

**Progress report: DISUSED INDUSTRIAL & RAILWAY LAND (adopted 2003) Reporting Partner: Gina Rowe**

<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress with Targets</b> (based on progress with actions reported between 2005-7)	<b>Target Progress</b>	<b>Progress Summary</b>	<b>Plan Progress</b>	<b>HBA status</b> *
A. To identify all ecologically important industrial sites, derelict land and stretches of disused railway line and their ownership.	By 2005	<b>Some progress (behind schedule)</b> Survey work underway but behind schedule. Analysis of any changes to be undertaken. Linear site criteria re SINC designation to be written for these sites.	↓	<b>Some good action on particular sites, but generally this habitat is undervalued. Lack of information on many sites is a constraint.</b>  <b>Need to establish SINC criteria for linear sites. Monitoring needs to be more systematic.</b>  <b>More information at policy and local level required to raise awareness and get acknowledgement of relevance and importance of these sites.</b>	↓	No data
B. To maximise our knowledge of such sites and ensure they are appropriately designated (e.g. SINC or SSSIs).	By 2005	<b>Some progress (behind schedule)</b> No new sites as SSSIs. WWT own two key sites in Warwickshire and these sites have been made a priority for key species butterfly monitoring. WBRC monitoring underway but behind schedule.	↔			
C. To maintain and enhance the extent and quality of semi-natural habitats in and around post industrial sites with priority given to those holding UK BAP Priority Species, Red Data Book, Nationally Scarce and Regionally Scarce species.	Ongoing	<b>Some progress (behind schedule)</b> Less than 50% of these sites have management plans, though more have maintenance plan. Some sites have water level management plans. Sites that are SINCs receive management advice with notification letter. BC: 12 sites have management plans, 7 active management. FWAG include habitat in advice to farms.	↔			
D. To promote the retention or creation of wildlife habitat following unavoidable development of such sites, including the development of a policy framework for this in local planning documents.	Ongoing	<b>Some progress (on schedule)</b> All local authorities refer to the Local Biodiversity Action Plan in planning documents; WWT comment on local plans to include this. One known site now a housing development - was a coalyard and identified as a pSINC in 2001  Project identification not started.	↔			
E. To promote good management practice and to share knowledge through the development of a network of regular communication between landowners and practitioners	2006	<b>Some progress (behind schedule)</b> No network so far and advice only occasional. Leaflet for landowners re grants not started. BC and FWAG run good level of events for landowners and members and press releases. SSSI Site meetings as needed; few FWAG members have this habitat. RSPB liaise with railway track owners re timing of management. LBAP Minerals Conference September 06 touched on these issues.	↑			

