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### (ECO4) Change in Ecological Value of Site



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#### Technical Guide November 2010 Criteria

- 4 available credits
- Credits worth 1.33% points each
- Mandatory Element: No

Aim: To minimise reductions and promote an improvement in ecological value.

Assessment Criteria:

#### Criteria

The ecological value before and after development is measured, and the overall change in species per hectare is:

- Minor negative change: between  $-9$  and less than or equal to  $-3$
- Neutral: greater than  $-3$  and less than or equal to  $+3$
- Minor enhancement: greater than  $3$  and less than or equal to  $9$
- Major enhancement: greater than  $+9$

#### Default Cases

None



### Technical Guide May 2009 Criteria

- 4 available credits
- Credits worth 1.33% points each
- Mandatory Element: No

Aim: To reward steps taken to minimise reductions and to encourage an improvement in ecological value.

Assessment Criteria: Credits are awarded where the resulting change in ecological value is as follows:

Criteria
The ecological value before and after development is measured, and the overall change in species per hectare is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Minor negative change: between -9 and less than or equal to -3</li><li>• Neutral: greater than -3 and less than or equal to +3</li><li>• Minor enhancement: greater than 3 and less than or equal to 9</li><li>• Major enhancement: greater than +9</li></ul>
<b>Default Cases</b>
None



### References for ECO4

[Construction Industry Key Performance Indicators](#)

[Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions. Digest of Environmental Statistics, No 20, 1998 \(DEFRA\)](#)

[Environment Key Performance Indicator Handbook & Wall Chart Constructing Excellence; DTI](#)

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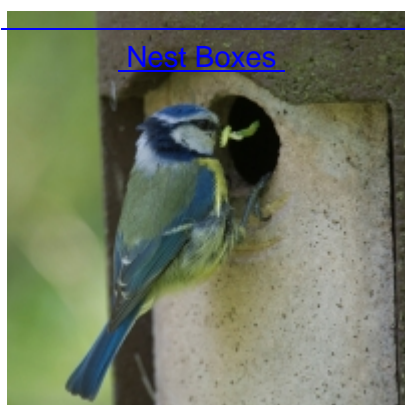
**Additional information**

[Building greener – guidance on the use of green roofs, green walls and complementary features on buildings \(C644\). CIRIA, 2007](#)

[Countryside Survey 2000](#)

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[Government Planning Department](#)



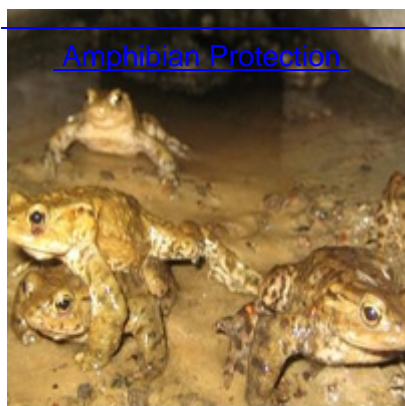
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