



## **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN SUMMARY**

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## **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA**

### **BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN SUMMARY**

#### **1.1 Introduction**

This summary has been prepared by Essex Ecology Ltd., for Southend-on-Sea City Council. It comprises a summary of Biodiversity Net Gain Assessments of eight sites in Southend-on-Sea, Essex.

Southend-on-Sea City Council are currently not in a position at this point to agree habitat management plans for the sites in this baseline study and cannot be confident that any estimates for cost per unit (based on for example London Borough of Sutton data) would be sufficiently robust to include within the study.

As such, an estimated price per unit for each habitat type is not included within the Biodiversity Net Gain Baseline assessment reports and instead this work will be taken forward separately to the baseline study.

Costing will also be varied on a site-by-site basis due to the range in habitats and different management requirements.

#### **1.2 Biodiversity Baseline Results**

The following table summarises the results of all Biodiversity Net Gain baseline assessments for the eight sites, including potential biodiversity unit uplift from the enhancements suggested in the reports:

Site name	Site Area (ha)	Baseline (total biodiversity units)	Potential uplift from enhancements* (total biodiversity units)	Habitat types for enhancement	Habitat types for habitat creation
<b>Belton Hills</b>	32.243	202.24	<b>227.71</b>	Neutral grassland	From arable to:
				Blackthorn scrub	Neutral grassland
				Hawthorn scrub	Mixed scrub
				Mixed scrub	Ponds
<b>Edwards Hall Park</b>	11.8	101.82	<b>130.85-131.05</b>	Broadleaved woodland	Hedgerows
				Neutral grassland	
				Blackthorn scrub	
				Broadleaved woodland	
<b>East Beach</b>	11.3	23.1	<b>Max 42.11</b>	Modified grassland	Neutral grassland
				Neutral grassland	Mixed scrub
				Broadleaved woodland	Tree planting

				Line of trees	Hedgerows
<b>Southchurch Park East</b>	7	38.67	<b>Max 26.44</b>	Modified grassland	Neutral grassland
				Neutral grassland	Mixed scrub
				Blackthorn scrub	Tree planting
				Hawthorn scrub	Hedgerows
				Mixed scrub	
				Broadleaved woodland	
				Line of trees	
<b>Eastwood Park</b>	6.23	20.82	<b>Max 23.74</b>	Modified grassland	Neutral grassland
				Mixed scrub	Mixed scrub
				Broadleaved woodland	Tree planting
				Line of trees	Hedgerows
<b>Oakwood Park</b>	6.22	16.48	<b>Max 18.7</b>	Modified grassland	Neutral grassland
				Broadleaved woodland	Mixed scrub
					Tree planting
<b>Maplin Way</b>	1.57	20	<b>Max 1.35</b>	Modified grassland	Neutral grassland
				Broadleaved woodland	Tree planting
					Hedgerows
<b>Cheldon Barton</b>	0.365	1.51	<b>Max 7.76</b>	Modified grassland	Neutral grassland
					Tree planting
					Hedgerows

\* Excludes uplift from habitat creation

The sites Belton Hills and Edwards Hall Park have a total figure for unit uplift while the rest of the site's figures are a maximum figure of unit uplift from enhancements e.g. if all (100%) modified grassland was enhanced on a site to the highest condition that is feasible.

The table excludes uplift from habitat creation due to the theoretical nature of the habitat creation suggestions. All sites except for Edwards Hall Park have habitat creation suggestions that will increase the amounts of units available at the sites, therefore **total unit uplift is potentially higher for each site** than suggested in the table.