.3.10 The majority of the important hedgerows qualified under criterion six (see Table 2 for descriptions of criteria) which is that the hedgerow is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath, a road used as a public path, a byway open to all traffic and includes at least four woody species and a least two of the features specified such as a ditch, bank or mature trees. In addition there are four hedgerows which qualify under criterion three, which is that the hedgerow contains at least seven woody species (from Schedule 3) of the Hedgerows Regulations. Two hedgerows qualify under criterion four, which is that the hedgerow contains at least six woody species (from Schedule 3) and at least three

of the following features identified in Schedule 1 Part II paragraph 7 sub-paragraph 4 of the Hedgerows Regulations. Five hedgerows qualify under criteria seven, which is that the hedgerow contains at least five woody species and at least four of the features specified under criterion four.

The most common woody species found within these hedgerows were field maple, hazel, hawthorn, ash, holly, blackthorn, pedunculate oak, rose and elder.

#### Whitmore Heath to Madeley (CA4)

- 2.3.12 Within this area 238 hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 27.9km) were surveyed (within 100m of the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme) to determine whether they meet the wildlife and landscape criteria to be considered an 'important' hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations. Of those 23 qualified as 'important' hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 4.8km) and are detailed in Table 2. In total 21 of those 'important' hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 3.8km) are located within the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme.
- The majority of the important hedgerows qualified under criterion six (see Table 2 for descriptions of criteria) which is that the hedgerow is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath, a road used as a public path, a byway open to all traffic and includes at least four woody species and a least two of the features specified such as a ditch, bank or mature trees. There are two hedgerows which qualify as important hedgerows under criterion three, which is that the hedgerow contains at least seven woody species. In addition there are 11 hedgerows which qualify under criterion three, which is that the hedgerow contains at least seven woody species (from Schedule 3) of the Hedgerows Regulations. In total, 10 hedgerows qualify under criterion four, which is that the hedgerow contains at least six woody species (from Schedule 3) and at least three of the following features identified in Schedule 1 Part II paragraph 7 sub-paragraph 4 of the Hedgerows Regulations. Nine hedgerows qualify under criteria seven, which is that the hedgerow contains at least five woody species and at least four of the features specified under criterion four.
- 2.3.14 The most common woody species found within these hedgerows were field maple, hazel, hawthorn, ash, holly, blackthorn, pedunculate oak, rose and elder.
- 2.3.15 A hedgerow at Red Lane BAS is the primary reason that the site was selected as a BAS. The site is located within 250m of land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme.

#### South Cheshire (CA<sub>5</sub>)

2.3.16 Within this area 130 hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 19.4km) were surveyed (within 100m of the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme) to determine whether they meet the wildlife and landscape criteria to be considered an 'important' hedgerow under the Hedgerow Regulations. Of those 20 qualified as 'important' hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 2.8km) and are detailed in Table 2. In total 13 of those 'important' hedgerows (with a combined length of approximately 1.8km) are located within the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme.

- 2.3.17 The majority of the important hedgerows qualified under criteria six (see Table 2 for descriptions of criteria), which is that the hedgerow is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath, a road used as a public path, a byway open to all traffic and includes at least four woody species and a least two of the features specified such as a ditch, bank or mature trees. In addition, six hedgerows which qualify under criterion three, which is that the hedgerow contains at least seven woody species (from Schedule 3) of the Hedgerows Regulations. Two hedgerows qualify under criterion four, which is that the hedgerow contains at least six woody species (from Schedule 3) and at least three of the following features identified in Schedule 1 Part II paragraph 7 sub-paragraph 4 of the Hedgerows Regulations. Six hedgerows qualify under criteria seven, which is that the hedgerow contains at least five woody species and at least four of the features specified under criterion four.
- 2.3.18 The most common woody species found within these hedgerows were field maple, hazel, hawthorn, ash, holly, blackthorn, pedunculate oak, rose and elder.

Table 2: Summary of hedgerows qualifying as 'important' within the West Midlands to Crewe area

Ecology survey code	Centroid OS grid reference	Survey date	Qualifying wildl	ife and landscape cr	iteria*					CA	Within the land required for the construction of the Proposed Scheme (Yes/No)
solvey code	gnu reference		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)		
000-HS1- 188013	SK1304313815	18 August 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	yes	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 190009	SK1187015071	o8 September 2016	No	Unknown	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 190010	SK1217115241	o1 September 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 190014	SK1180915094	25 July 2016	No	Unknown	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 190021	SK1137014968	o1 September 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 190022	SK1198515792	o1 September 2016	No	Unknown	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 190024	SK1216816172	o1 September 2016	No	Unknown	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 192003	SK1074416789	17 November 2016	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 192010	SK1031116806	21 September 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 193006	SK1036017525	13 July 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes

000-HS1- 193016	SK1006117962	13 July 2016	No	Unknown	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 193019	SK0971517860	23 November 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 193021	SK0994917973	23 November 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 193027	SK0965318055	23 November 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	No
000-HS1- 193029	SK0952217863	16 August 016	No	Unknown	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 193033	SK0952517863	16 August 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 194003	SK0932917971	13 July 2016	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 194007	SK0976518487	23 November 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 194011	SK0934618012	13 July 2016	Unknown	Unknown	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 194013	SK0969318446	13 July 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 194014	SK0951318470	11 August 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 194017	SK0928818427	12 August 2016	No	Unknown	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 194019	SK0928818427	12 August 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 194020	SK0908318682	10 August 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes

000-HS1- 194021	SK0887318491	11 August 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	CA <sub>1</sub>	Yes
000-HS1- 194022	SK0887318491	11 August 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	CA <sub>1</sub>	Yes
000-HS1- 194023	SK0901618598	11 August 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	CA <sub>1</sub>	Yes
000-HS1- 194024	SK0887618477	20 December 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	CA <sub>1</sub>	No
000-HS1- 194025	SK0898018691	11 August 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	CA <sub>1</sub>	Yes
000-HS1- 194026	SK0895318515	11 August 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	CA <sub>1</sub>	Yes
000-HS1- 194027	SK0901718803	11 August 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	CA <sub>1</sub>	No
000-HS1- 195001	SK0881919148	10 August 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 195002	SK0881919148	11 August 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 195003	SK0882619124	11 August 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 195004	SK0876318722	11 August 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 195006	SK0882619124	11 August 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 195007	SK0882619124	11 August 2016	No	Unknown	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 195009	SKo860718886	16 June 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes

000-HS1- 195011	SK0840519375	15 June 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 195012	SK0783218990	15 June 2016	No	Unknown	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 196001	SK0809119257	16 June 2016	No	Unknown	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 196003	SK0804119412	16 June 2016	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 196004	SK0773118734	15 June 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 196008	SK0825219584	16 June 2016	No	Unknown	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 196010	SK0817819737	30 November 2016	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 196021	SK0782320201	12 July 2016	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	No
000-HS1- 196022	SK0783720239	12 July 2016	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	CA1	No
000-HS1- 196023	SK0783620240	13 July 2016	Unknown	Unknown	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	No
000-HS1- 196027	SK0766620370	16 November 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 196028	SK0771620252	26 October 2016	No	No	yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 196033	SK0766620370	26 October 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 197001	SK0759720282	13 July 2016	No	Unknown	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes

000-HS1- 197003	SK0740320182	13 July 2016	No	Unknown	No	Yes	No	No	yes	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 197007	SK0742620277	13 July 2016	No	Unknown	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 197009	SK0735620281	16 November 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 197011	SK0714919980	10 October 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA <sub>1</sub>	Yes
000-HS1- 197014	SK0724320263	10 October 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 197020	SK0711320146	07 September 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 197022	SK0743920415	16 November 2016	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	CA1	Yes
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000-HS1- 197026	SK0708320256	10 November 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 197030	SK0717320291	12 August 2016	No	Unknown	No	No	No	Yes	no	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 197032	SK0689820216	10 November 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	CA1	Yes
000-HS1- 197039	SK0672020208	10 November 2016	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	CA1	Yes

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- 1. Hedgerow is obviously less than 30 years in age;
- Hedgerow contains species listed on either:
  - Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981 as amended);
  - Schedule 5 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981 as amended);
  - Schedule 8 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981 as amended).
  - or categorised as either:
    - a declining breeder (category 3) in 'Red Data Birds in Britain';
    - 'endangered', 'extinct', 'rare' or 'vulnerable' in Britain in British Red Data Books for vascular plants; insects; and invertebrates other than insects.
- 3. Hedgerow contains at least seven woody species (from schedule 3);
- 4. Hedgerow contains at least six woody species (from schedule 3) and at least three of the following features identified in Schedule 1 Part II paragraph 7 sub-paragraph 4 of the Hedgerow Regulations, namely;
  - a bank or wall which supports the hedgerow along at least one half of its length;
  - gaps which in aggregate do not exceed 10% of the length of the hedgerow;
  - where the length of the hedgerow does not exceed 50m, at least one standard;
  - where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 50 metres but does not exceed 100m, at least 2 standard;
  - where the length of the hedgerow exceeds 100 metres, such number of standard (within any part of its length) as would when averaged over its total length amount to at least one for each 50m;
  - at least three woodland species within 1m, in any direction, of the outermost edges of the hedgerow;
  - a ditch along at least one half of the length of the hedgerow;
  - connections scoring four points or more connection with another hedgerow scores one point and a
    connection with a pond or a woodland in which the majority of trees are broad-leaved trees scores two
    points; and a hedgerow is connected with something not only if it meets it but also if it has a point within
    10m of it and would meet it if the line of the hedgerow continued;
  - a parallel hedge within 15m of the hedgerow.
- 5. Hedgerow contains at least six woody species (from schedule 3), including one of the following:
  - black-poplar tree (Populus nigra ssp betulifolia);
  - large-leaved lime (Tilia platyphyllos);
  - small-leaved lime (Tilia cordata);
  - wild service-tree (Sorbus torminalis);
  - hedgerow containing at least five woody species and at least four of the features specified under (4) above; and
  - hedgerow is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath, a road used as a public path, a byway open to all traffic and includes at least four woody species (from schedule 3) and a least two of the features specified under (4) above.
- 6. Hedgerow is adjacent to a bridleway or footpath, a road used as a public path, a byway open to all traffic and includes at least four woody species and a least two of the features specified under (4) above; and
- 7. Hedgerow containing at least five woody species and at least four of the features specified under (4) above.

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