

Attached is the updated report for Longacre, edited to reflect the LPA comments.

Below is the response as to why the BNG report did not include any individual trees in the baseline:

Longacre The Street Walberton BN18 0PY.

Recording baseline trees in private gardens

I have included the plan from the tree report below to show the justification for why each tree/group of trees have not been recorded in the baseline.

In blue boxes

The trees in the north and east native hedgerow with trees are not set for removal. They are set to have their limbs removed and kept as standing deadwood. Currently they pass criteria A, C, E & F in the metric giving a condition of moderate and after the proposed works will pass criteria A, C & E giving a condition of moderate.

As these are trees in the linear habitat, native hedgerow with trees and they are retained with no change in condition, they should not be counted as individual trees at baseline as per the user guide:

"Where there is no loss (or change of condition) of individual trees within a hedgerow or 'rural' line, the individual trees within that feature do not need to be recorded separately in the baseline."

In orange boxes

The trees included along the west boundary and through the centre of the site are part of the habitat non-native and ornamental hedgerow. This is inline with the user guide which states:

"Trees within overgrown non-native and ornamental hedges (for example, leylandii) should not be classified as individual trees, or as lines of trees. Record these as nonnative ornamental hedges within the hedgerow module."

These comments are included in the hedgerow baseline section of the submitted metric. I hope this clarifies why these trees have not been included in the baseline compliant with the metric user guide.

