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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

A Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessment has been undertaken of an area of land within Chorlton high School south along Mauldeth Road West, Manchester, M21 7SX, approximate central grid reference SJ 82905 93384 (hereafter referred to as 'the site').

The BNG concluded that the proposal would generate a 11.04% habitat unit net. The BNG follows a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal undertaken by Pennine Ecological in June 2026 (Pennine ecological, 2065).

All measures outlined within this document will be undertaken in compliance with the relevant parts of 'BS42020 : 2013 Biodiversity : Code of Practice for Planning and Development'.

1.2 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of this draft document is to provide sufficient detail to allow the local planning authority to have certainty that BNG can be achieved for this proposal. It sets out the required management and maintenance of the proposed habitats to ensure that the target condition is achieved for each. Also included are the required monitoring of the site which will ensure that remedial action is implemented to avoid any habitats failing to meet the target conditions. Habitat success will be determined based on a review of the target conditions, in line with 'The Statutory Habitat Condition Assessment' scoring sheets.

2. HABITAT MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING PLAN

2.1 PROPOSED MANAGEMENT

The proposed management measures for habitats are provided in Table 2.1 below.

Table 2.1: Proposed Management Measures

Habitat Compartment Ref*	Proposed Habitat	Enhanced or Created	Proposed Target Distinctiveness	Proposed Target Condition	Time Remaining to Target Condition	Management Measures Required
HABITATS						
1	- Developed land; sealed surface, therefore no management required.					
2	- Modified grassland; habitat will be managed as amenity grassland therefore no management required.					
3	Tree planting	Created	Medium	Moderate	27	- Tree planting as per Planting strategy plan with tree planting D187_003_PO6. - The management of trees needs to be planned in order to maintain the multiple values of trees and their health. - Generally, non-intervention although failed individuals should be replaced.

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HABITATS						
						- Soils must be maintained that they do not suffer from compaction and/or waterlogging that may lead to the poor health of newly planted trees. - Plant trees when ground conditions allow i.e., not waterlogged or frozen. - Pruning/cutting should ideally be undertaken in the autumn/winter months when the tree is dormant and/or in accordance with the tree's specific requirements. - All whips and transplants shall be supplied and installed with 80mm diameter green tree shelters to transplants, fixed into ground with pegs and two stakes. - It is recommended that reusable, plastic free tree guards are used to prevent any damage from rabbits. Examples include wire mesh and/or *Earthboard Resolve* tree-shelters.

* As it appears in the accompanying BNG calculation metric Excel spreadsheet.

2.2 ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME

An annual work programme to cover the 30 year period is provided in Table 2.2 below. Year 1 is triggered as soon as any work commences on site.

In general, most habitat interventions will require more intensive management and monitoring during the first 5 years post-intervention establishment period. Thereafter, habitat management may settle into a rolling programme of repeat tasks or may require further intervention if monitoring results suggest it to be necessary. As such, there is a focus within this HMMP of the tasks required during the first 5 years establishment period, as subsequent tasks will be informed by these preliminary interventions and monitoring results.

A work schedule for the habitat management prescriptions (years 1 – 30) is set out in this report. This HMMP is intended to be used as a live document and should be amended when monitoring results suggest it to be necessary. Continued monitoring after 30 years may be necessary where slower establishing habitats (e.g. woodland) have yet to meet their target condition.

Table 2.2 Initial 5 Year Work Programme

Task	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 10	Year 15	Year 30
Tree planting	Planting	Replace any dead specimens.	Replace any dead specimens.	Replace any dead specimens.	Replace any dead specimens.	Replace any dead specimens.	Replace any dead specimens.	Replace any dead specimens.

2.3 MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The roles and responsibilities associated with this management plan are outlined below.

(i) Responsible Organisation

Company Name; CHS South

Email; admin@chssouth.org.uk

Tel no; 0161 241 9930

All communications in relation to this document should be directed to the above personnel in the first instance.

(ii) Funding (On site)

All funding associated with this management plan, including future monitoring and maintenance will be provided by Prospere Learning Trust. All provision is on-site. No off-site units are required.

(iii) Ecological Consultancy Responsible for Implementation of Plan

It is the responsibility of Prospere Learning Trust to appoint a suitably qualified ecologist who will ensure:

- The implementation of this management plan.
- Provide progress report following years 1 and 5 to ensure appropriate implementation of this plan.
- Provide habitat monitoring reports in years 2, 4 (this report to include year 6 – 30 management plan), 6, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 as a minimum.

3. FUTURE MONITORING

3.1 MONITORING PROGRAMME

This HMMP will therefore cover the 30-year monitoring period, however this will need to be reviewed every five years and amended as necessary to confirm no new constraints on the site have occurred, and ensuring there is effective management on the site. A report will be created post- monitoring on years 2, 4, 6, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 as a minimum, with biodiversity calculations completed at each stage.

Future management plans (years 6 – 30) will be produced as part of the year 4 monitoring report. It is not possible to provide an appropriate management plan beyond year 5, at this stage.

3.2 MONITORING REPORTING

(i) Report

The monitoring reports shall be sent to the Local Planning Authority (LPA), and be provided by a qualified ecological consultant.

The document will report on progress of the annual works programme (Section 2.2) and confirmation of required actions for the next 12-month period.

The year 2 monitoring report will need to record a baseline from which the future monitoring surveys are based on.

Data collected should follow the UKHabs survey guidance and each habitat condition assessed using the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Condition Assessment Sheets. Habitat condition assessments should be recorded and reported for each of the habitat parcels (see Appendix A, Figure 1).

The year 4 monitoring report will need to include an updated management plan for years 6 – 30.

(ii) Habitat Management & Monitoring Plan (this document)

This document will be reviewed and updated every 5 years and any subsequent changes to be implemented for perpetuity.

The ongoing habitat monitoring surveys would form the basis of any subsequent changes required. Any changes are likely to be as a result of habitats not achieving their target condition.

3.3 REMEDIAL ACTION

Any habitats failing to achieve the target conditions or habitats being altered or removed from the sites, will require remedial action. Any remedial action required would be advised by the qualified ecological consultant and reported within the relevant monitoring reports.

The responsibility of implementing (funding) any remedial action falls with the landowner (section 2.3).

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Appendix A: Figure – Site Proposals with accompanying Habitat Compartment Map (as per Table 2.1)

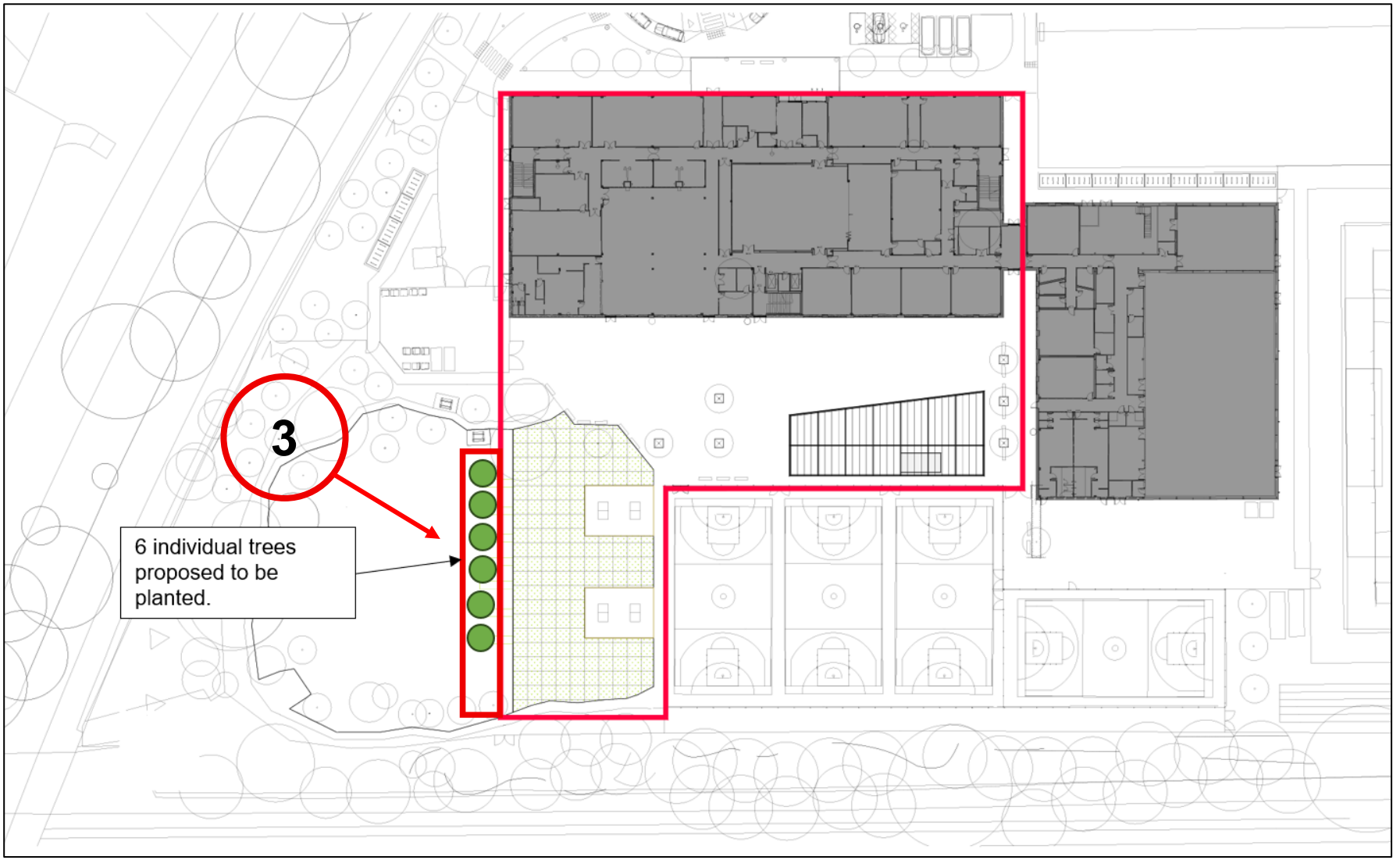


Figure 1 - Site proposals