

Small site Categories

The following categories have been taken from Natural England's Small Sites Metric. These are a simplified version of the Biodiversity Metric 3.0. It has been specifically designed for use on small development sites:

- 1) Development sites where;
 - For residential developments the number of dwellings to be provided is between one and nine.
 - Site area is less than 0.5 hectares or less than 5,000sqm
- 2) Where there is no priority habitat present within the development area (excluding hedgerows and arable margins).

[Link to Natural England's Small Sites Matrix](#)

Broad Habitat Group	Habitat Type
Cropland	Arable field margins cultivated annually
	Arable field margins game bird mix
	Arable field margins pollen & nectar
	Arable field margins tussocky
	Cereal crops
	Cereal crops Other
	Cereal crops winter stubble
	Horticulture
Cropland	Intensive orchards
	Non-cereal crops
	Temporary grass and clover leys
	Bracken
	Modified grassland
	Other lowland acid grassland
	Other neutral grassland
	Upland acid grassland
Heathland and shrub	Blackthorn scrub
	Bramble scrub
	Gorse scrub
	Hawthorn scrub
	Hazel scrub
	Mixed scrub
	Rhododendron scrub
	Sea buckthorn scrub (other)
Lakes	Ornamental lake or pond
	Ponds (Non- Priority Habitat)
	Reservoirs
Sparsely vegetated land	Ruderal/Ephemeral
	Other inland rock and scree

Broad Habitat Group	Habitat Type
Urban	Allotments
	Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface
	Bioswale
	Brown roof
	Built linear features
	Cemeteries and churchyards
	Developed land; sealed surface
	Intensive green roof
	Facade-bound green wall
	Ground based green wall
	Ground level planters
	Raised planters
	Hanging Planters
	Flower Beds
	Extensive green roof
	Introduced shrub
	Rain garden
	Sand pit quarry or open cast mine
	Urban Tree
	Sustainable urban drainage feature
Un-vegetated garden	
Vacant/derelict land/ bareground	
Vegetated garden	
Gabion Baskets (with biodiversity measures)	
Woodland and forest	Other coniferous woodland
	Other Scot's Pine woodland
	Other woodland; broadleaved
	Other woodland; mixed
Intertidal sediment	Littoral coarse sediment
Coastal Saltmarsh	Artificial saltmarshes and saline reedbeds
Intertidal sediment	Artificial Littoral coarse sediment
	Artificial Littoral mud
	Artificial Littoral sand
	Artificial Littoral muddy sand
	Artificial Littoral mixed sediments
	Artificial Littoral seagrass
	Artificial Littoral biogenic reefs
Littoral sand	
Intertidal Hard Structures	Artificial hard structures
	artificial features of hard structures
	artificial hard structures with Integrated Greening of Grey Infrastructure (IGGI)

Broad Habitat Group	Habitat Type
Line of trees	Line of Trees
	Line of Trees (Ecologically Valuable)
	Line of Trees - Associated with bank or ditch
	Line of Trees (Ecologically Valuable) - with Bank or Ditch
Rivers	Ditches
	Canals
	Culvert