

Thaxted offsets

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Development Site



Thaxted



Offset site



Both Sites



Thaxted Offset Calculation (EB)

Biodiversity Offsetting Calculations for the Wedow Road Site

* Estimated **Condition uplift

Habitat types at the development site	Area of habitat loss (ha) *	Habitat distinctiveness: High = 6; Medium = 4; Low = 2	Habitat condition*: Good = 3; Moderate = 2; Poor = 1	Impact in biodiversity units	Biodiversity units earned (Avoidance, Mitigation Compensation)	
Unimproved neutral grassland (F2) with secondary habitats	1.9	6	2	22.8	-	
Mitigation credits for enhancement work (F2): unimproved neutral grassland	1.6	6	0.5**	4.8	-	
Mitigation credits for onsite habitat retention	0.2	6	2	-	2.4	
Total				27.6	-2.4	25.2

DEFRA Offset Scoring Matrix

	Low Distinctiveness (2)	Medium Distinctiveness (4)	High Distinctiveness (6)
Good Condition (3)	6	12	18
Moderate Condition (2)	4	8	12
Poor Condition (1)	2	4	6

No Net Loss?

'More biodiversity' in reserves

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'Less biodiversity' in developed areas

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Biodiversity as a tradeable commodity

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Polarisation of human / non-human worlds

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Downgrading of place.