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Clarification on the expected scope of field surveys of the HDC Countryside Sites listed on Appendix 1 to inform the baseline

It is acknowledged that the resource available for this project does not allow for full ‘on the ground’ habitat surveys for all of HDC’s Countryside sites.

Some habitat data will be available for most of these sites from HDC and via Hampshire Biodiversity Information Center’s (HBIC’s) UK Broad Habitat mapping data. This combined with open-source data from magic.gov.uk. and interpretation of aerial photography is anticipated to form the basis of the habitat baseline (i.e. to UKHab level to be entered into the BM3.1 calculator tool and for estimating tCO2e sequestration values). Ground truthing survey would be required to fill any gaps in coverage, confirm habitat type / condition where appropriate and to inform the identification and rationale of potential offsetting projects.