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1 Introduction

- 1.1 AECOM Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited (AECOM) has been commissioned by Highways England to provide design services with regards to the A38 Derby Junctions Scheme (referred to herein as "the Scheme").
- 1.2 The Scheme concerns the grade separation of three junctions on the A38 in Derby, namely:
 - A38/ A61 Little Eaton junction
 - A38/ A52 Markeaton junction
 - A38/ A5111 Kingsway junction
- 1.3 These three junctions are located along an approximate 5.5km length of the A38 national trunk road, to the west and north of Derby.
- 1.4 To assist with the assessment of the potential environmental effects of the Scheme, a range of environmental surveys have been undertaken to define prevailing baseline conditions.
- 1.5 Detailed vegetation surveys were carried out on a sub-set of sites highlighted during the initial Phase 1 Habitat Surveys (see report 47071319-URS-05-RP-EN-003) as potentially having higher quality communities that may require further mitigation if lost to the Scheme.
- In June and July 2015, 17 sites were surveyed and the findings reported (see report 47071319-URS-05-RP-EN-011 March 2016). A repeat survey of 8 grassland sites was carried out in July 2017 to assess change and to survey new areas due to Scheme boundary changes (see report HE514503-ACM-EBD-A38_SW_PR_ZZ-RP-EG-0007)
- 1.7 The purpose of this Technical Note is to provide the findings of further vegetation survey data collected in 2018 for a subset of the sites previously visited in 2015 and 2017.

2 Methodology

2.1 A total of 6 semi-improved grassland areas were identified for re-survey in 2018, although two sites had other areas assessed whilst on site (as shown in brackets). The location of these areas is shown on Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix A as follows:



- Areas 1B (+1H), 1D and 1F at Kingsway and Markeaton junctions, respectively (see Figure 1, Appendix A)
- Areas 2E (+2F), 2K and 2Q at Little Eaton junction (see Figure 2, Appendix B)
- 2.2 Each of the 6 (+2) grassland areas was visited by a suitably experienced ecologist.
- 2.3 Previous species lists from 2015 and 2017 for the sites were utilised as a baseline to assess any differences and changes seen.
- 2.4 Photographs were taken of the grassland swards and notes taken on the grassland species composition including an indication of abundance for each species based on the DAFOR scale (given below):

D: Dominant

A: Abundant

F: Frequent

O: Occasional

R: Rare

2.5 In addition, three watercourses were visited to assess presence of aquatic vegetation in the watercourses, namely Bramble Brook (Kingsway junction), Dam Brook (Little Eaton junction) and a ditch along the railway cutting at Kingsway junction to the north of the A38.

Grassland Assessment

2.6 The grasslands were assessed using criteria taken from the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (DWT) (2003, revised 2011) Local Wildlife Assessment Guidance. The criteria used are based on scoring the number of grassland indicator species in a habitat stand and if a score of 8 or more is attained, then the grassland is worthy of consideration for local wildlife status. Further details are given in Appendix B. The indicator species are indicated in the table in Appendix B.

Survey Limitations

2.7 The surveys were undertaken on 13 and 14 June 2018, which is a suitable time of year and no survey constraints were identified.

3 Survey Results

3.1 Descriptions of the 6 grassland areas and the three watercourses surveyed are given below, with the locations of these areas shown on Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix A. Appendix C provides the Grassland Species list and Appendix D comprises site photographs. The grassland Local Wildlife Sites indicator species (see Appendix B) are highlighted in the grassland species list given in Appendix C.

Area 1B (+1H)

- 3.2 Areas 1B (and 1H) were previously surveyed in 2015 only. This area is within the A38 roundabout at Kingsway junction and is a Local Wildlife Site. This physically isolated, area lying between the A38 carriageways was previously recorded as an unmanaged area of neutral grassland which is suffering from extensive scrub encroachment due to lack of management. This remains the case and the site is becoming overgrown.
- 3.3 As recorded previously the grassland is drier at the eastern edge of the site where open herb-rich patches occur, and this is replaced in the western half by a damper sward which is typically dominated by species such as meadowsweet *Filipendula*



- *ulmaria*, with other damp indicators such as soft-rush *Juncus effusus* and wild angelica *Angelica sylvestris* being present.
- 3.4 Red fescue Festuca rubra is prevalent in much of the open sward, along with varying amounts of crested dog's-tail Cynosurus cristatus, false oat-grass Arrhenatherum elatius, cock's-foot Dactylis glomerata, Yorkshire-fog Holcus lanatus and smooth meadow-grass Poa pratensis.
- 3.5 Herbs recorded include black knapweed *Centaurea nigra*, meadow vetchling *Lathyrus pratensis*, zigzag clover *Trifolium medium*, common sorrel *Rumex acetosa*, ragwort *Senecio jacobaea*, selfheal *Prunella vulgaris*, oxeye daisy *Leucanthemum vulgare*, wild strawberry *Fragaria vesca*, common spotted-orchid *Dactylorhiza fuchsii*, ribwort plantain *Plantago lanceolata*, bush vetch *Vicia sepium*, meadow buttercup *Ranunculus acris*, goat's-beard *Tragopogon pratensis*, hairy tare *Vicia hirsuta* and narrow leaved vetch *Vicia sativa ssp nigra*.
- 3.6 As previously, hoary ragwort *Senecio erucifolius* remains a frequent part of the sward and weed species such as dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale* agg.) also remain locally frequent.
- 3.7 Scrub encroachment is at least 50% cover, comprising largely dog-rose *Rosa canina* agg., bramble *Rubus fruticosus* agg, willow species *Salix* spp. and hawthorn *Crataegus monogyna*.
- 3.8 This area supported eleven grassland indicator species (nine were previously recorded): common knapweed, common spotted orchid, meadowsweet, wild strawberry, goat's-beard, hoary ragwort, meadow vetchling, oxeye daisy, selfheal, zigzag clover and narrow-leaved vetch.

Area 1D

- 3.9 Area 1D was previously surveyed in 2015 only. As recorded in 2015, this is an area of tall unmanaged grassland, which occurs by the Kingsway junction roundabout. The grassland remains dominated by false oat-grass with abundant red clover *Trifolium pratense* and frequent cow parsley *Anthriscus sylvestris*, red fescue, timothy *Phleum pratense*, hogweed *Heracleum sphondylium* and Yorkshire-fog, with lesser amounts of common mouse-ear *Cerastium fontanum*, creeping thistle *Cirsium arvense*, cock'sfoot, smooth hawksbeard *Crepis capillaris*, ribwort plantain and smooth meadowgrass. It supports a herb component typical of neutral grassland, including meadow buttercup, creeping buttercup *Ranunculus repens*, goat's-beard, yarrow *Achillea millefolium*, common knapweed, oxeye daisy and tufted vetch *Vicia cracca*.
- 3.10 This area supported six grassland indicator species (four were previously recorded): smooth hawksbeard, goat's-beard, common and tufted vetches, common knapweed and oxeye daisy.

Area 1F

- 3.11 Area 1F was previously surveyed in 2015 only. This is an area of mown amenity grassland at Derby University, which has headlands, of in places 5 6 m width, where the sward grows tall. It should be noted that there is a habitat management plan written for the overall site, which encourages nature conservation enhancement. The University may implement this once the works associated with the Scheme have been completed, but this is unknown at this stage.
- 3.12 The mown grassland has low to moderate species diversity and is dominated by perennial rye-grass *Lolium perenne* with lesser amounts of grasses such as cock's-foot, Yorkshire-fog and smooth meadow-grass along with herbs such as hogweed, selfheal, creeping buttercup, white clover *Trifolium repens*, silverweed *Potentilla*



- anserina, black medick *Medicago lupulina* and creeping cinquefoil *Potentilla reptans* present.
- 3.13 In the taller grassland areas, herbs identified include black medick, hogweed, creeping cinquefoil, meadow buttercup, creeping buttercup, dandelion, red clover, teasel *Dipsacus fullonum*, lesser stitchwort *Stellaria graminea*, couch grass *Elytrigia repens*, curled dock *Rumex crispus*, common vetch *Vicia sativa ssp sativa*, cutleaved cranesbill *Geranium dissectum*, bird's-foot trefoil *Lotus corniculatus*, hairy tare, hedge woundwort *Stachys sylvatica*, selfheal, cow parsley and spear thistle *Cirsium vulgare*. At times the areas near the tree line became a taller ruderal community with species such as hogweed, great willowherb *Epilobium hirsutum*, bramble, cleavers *Galium aparine*, broad-leaved dock *Rumex obtusifolius* and red campion *Silene dioica* more prevalent.
- 3.14 The area was surrounded by areas of scrub (hawthorn and bramble prevalent) and mature woodland with species such as beech *Fagus sylvatica*, ash *Fraxinus excelsior*, cherry *Prunus* sp, hawthorn and oak *Quercus robur*, an apple *Malus* sp, alder *Alnus glutinosa* and silver birch *Betula pendula* present.
- 3.15 This area supported seven grassland indicator species (no species were recorded previously): lesser stitchwort, silverweed, common vetch, selfheal, bird's-foot trefoil, black medick and creeping cinquefoil.

Area 2E (+2F)

- 3.16 Area 2E was surveyed in both 2015 and 2017; Area 2F was only surveyed in 2015. This area is a Local Wildlife Site (Alfreton Road Rough Grassland LWS) and is designated under the Stw4 (a standing water site that supports seasonal drawdown zones and vegetation of open habitat) LWS selection criteria of inundation/ drawdown grassland (designated in 2007, see Derbyshire Wildlife Trust (2007) Alfreton Road Rough Grassland Local Wildlife Site ER002 Ecological Survey & Local Wildlife Site Designation Assessment 2007).
- 3.17 As previously recorded, this is a horse-grazed field by the A38. In general, the area had similar species as recorded previously with local stands of perennial weeds such as common nettle, creeping thistle and spear thistle being present. In general, there are tall ruderal and scrubby areas, overgrazed grassland and large areas of New-Zealand pigmyweed *Crassula helmsii*. New Zealand pigmyweed was not recorded on site when the area was designated an LWS in 2007.
- 3.18 The field is variously inundated through the seasons and the invasive New-Zealand pigmyweed is locally dominant as seen during the previous survey in 2017. There is an area of open water with a draw down zone at the southern end of the field which is described separately in the notes for Area 2F below.
- 3.19 Creeping bent *Agrostis stolonifera* and red fescue often dominate the grasses, with lesser amounts of marsh foxtail *Alopecurus geniculatus*, Yorkshire-fog, cock's-foot and smooth meadow-grass; perennial rye-grass was a minor grass component.
- 3.20 Similar to previous surveys, the effects of heavy horse-grazing were manifested in the frequent occurrence of daisy *Bellis perennis*, silverweed, common ragwort and creeping buttercup. Buttercups appeared quite dominant across the site although the fact that they were in full flower may have exaggerated their dominance.
- 3.21 In addition, meadow buttercup, ribwort plantain, meadowsweet, meadow crane's-bill *Geranium pratense*, red clover, toad rush *Juncus bufonius*, sharp-flowered rush *Juncus acutiflorus*, gypsywort *Lycopus europaeus*, rat's tail plantain *Plantago major*, rib-wort plantain, mugwort *Artemisia vulgare*, water forget-me-not *Myostis scorpioides* and selfheal were also identified, along with small amounts of more diminutive herbs,



- such as procumbent pearlwort *Sagina procumbens*, common mouse-ear, lesser stitchwort, cut-leaved crane's-bill and dove's-foot crane's-bill *Geranium molle*.
- 3.22 The area 2F was a large waterbody, which took up most of the southern part of the site. Species seen around the edges of the water included toad rush, floating sweet grass *Glyceria fluitans*, marsh foxtail, yellow flag *Iris pseudacorus*, water forget-menot, an alga, New Zealand pigmyweed and gypsywort.
- 3.23 This area supported seven grassland indicator species (three were previously recorded): water forget-me-not, lesser stitchwort, meadowsweet, sharp-flowered rush, silverweed, selfheal and meadow crane's bill. The site also had 5 inundation/drawdown grassland indicator species: water forget-me-not, marsh foxtail, silverweed, floating sweet grass and creeping bent.

Area 2K

- 3.24 As with previous surveys carried out in 2015 and 2017, Area 2K is an unmanaged species-rich grassland sward, which occurs on a steep slope local to sewage works on the A38. Extensive scrub and encroachment from trees including ash and common hawthorn was still a feature of the site. The area was dominated by tall grasses with species such as stinging nettle locally frequent, but the grassland still supports a range of indicator species. Evidence of ash dieback was noted on ash saplings within area 2K in 2017, although this was not assessed in 2018.
- 3.25 The grassland was still dominated by false oat-grass, with frequent Yorkshire-fog. Other grasses recorded included cock's-foot, red fescue, smooth meadow-grass, common bent *Agrostis capillaris* although yellow oat-grass *Trisetum flavescens* was not recorded in 2018.
- 3.26 In terms of herb species, the sward remains similar to previous surveys with locally frequent oxeye daisy, scattered meadow vetchling, common bird's-foot-trefoil *Lotus corniculatus*, lupin *Lupinus* sp., burnet-saxifrage *Pimpinella saxifraga*, salad burnet *Poterium sanguisorba*, meadow buttercup, yarrow, common sorrel *Rumex acetosa*, selfheal, goat's-beard, common knapweed, ribwort plantain and bush vetch and smooth tare *Vicia tetrasperma*.
- 3.27 In 2018, it was noted that cleavers *Galium aparine* was frequent and hogweed appeared to be more abundant in the sward than previously recorded. Without management, it is likely that over time the area will degrade in quality.
- 3.28 Also not seen in 2018, but recorded previously, were species such as bladder campion *Silene vulgaris*, germander speedwell *Veronica chamaedrys* and zig-zag clover.
- 3.29 Additional species recorded in 2018 included red campion *Silene dioica*, cow parsley and hedge woundwort.
- 3.30 In 2018, ten grassland indicator species (10 were recorded in 2017) were recorded: oxeye daisy, goat's-beard, common knapweed, burnet-saxifrage, creeping cinquefoil, selfheal, common bird's-foot-trefoil, common vetch, and meadow vetchling and salad burnet.

Area 2Q

3.31 This area was surveyed in 2017 survey only. In 2017, Area 2Q was recorded as a very disturbed area of grassland established on a restored landfill site. Some areas were open, short rabbit grazed herb dominated and other areas were taller and grass dominated. The grassland surrounded a hard-standing area used for storage of old shipping containers. There was evidence of off-road biking and vehicle movements across much of the area especially the western half.



- 3.32 In 2018, overall and in terms of grassland, the site had a mix of short rabbit grazed/disturbed grassland and more established tall grassland, which in places is extensive (central section has scattered scrub present also) but in others are smaller sections dispersed within scrub, scattered trees and tall ruderal areas (often as rides/footpaths around site). The grassland areas have tall herbs scattered throughout, including teasel, hard rush *Juncus inflexus* and willowherbs *Epilobium* spp.)
- 3.33 In addition to the grassland areas, the site has extensive areas of dense and scattered scrub, areas of more mature trees (woodland/ treelines) and large areas of tall ruderals (particularly east/ south-east of the site). The area of storage containers remains quite extensive south of the site.
- 3.34 Grassland species recorded included false oat grass, common couch, red fescue, smooth meadow grass, Yorkshire fog and creeping bent, which were typical of the grasses recorded and herbs included black knapweed, ox eye daisy, black medick, hop trefoil *Trifolium campestre*, bird's-foot trefoil, tufted vetch, germander speedwell, white clover, perforate St-John's-wort *Hypericum perforatum*, meadow cranesbill, ribwort plantain, selfheal, creeping thistle, red bartsia *Odontites vernus*, silverweed, meadow vetchling, common spotted orchid, bee orchid *Ophrys apifera*, smooth hawk's-beard, lesser stitchwort and yarrow.
- 3.35 Stands of scrub including bramble, rose *Rosa* spp., hawthorn, willows and plantation woodland were found within the grassland areas, the tall ruderal areas and along the site boundary.
- 3.36 The large stands of tall ruderals included species such as rosebay willow herb Chamerion angustifolium, hogweed, stinging nettle, angelica and wild teasel. The eastern section of tall ruderal community appeared more like a marshy area and contained species such as hairy sedge Carex hirta, false fox sedge Carex otrubae, pendulous sedge Carex pendula, soft rush, hard rush, angelica, marsh thistle, common figwort Scrophularia nodosa, great hairy willowherb and tufted hair grass Deschampsia cespitosa along with scattered scrub.
- 3.37 Marsh woundwort *Stachys palustris*, a grassland indicator species, was recorded within areas of impeded drainage in 2017, but was not found in 2018.
- 3.38 The invasive non-native Japanese knotweed *Fallopia japonica* was found in various locations across the site, most of which have been previously recorded including along the western boundary and towards the north. A large stand not previously recorded was found to the north-east of the site (20m x 5m). Himalayan balsam *impatiens glandulifera* was also recorded at various locations across the site.
- 3.39 Additional species recorded (not seen in 2017) included bush vetch, cocksfoot, meadow cranesbill, smooth hawk's-beard, lupin, hogweed and perforate St-John's-wort.
- 3.40 A total of 17 grassland indicator species were recorded (10 were recorded previously); self-heal, oxeye daisy, common knapweed, black medick, bird's foot trefoil, hop trefoil, smooth hawksbeard, meadow cranesbill, perforate St-John's-wort, lesser stitchwort, creeping cinquefoil, meadow vetchling, silverweed, germander speedwell, common spotted orchid, bee orchid and tufted vetch *Vicia cracca*.

Bramble Brook

3.41 This was a shallow watercourse, which appeared be very silty. Much of the brook is covered by tall trees and woodland. No aquatic or marginal species were seen in the brook in the areas surveyed. Not all areas could be accessed because of dense vegetation. The main areas seen were within the Kingsway junction roundabout bounded by the A38.



Dam Brook

- 3.42 This watercourse was more like a large ditch that had quite steep sides and appeared silty. Part of the brook was open with herb and grass species dominating the sward. Pendulous sedge was occasional along the edge and soft rush was also noted; however, there were no aquatic species within the water itself.
 - Railway cutting ditch (Kingsway junction)
- 3.43 The ditch/ watercourse along the railway cutting near Kingsway junction roundabout and the north of the A38 was very shallow and had a variable base substrate being silty in some areas and a quite stony (old railway ballast possibly) substrate in others. The watercourse was covered by woodland with species scrub as ash and sycamore *Acer pseudoplatanus* present. Herbaceous species recorded on the banks of the brook included male fern *Dryopteris filix-mas*, herb bennet *Geum urbanum*, wood dock *Rumex sanguineus*, creeping buttercup, bramble, nettles, hedge woundwort, hogweed, cow parsley and great willowherb. An abundance of fly-tipped rubbish was present along one-side of the brook.
- 3.44 Only brooklime *Veronica beccabunga* (along with yellow flag as a marginal species) was recorded as a true aquatic species, but there were areas that had species typical of damper areas such as horsetail *Equisetum* sp, meadowsweet and water figwort *Scrophularia auriculata*.

4 Discussion and Recommendations

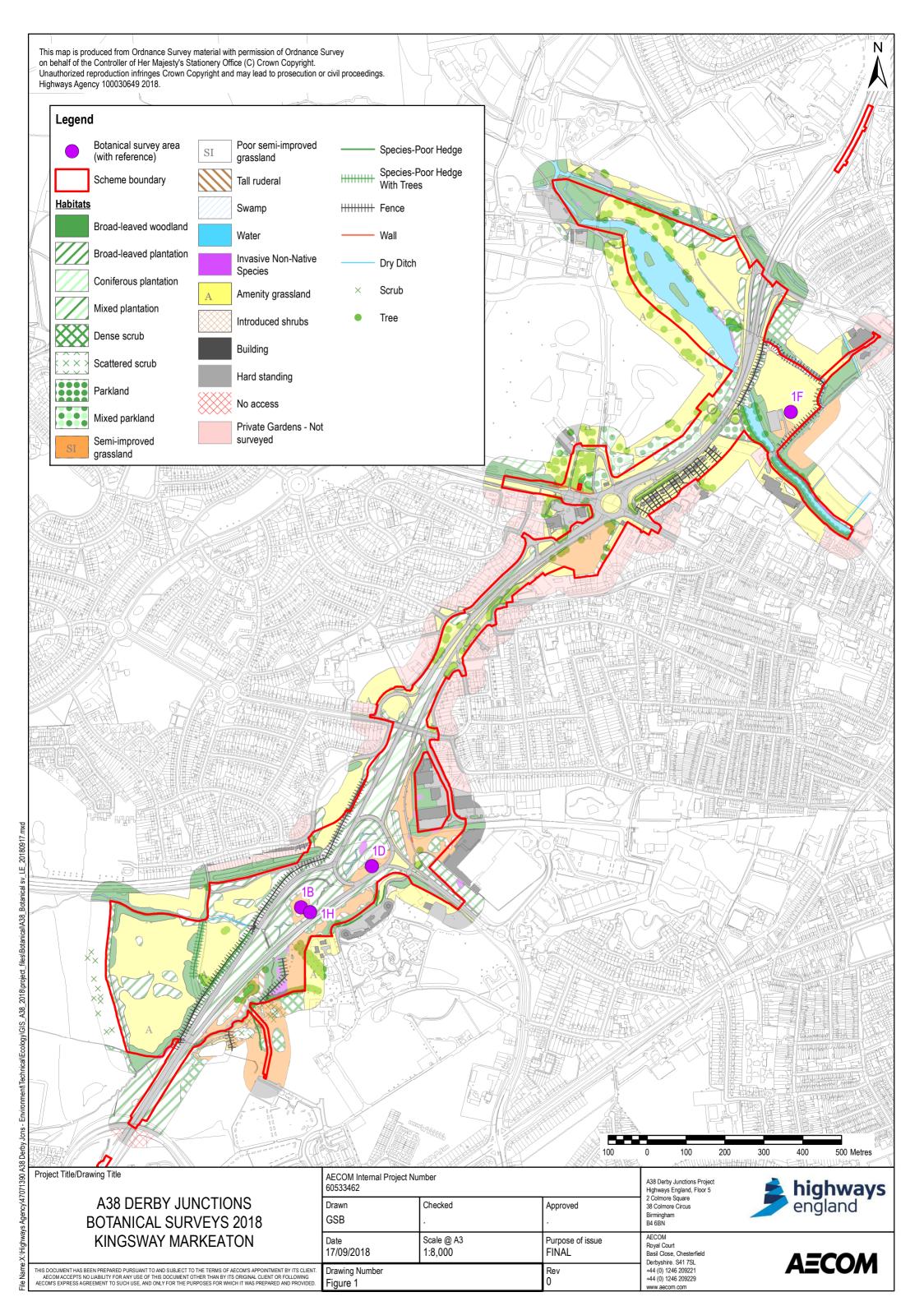
- 4.1 Botanical surveys were carried out on 6 areas of grassland (plus two other areas on two of the sites) and three watercourses, on the 13 and 14 June 2018.
- 4.2 The nature conservation assessment of the grassland used the criteria devised by DWT (2003, revised 2011 see Appendix B). Each of the grassland indicator species recorded during the surveys was only worth 1 point in the assessment system. No species valued at 2 points were recorded.
- 4.3 Of the grasslands surveyed, Areas 1B, 2K and 2Q had 11, 8 and 17 indicator species recorded respectively, which satisfies the minimum species requirement of 8 for consideration to be taken forward for Local Wildlife Site (LWS) assessment. As neutral grasslands it is unlikely that they qualify as target habitats under Section 41 of the NERC Act; although with management the quality of the grasslands could potentially improve to come closer to priority habitat status. Area 2Q has over twice the minimum species requirement for LWS status, but other factors such as whether the grassland is a semi-natural grassland or in this case a secondary grassland would also be taken into consideration and disqualify it from selection.
- 4.4 Area 1B is already notified as a LWS and has nature conservation interest given the array of species found. However, this site is becoming overgrown and scrub and tall herbs are coming to dominate through a lack of management and this poses a threat to its LWS status.
- Area 2E has tall ruderal and scrubby areas, overgrazed grassland and large areas of New-Zealand pigmyweed. New Zealand pigmyweed was not recorded on site when the area was designated a LWS in 2007. Any habitat improvements to the site to try to improve the botanical quality of the grassland could be compromised by the presence of the New Zealand pygmyweed as it favours a more open sward. There would also be biosecurity issues with trying to work in this area as this species is very easily spread by small plant fragments and could be spread to other sites. As it is listed on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), spreading of the species could result in an offence.

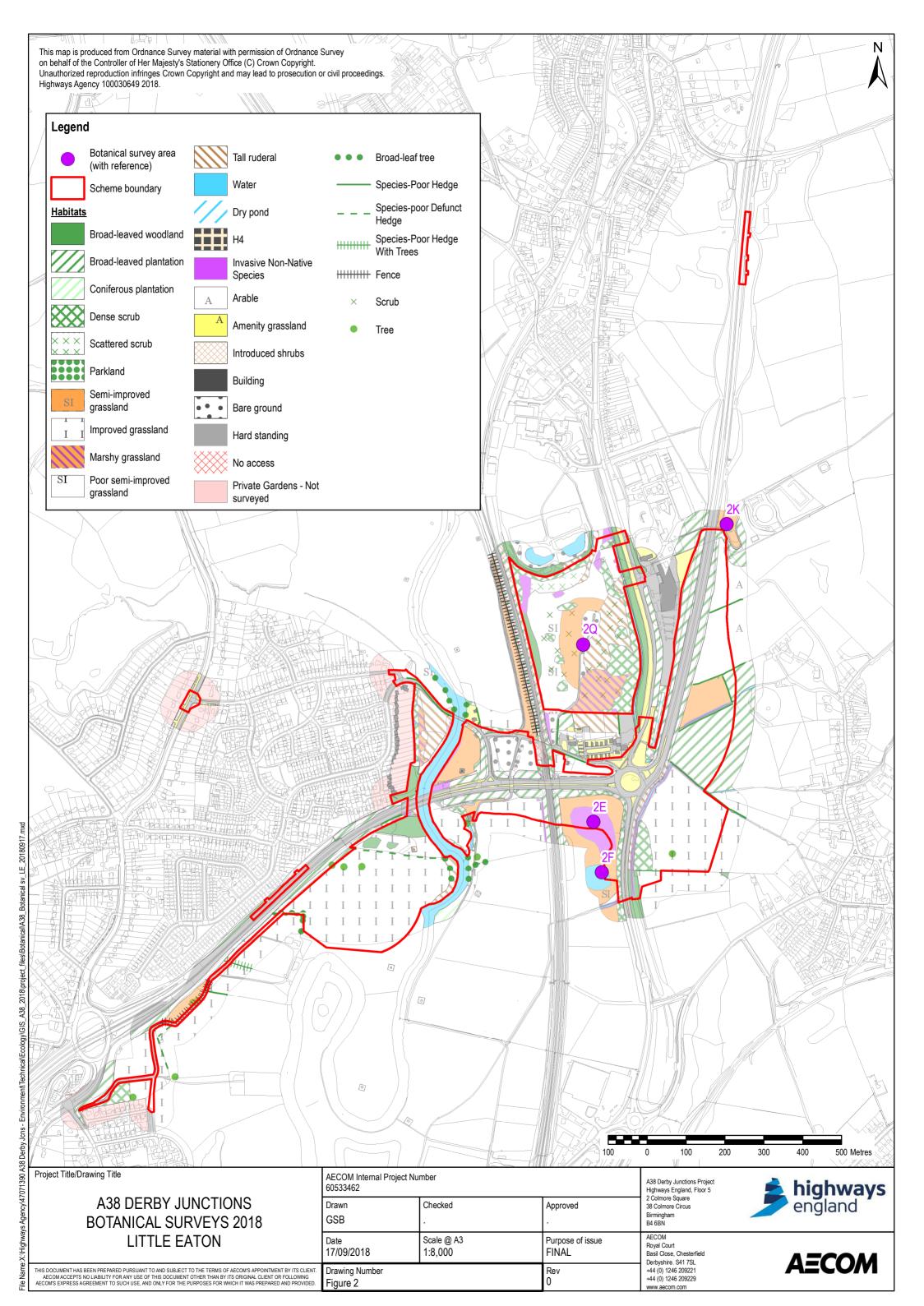


- 4.6 Area 2K is a small, steep, unmanaged slope with grassland, succeeding to scrub. If left unmanaged this grassland area would become covered by scrub within five to ten years, leading to a reduction and subsequent loss of grassland including the indicator species. However, given the number of indicator species found, with appropriate management this could potentially become a site of relatively high conservation value. The ash trees showed signs of ash dieback in 2017, which could slow down the development of the woody community, but could also have implications for translocation of plant material.
- 4.7 Area 2Q is a relatively large disturbed grassland mosaic which has developed on restored landfill. The grassland areas were found in the central areas of the site and then in sections under scrub and within areas of tall ruderal dominated communities. The areas of grassland were relatively diverse, and the site as a whole was considered to be of nature conservation interest and with management could potentially become a high-quality site of nature conservation value.
- 4.8 The three watercourses, Bramble Brook, Dam Brook and the stream within the old railway cutting at Kingsway junction roundabout were assessed for the presence of aquatic macrophyte species and in general few species were present, with only one brook having one aquatic species present. However, with careful management (tree and debris clearance and in-stream works), the brook to the north of the A38 at Kingsway junction (within the old railway cutting) could be improved for macrophyte value.
- 4.9 Recommendations for mitigation and/ or enhancement of grasslands as part of the Scheme will be considered and reported in the Environmental Statement.



Appendix A Figures







Appendix B Grassland Criteria

Grassland Assessment Criteria

The following grassland assessment is taken from DWT (2003, revised 2011).

"Gr2 Areas of semi-natural grassland including grassland mosaics that score the following values from the plant species within Table 2 (see below):

8 or more if in the following National Character Areas or in the Derby area:

- Needwood and South Derbyshire Claylands
- Potteries and Churnet Valley
- Mease/Sence Lowlands
- Melbourne Parklands
- Trent Valley Washlands
- Leicestershire & South Derbyshire Coalfield
- Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire & Yorkshire Coalfield (the survey area)"

Table 2. Vascular Plant species of semi-natural grasslands in Derbyshire taken from DWT (2003, revised 2011)							
All species score 1 with the exception of those species in bold which score 2; these species are listed in Derbyshire Vascular Plant Red Data List Species - 2009							
Scientific Name Common Name							
Antennaria dioica	Mountain everlasting						
Anthyllis vulneraria	Kidney Vetch						
Aphanes australis	Slender Parsley-piert						
Aquilegia vulgaris	Columbine						
Arabis hirsuta	Hairy Rock-cress						
Arenaria serpyllifolia	Thyme-leaved Sandwort						
Astragalus glycyphllylos	Wild Liquorice						
Betonica officinalis	Betony						
Blackstonia perfoliata	Yellow-wort						
Blysmus compressus	Flat Sedge						
Botrychium lunaria	Moonwort						
Briza media	Quaking Grass						
Bromopsis erectus	Upright Brome						
Bromus racemosus	Smooth Brome						
Calluna vulgaris	Heather						
Caltha palustris	Marsh Marigold						
Campanula glomerata	Clustered Bellflower						
Campanula rotundifolia	Harebell						
Cardamine pratensis	Cuckoo Flower						
Carduus nutans	Musk Thistle						



Doc ID: HE514503-ACM-EBD-A38 SW PR ZZ-TN-EG-0003 Table 2. Vascular Plant species of semi-natural grasslands in Derbyshire taken from DWT (2003, revised All species score 1 with the exception of those species in **bold** which score 2; these species are listed in Derbyshire Vascular Plant Red Data List Species - 2009 Carex acutiformis Lesser Pond-sedge Carex binervis Green-ribbed sedge Carex caryophyllea Spring Sedge Carex demissa Common Yellow Sedge Carex disticha **Brown Sedge** Carex echinata Star Sedge Carex ericetorum Rare Spring-sedge Carex flacca Glaucous Sedge Carex hostiana Tawny Sedge Carex laevigata Smooth-stalked Sedge Carex leporina Oval Sedge Carex montana Soft-leaved Sedge Carex muricata ssp. lamprocarpa Prickly Sedge Carex nigra Common Sedge Carex panicea Carnation Sedge Carex pilulifera Pill Sedge Carex pulicaris Flea Sedge Carex spicata Spiked Sedge Carlina vulgaris Carline Thistle Catapodium rigidum Fern Grass Centaurea nigra Common Knapweed Centaurea scabiosa Greater Knapweed Centaurium erythraea Common Centaury Cerastium arvense Field Mouse-ear Cirsium acaule **Dwarf Thistle Meadow Thistle** Cirsium dissectum Woolly Thistle Cirsium eriophorum Cirsium heterophyllum Melancholy Thistle Clinopodium acinos **Basil Thyme** Clinopodium vulgare Wild Basil Coeloglossum viride Frog Orchid Colchicum autumnale **Meadow Saffron** Conopodium majus **Pignut** Crepis capillaris Smooth Hawk's-beard Crepis paludosa Marsh Hawk's-beard Dactylorhiza fuchsii Common Spotted-orchid Dactylorhiza hybrids Hybrid orchids Dactylorhiza incarnata Early Marsh-orchid Dactylorhiza maculata Heath-spotted-orchid Southern Marsh-orchid Dactylorhiza praetermissa

Northern Marsh-orchid

Heath-grass Wild Carrot

Wavy Hair-grass

Daucus carota

Dactylorhiza purpurella
Danthonia decumbens

Deschampsia flexuosa



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Derbyshire Vascular Plant Red Data List Species - 2	cies in bold which score 2; these species are listed in 2009
Dianthus deltoides	Maiden Pink
Digitalis purpurea	Foxglove
Eleocharis palustris	Common Spike-rush
Epilobium palustre	Marsh Willowherb
Epilobium parviflorum	Hoary Willowherb
Epipactis atrorubens	Dark-red Helleborine
Epipactis palustris	Marsh Helleborine
Equisetum palustre	Marsh Horsetail
Equisetum sylvaticum	Wood Horsetail
Erica cinerea	Bell-heather
Erica tetralix	Cross-leaved Heather
Erigeron acris	Blue Fleabane
Erodium cicutarium	Common Stork's-bill
Eupatorium cannabinum	Hemp-agrimony
Euphrasia anglica	Eyebright
Euphrasia confusa	Eyebright
Euphrasia nemorosa	Eyebright
Euphrasia officinalis ssp. pratensis	Eyebright
Festuca ovina	Sheep's fescue
Ficaria verna	Lesser Celandine
Filago vulgaris	Common Cudweed
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet
Filipendula vulgaris	Dropwort
Fragaria vesca	Wild Strawberry
Galeopsis angustifolia	Red Hemp-nettle
Galium cruciata	Crosswort
Galium palustre	Common Marsh-bedstraw
Galium saxatile	Heath Bedstraw
Galium sterneri	Limestone Bedstraw
Galium uliginosum	Fen Bedstraw
Galium verum	Lady's Bedstraw
Genista anglica	Petty Whin
Genista tinctoria	Dyer's Greenweed
Gentianella amarella	Autumn Gentian
Gentianella campestris	Field Gentian
Geranium columbinum	Long-stalked Crane's-bill
Geranium pratense	Meadow Crane's-bill
Geranium pusillum	Small-flowered Crane's-bill
Geranium sanguineum	Bloody Crane's-bill
Geum rivale	Water Avens
Gnaphalium sylvaticum	Heath Cudweed
Gymnadenia conopsea	Fragrant Orchid
Helianthemum nummularium	Common Rock-rose
Helictotrichon pratensis	Meadow Oat-grass



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All species score 1 with the exception of those species in **hold** which score 2: these species are listed in

All species score 1 with the exception of those specie Derbyshire Vascular Plant Red Data List Species - 200	
Helictotrichon pubescens	Downy Oat-grass
Hieracium spp.	any Hawkweed
Hippocrepis comosa	Horseshoe Vetch
Hordeum secalinum	Meadow Barley
Hyacinthoides non-scripta	Bluebell
Hydrocotyle vulgaris	Marsh Pennywort
Hypericum hirsutum	Hairy St John's-wort
Hypericum humifusum	Trailing St John's-wort
Hypericum maculatum	Imperforate St John's-wort
Hypericum montanum	Pale St John's-wort
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St John's-wort
Hypericum pulchrum	Slender St John's-wort
Hypericum tetrapterum	Square-stalked St John's-wort
Hypochaeris radicata	Cat's-ear
Inula conyza	Ploughman's Spikenard
Isolepis setacea	Bristle Club-rush
Jasione montana	Sheep's-bit
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp-flowered Rush
Juncus bulbosus	Bulbous Rush
Juncus compressus	Round-fruited Rush
Leontodon saxatilis	Lesser Hawkbit
Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye Daisy
Linum catharticum	Fairy Flax
Lotus corniculatus	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil
Lotus pedunculatus	Large Bird's-foot-trefoil
Lotus tenuis	Narrow-leaved Bird's-foot-trefoil
Luzula campestris	Field Wood-rush
Luzula mulitiflora	Heath Wood-rush
Lysimachia nummularia	Creeping Jenny
Malva moschata	Musk Mallow
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick
Mentha aquatica	Water Mint
Molinia caerulea	Purple Moor-grass
Myosotis discolor	Changing Forget-me-not
Myosotis ramosissima	Early Forget-me-not
Myosotis scorpioides	Water Forget-me-not
Myosotis secunda	Creeping Forget-me-not
Narcissus pseudonarcissus	Daffodil
Nardus stricta	Mat-grass
Neotina ustulata	Burnt Orchid
Neottia ovata	Common Twayblade
Ononis repens	Common Restharrow
Ononis spinosa	Spiny Restharrow
Ophioglossum vulgatum	Adder's-tongue Fern



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All species score 1 with the exception of those species in **hold** which score 2: these species are listed in

All species score 1 with the exception of those species Derbyshire Vascular Plant Red Data List Species - 20	
Ophrys apifera	Bee Orchid
Ophrys insectifera	Fly Orchid
Pilosella officinarum agg.	Mouse-ear Hawkweed
Pimpinella major	Greater Burnet-saxifrage
Pimpinella saxifraga	Burnet-saxifrage
Plantago media	Hoary Plantain
Platanthera chlorantha	Greater Butterfly Orchid
Poa compressa	Flattened Meadow-grass
Poa humilis	Spreading Meadow-grass
Polemonium caeruleum	Jacob's-ladder
Polygala serpyllifolia	Heath Milkwort
Polygala vulgaris	Common Milkwort
Potentilla anglica	Trailing Tormentil
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed
Potentilla argentea	Hoary Cinquefoil
Potentilla crantzii	Alpine Cinquefoil
Potentilla erecta	Tormentil
Potentilla neumanniana	Spring Cinquefoil
Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil
Potentilla sterilis	Barren Strawberry
Poterium sanguisorba	Salad Burnet
Primula veris	Cowslip
Primula vulgaris	Primrose
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal
Pulicaria dysenterica	Common Fleabane
Ranunculus bulbosus	Bulbous Buttercup
Ranunculus flammula	Lesser Spearwort
Rhinanthus minor	Hay Rattle
Rumex acetosella	Sheep's sorrel
Sagina nodosa	Knotted Pearlwort
Sanguisorba officinalis	Great Burnet
Saxifraga granulata	Meadow Saxifrage
Saxifraga tridactylites	Rue-leaved saxifrage
Scabiosa columbaria	Small Scabious
Scorzoneroides autumnalis	Autumn Hawkbit
Scutellaria galericulata	Skullcap
Sedum acre	Biting Stonecrop
Sedum anglicum	English Stonecrop
Senecio aquaticus	Marsh Ragwort
Senecio erucifolius	Hoary Ragwort
Serratula tinctoria	Saw-wort
Silaum silaus	Pepper-saxifrage
Silene flos-cuculi	Ragged Robin
Solidago virgaurea	Goldenrod



Table 2. Vascular Plant species of ser 2011)	ni-natural grasslands in Derbyshire taken from DWT (2003, revised
All species score 1 with the exception of Derbyshire Vascular Plant Red Data List	those species in bold which score 2; these species are listed in t Species - 2009
Stachys palustris	Marsh Woundwort
Stellaria alsine	Bog Stitchwort
Stellaria graminea	Lesser Stitchwort
Stellaria palustris	Marsh Stitchwort
Succissa pratensis	Devil's-bit Scabious
Teucrium scorodonia	Wood Sage
Thalictrum flavum	Common Meadow-rue
Thalictrum minus	Lesser Meadow-rue
Thymus polytrichus	Wild Thyme
Tragopogon pratensis	Goat's-beard
Trifolium arvense	Hare's-foot Clover
Trifolium campestre	Hop Trefoil
Trifolium medium	Zigzag Clover
Trifolium micranthum	Slender Trefoil
Trifolium striatum	Knotted Clover
Trifolium subterranean	Subterranean Clover
Triglochin palustris	Marsh Arrowgrass
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oat Grass
Trollius europaeus	Globe Flower
Vaccinium myrtillus	Bilberry
Valeriana officinalis	Common Valerian
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander Speedwell
Veronica officinalis	Heath Speedwell
Veronica scutellata	Marsh Speedwell
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch
Vicia sativa ssp. sativa	Common Vetch
Vicia sativa subsp. nigra	Narrow-leaved Vetch
Viola canina	Heath Dog-violet
Viola hirta	Hairy Violet
Viola lutea	Mountain Pansy
Viola reichenbachiana	Early Dog-violet
Viola riviniana	Common Dog-violet



Appendix C Grassland Species List

Scientific name	English name	1B	1D	1F	2E	2K	2Q
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow		R			0	0
Agrostis capillaris	Common Bent			0	F	0	R
Agrostis stolonifera	Creeping Bent				LA		LD
Alchemilla sp	Lady's Mantle						LF
Alliaria petiolata	Garlic Mustard			0			R
Alopecurus geniculatus	Marsh Foxtail				F		
Alopecurus pratensis	Meadow Foxtail		0	0			
Angelica sylvestris	Angelica	R					LO
Anthoxanthum odoratum	Sweet Vernal-grass					R	
Anthriscus sylvestris	Cow Parsley		F	LF		0	
Arctium lappa	Greater Burdock						R
Armoracia rusticana	Horse-radish				R		LF
Arrhenatherum elatius	False Oat-grass	F	Α	Α		D	F-LD
Artemisia vulgaris	Mugwort				0		0
Bellis perennis	Daisy		0		F		O/LF
Bromus hordeaceus	Soft-Brome			0			
Cardamine flexuosa	Wavy Bitter-cress						
Carex hirta	Hairy sedge						LF
Carex otrubae	False fox Sedge						0
Carex pendula	Pendulous sedge						R
Centaurea nigra	Common Knapweed	R	R			F	O-LF
Cerastium fontanum	Common Mouse-ear	R	0		R	R	R
Chamerion angustifolium	Rosebay Willowherb						LA
Cirsium arvense	Creeping Thistle		0	LF	F/LD	0	LA
Cirsium palustre	Marsh Thistle						LF
Cirsium vulgare	Spear Thistle	R		0	F/LD		R
Conium maculatum	Hemlock						
Convolvulus arvensis	Field Bindweed	0				LF	
Crassula helmsii	New Zealand Pigmyweed				LD		
Crataegus monogyna	Hawthorn	F		LF		F	F
Crepis capillaris	Smooth hawksbeard		F				0
Cynosurus cristatus	Crested Dog's-tail	LF	LF				
Dactylis glomerata	Cock's-foot	0	0	F	0	LF	
Dactylorhiza fuchsii	Common spotted orchid	LF					0
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted Hair-Grass						R
Dipsacus fullonum	Wild Teasel	0	R	LF			LF
Elymus repens	Couch grass		0	0			0
Epilobium hirsutum	Great Willowherb				LF		LF
Epilobium parvifolius	Hoary Willowherb						LF
Equisetum arvense	Field horsetail						R
Fallopia japonica	Japanese Knotweed						LA
Festuca rubra	Red Fescue	LF	F	F	LF	F	LF



Scientific name	English name	1B	1D	1F	2E	2K	2Q
Filipendula ulmaria	Meadowsweet	LD			LD		
Fragaria vesca	Strawberry	R					
Fraxinus excelsior	Ash					0	0
Galium aparine	Cleavers			0			LF
Galium verum	Ladies bedstraw					R	
Geranium dissectum	Cut-leaved Crane's-bill		LF	LF			0
Geranium molle	Dove's-foot Crane's-bill				R		
Geranium pratense	Meadow Crane's-bill				0		0
Geranuim robertianum	Herb Robert			R			
Geum urbanum	Wood avens	R					0
Glyceria fluitans	Floating sweet-grass	- ' '			LF		
Heracleum sphondylium	Hogweed		F	O/LF	F	F	LF
Holcus lanatus	Yorkshire-fog	0	F	LA	F	 	F
Hypericum perforatum	Perforate St John's-wort		'	L/\	'	R	LF
Hypochaeris radicata	Cat's ear	R					
Impatiens glandulifera	Himalayan Balsam	IX.					O/LA
Iris pseudocorus	Yellow Flag				0		0/11/
Juncus acutiflorus	Sharp-flowered rush				LF		
Juncus bufonius	Toad rush				LA		
Juncus effusus	Soft-rush	0			LA		0
Juncus inflexus	Hard Rush			0			0
Lathyrus pratensis	Meadow Vetchling	0				LO	R
Leucanthemum vulgare	Oxeye Daisy	LF	R			LF	LF
Lolium perenne	Perennial rye-grass	R	0	A/LD	R	R	0
Lotus corniculatus	Common Bird's-foot-trefoil	1		LF	11	0	LF
Lupinus sp.	Lupin sp.					0	0
Lycopus europaeus	Gypsywort				R		
Lysamachia vulgaris	Yellow loosestrife				11		
Lythrum salicaria	Purple-loosestrife						
Medicago lupulina	Black Medick			LF			O-LF
Melilotus officinalus	Common mellilot						LF
Myosotis scorpioides	Water forget-me-not				O/LF		
Ophrys apifera	Bee Orchid				0 /L		R
Odonites verna	Red bartsia						R
Phleum pratense	Timothy		R				
Helmithotheca echioides	Bristly Oxtongue		- '`	R			0
Pilosella aurantiaca	Fox and Cubs			R			R
Pilosella officinarum	mouse-ear hawkweed			- 1			R
Pimpinella saxifraga	Burnet-saxifrage					R	1
Phalaris arundinacea	Reed canary grass						LF
Phleum pratense	Timothy		R				
Plantago lanceolata	Ribwort Plantain	LF	F	LF	O-F	0	0
Polygonum amphibium	Amphibious bistort	_ L'	'	L'	<u> </u>		LF
Poa annua	Annual Meadow-grass						R
Poa pratensis	Smooth Meadow-grass	0	0	F	O-F	0	0
Poa trivialis	Rough Meadow-grass		0	<u>'</u>	J-1		0
Potentilla anserina	Silverweed			O/LF	LF		LF
r otenuna ansenna	Jiivei weeu			U/LF	LF		LF



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Potentilla reptans	Creeping Cinquefoil			0		R	LF
Poterium sanguisorba	Salad burnet					R	
Prunella vulgaris	Selfheal	0		O/LF	0	0	0
Prunus sp	Cherry			LF			
Ranunculus acris	Meadow Buttercup	LF	0	LF	Α	0	
Ranunculus repens	Creeping Buttercup		0	F	Α		LF
Reseda luteola	Weld			R			R
Rosa canina agg.	Dog-rose	LF		LF			LA
Rubus fruticosus agg.	Bramble	LF		LA			LA-F
Rumex acetosa	Common Sorrel	R	0			0	0
Rumex crispus	Curled Dock		R	0	0		0
Rumex obtusifolius	Broad-leaved Dock		0	0			0
Sagina procumbens	Procumbent pearlwort				0		
Salix sp.	Willow spp.			0			LF
Senecio erucifolius	Hoary ragwort	F					
Senecio jacobaea	Common Ragwort	0	LF	LF	F		O-LF
Senecio vulgaris	Groundsel						0
Scorphularia auriculata	Water figwort	R					R
Silene dioica	Red Campion			0			0
Silene latifolia	White Campion			R			
Silene vulgaris	Bladder Campion						
Stachys palustris	Marsh woundwort						
Stachys sylvatica	Hedge Woundwort			0			R
Stellaria graminea	Lesser Stitchwort			0	R		0
Tanacetum vulgare	Tansy				R		R
Taraxacum officinale agg.	Dandelion	LF		0	0	R	0
Tragopogon pratensis	Goat's-beard	0	0			0	
Trifolium dubium	Lesser trefoil						R
Trifolium medium	Zigzag Clover	LD					
Trifolium pratense	Red Clover		Α		0		LF
Trifolium repens	White Clover			F	F		LF
Trisetum flavescens	Yellow Oat-grass						
Tussilago farfara	Colt's-foot						0
Urtica dioica	Common Nettle			0	LFD	LF	LD
Veronica chamaedrys	Germander Speedwell						LF
Vicia cracca	Tufted Vetch		R				O-LF
Vicia hirsuta	Hairy Tare	0		F		R	
Vicia sativa ssp nigra	Narrow leaved vetch	0					
Vicia sativa ssp sativa	Common Vetch		R	0		R	0
Vicia sepium	Bush Vetch		0			R	LF
Vicia tetrasperma	Smooth Tare	0				0	0
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(i.e. Species shown in red i	п те таре)						



Appendix D Photographs

1B grassland area by A38 within Kingsway junction roundabout (LWS)



1D Area of tall unmanaged grassland near Kingsway junction roundabout



1F Amenity Grassland with headlands around edge near Markeaton junction





2E grazed grassland at Alfreton Road Rough Grassland LWS, Little Eaton junction



2K grassland area on steep slope (near sewage works) with extensive scrub encroachment at Little Eaton junction



2Q grassland on restored landfill site with scattered scrub at Little Eaton junction

