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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This report has been prepared by Tetra Tech on behalf of Lidl Great Britain Limited to support the discharge of Condition 18 attached to planning consent APP/24/00330, relating to the development at Purbrook Way, Havant, PO9 3QJ.

1.2 Tetra Tech have previously produced the following related documents to support the above planning application:

- Detailed Soft Landscape Proposals (5098-RPS-XX-EX-DR-L-9001_P09, Oct 2024) (Fig. 1)
- Landscape Management Plan (5098-RPS-XX-EX-RP-L-9002_P01, Apr 2024)
- Tree Survey Report + Arboricultural Impact Assessment (JSL5098-770_D, Feb 2025)
- Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (Mar 2025)
- Lidl Havant BNG Assessment (Jun 2024)

1.3 The purpose of this report is to review the implementation of the post development habitat types, through:

- Identifying the implementation status of the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) elements included within the submitted Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) i.e. implementation is complete / incomplete;
- Assessing the condition of the completed BNG measures;
- Timetable and methods for completion of outstanding BNG measures.

1.4 Please note, this review can only comment on the implementation of the proposed BNG measures at the time of inspection. The HMMP target habitats are achieved over a set period of years. The achievement of the target habitats will be monitored as set out in the HMMP.

2.0 Background

2.1 The development site covers an area of 1.28ha and is bordered by B&Q to the east, Purbrook Way to the south, and the B&Q access road to the north and west. Generally, the surrounding area is urban in character, although north of the site is Neville's Park Wood.

2.2 Prior to the Lidl development, the site largely comprised bare ground and broadleaved woodland, with small areas of mixed scrub, developed land, and individual trees. The site was cleared in November 2023.

2.3 Post development, the site now includes a new retail store along with areas of both hard and soft landscaping. The soft landscaping scheme includes small areas of mixed scrub, introduced shrub, modified grassland, and urban trees, as well as a large area of shade-tolerant wildflower grassland.

2.4 The approved Detailed Soft Landscape Proposals (Oct 2024, Figure 1) and HMMP (Mar 2025) include the following post development habitat types:

Retained Baseline Habitats:

- Other woodland; broadleaved (0.1506ha)
- Mixed scrub (0.023ha)

Habitat Creation:

- Mixed scrub (0.0739ha)
- Introduced shrub (0.038ha)
- Modified grassland (0.2248ha)
- Urban tree (0.1506ha)

Figure 1: Detailed Soft Landscape Proposals

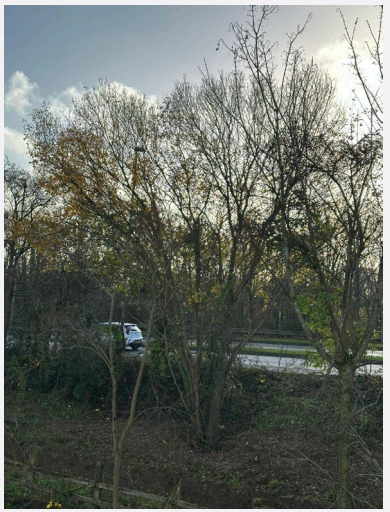
3.0 Post Development Habitat Implementation

3.1 Tetra Tech conducted a landscape softworks inspection on 10 December 2025. The resulting audit report focused on assessing the condition and completion of the soft landscape works across the planting areas. The primary objective of the inspection was to evaluate the extent to which the landscape works have been implemented in accordance with the consented Detailed Soft Landscape Proposal drawings. These drawings served as the benchmark for assessing compliance and identifying any deviations or deficiencies.

3.2 Lidl Great Britain Limited have also provided site photographs taken on 15 January 2026 and February 2026 that demonstrate the remediation that has been undertaken following the Tetra Tech inspection in December 2025.

3.3 The approved Detailed Soft Landscape Proposals (Oct 2024, Fig 1) include a Planting Specification and Planting Schedule, which set out the species quantities, sizes and planting densities, ground preparation, topsoil and maintenance requirements that are to be implemented to all newly planted areas.

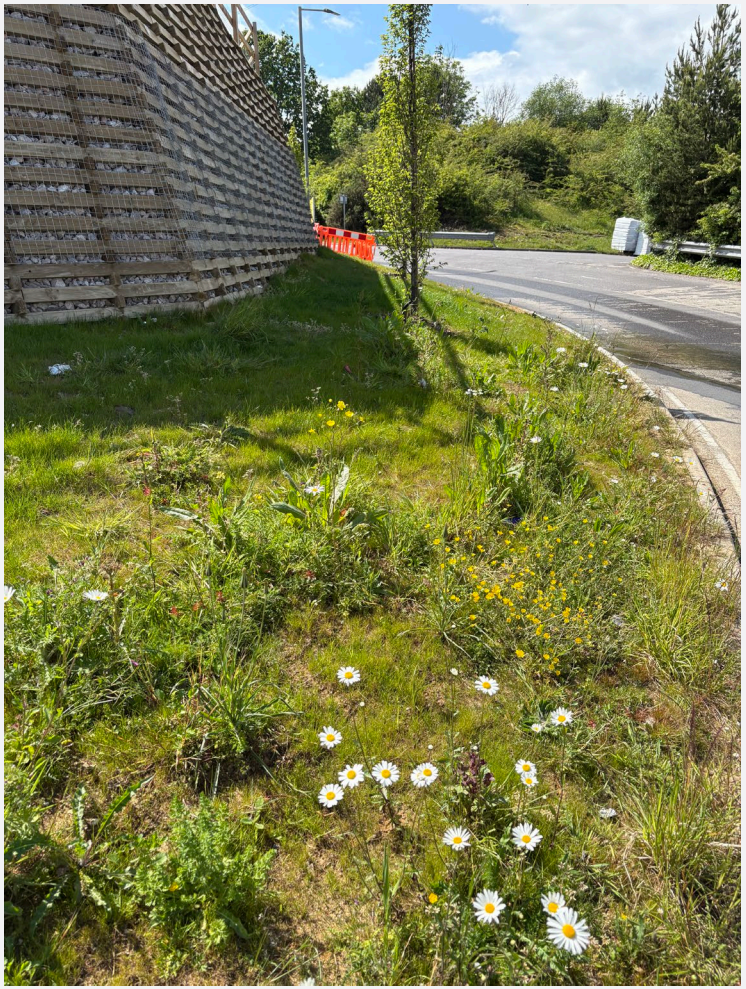
3.4 Table 1 overleaf reviews the implementation status of each of the post development target habitat types (HMMP target habitats) that are included within the Detailed Soft Landscape Proposals (Oct 2024, Fig 1), as listed in section 2.4.

Target Habitat	Implemented	Review Comments	Photographs
Other woodland; Broadleaved (retained)	**YES**	The existing woodland has been retained and protected during the construction works on site. The woodland will be managed to maintain its current HMMP condition (poor). A full Tree Survey and Arboricultural Impact Assessment has been undertaken as part of the planning submission.	 **A1** (10 Dec 2025)  **A2** (10 Dec 2025) **A3** (10 Dec 2025)

Target Habitat	Implemented	Review Comments	Photographs
Mixed Scrub (retained)	YES	The existing scrub to the rear of the store has been retained and protected during the works. The HMMP target condition for this retained habitat is poor. Ongoing maintenance will focus upon maintenance of the baseline condition (poor), ensuring that there is an absence of invasive non-native species. Monitoring surveys will be undertaken annually from years 1-5, then every 5 years for 30 years as set out in the HMMP to ensure that the target habitat condition is met.	 **B1** (15 Jan 2026)

Target Habitat	Implemented	Review Comments	Photographs
Mixed scrub (Native groundcover mix)	**YES**	Replacement planting to improve planting density with plant stock of the same size / species has been completed in accordance with the Landscape Management Plan 1-5 year + Maintenance Schedules. The plants have been observed in leaf (May 2026) and bark mulch is present. The HMMP target condition is poor, to be achieved within 1 year of implementation. The target relates to species composition (as per the approved landscape scheme) and the absence of invasive non-native species. Ongoing maintenance (e.g. litter removal, watering, insecticide / fungicide application, weeding and pruning) will be assessed as part of the ongoing habitat monitoring, with replacement plants provided if required. Monitoring surveys will be undertaken annually from years 1-5, then every 5 years for 30 years as set out in the HMMP to ensure that the target habitat condition is met.	 **C2** (May 2026)

Target Habitat	Implemented	Review Comments	Photographs
Mixed scrub **(New shrub structure planting)**	**YES**	The new native structure planting (and bark mulch) has been implemented to the rear of the store. The new planting has been observed in leaf (May 2026). Photographs D2, D3 and D4 (May 2026) show the successful establishment of the trees and native shrubs. The HMMP target condition is poor, to be achieved within 1 year of implementation. The target condition relates to the species composition (as specified on the approved landscape scheme) and the absence of invasive non-native species. The ongoing maintenance (litter removal, watering, insecticide / fungicide application, weeding and pruning) will be assessed as part of the ongoing habitat is monitored, with replacement plants to be provided if required. Monitoring surveys will be undertaken annually from years 1-5, then every 5 years for 30 years as set out in the HMMP to ensure that the target habitat condition is met.	 **D1** (15 Jan 2026) **D2** (May 2026) **D3** (May 2026) **D4** (May 2026)

Target Habitat	Implemented	Review Comments	Photographs
Modified grassland **(Flowering lawn)**	**YES**	The ground has been prepared, cultivated and seeded in accordance with BS 4428 (1998) 'Code of practice for general landscape operations', as set out in the approved Planting Specification, and the flowering lawn can be observed establishing well (May 2026). The landscape proposals and HMMP set out the species composition and ongoing maintenance operations – scrub removal (weeding), limited bare ground (establishment), and an absence of bracken and invasive non-native species – that will satisfy the HMMP target condition of Moderate (4 years to targeted condition). Monitoring surveys will be undertaken annually from years 1-5, then every 5 years for 30 years as set out in the HMMP to ensure that the target habitat condition is met. If the monitoring surveys record low species diversity, then supplementary seeding or plug planting will be initiated. If scrub encroachment or the presence of non-native species (INNS) are recorded, hand pulling will be implemented where appropriate, together with minimal spot treatment with an appropriate herbicide if necessary.	 **E3** (May 2026)

Target Habitat	Implemented	Review Comments	Photographs
Modified grassland **(Shade-tolerant wildflower meadow)**	**YES**	The ground has been prepared, cultivated and seeded in accordance with BS 4428 (1998) 'Code of practice for general landscape operations', as set out in the approved Planting Specification. The landscape proposals and HMMP set out the species composition and ongoing maintenance operations – scrub removal (weeding), limited bare ground (establishment), and an absence of bracken and invasive non-native species – that will satisfy the HMMP target condition of Moderate (4 years to targeted condition). Monitoring surveys will be undertaken annually from years 1-5, then every 5 years for 30 years as set out in the HMMP to ensure that the target habitat condition is met. If the monitoring surveys record low species diversity, then supplementary seeding or plug planting will be initiated. If scrub encroachment or the presence of non-native species (INNS) are recorded, hand pulling will be implemented where appropriate, together with minimal spot treatment with an appropriate herbicide if necessary.	 **F2** (May 2026)

Target Habitat	Implemented	Review Comments	Photographs
Urban tree **(Specimen tree planting)**	**YES**	All of the proposed tree planting appears to be healthy and correctly positioned and secured at the time of inspection (Dec 2025 + Jan 2026). Bark mulch collars have been applied in areas of seeding as per the Planting Specification. The HMMP target condition is poor, to be achieved within 10 years of implementation. The target condition focuses on minimum 70% native tree planting and tree canopy cover (as specified on the approved landscape scheme). The ongoing maintenance (watering, re-staking, safety, pruning, bark mulch and fertiliser) will be assessed as part of the ongoing habitat is monitored, with replacement plants to be provided if required. Monitoring surveys will be undertaken annually from years 1-5, then every 5 years for 30 years as set out in the HMMP to ensure that the target habitat condition is met.	 **G1** (15 Jan 2026) **G2** (15 Jan 2026) **G3** (10 Dec 2025)

Target Habitat	Implemented	Review Comments	Photographs
Wildlife boxes	YES	2 No. bat boxes and 2 No. dormouse boxes have been installed on site in accordance with the proposed ecological enhancements.	**H1** (Feb 2026) **H2** (Feb 2026) **H3** (Feb 2026)

4.0 Conclusion

4.1 The target habitats set out within the HMMP have been implemented and observed on site.

4.2 The HMMP sets out a monitoring schedule to ensure the successful establishment and development of all target habitats. For all target habitats, monitoring surveys will be undertaken annually from years 1-5, then every 5 years for 30 years to ensure that the target habitat condition is met.