Figure 3 Decision tree for assigning condition status of chalk grassland features at unit level.

Are the benchmark FCT targets met for most CG parcels in the unit? Mandatory targets = Pass Mandatory targets = Pass Mandatory targets = Fail Mandatory targets = Fail Non-mandatory targets = Pass Non-mandatory targets = Pass Non-mandatory targets = Fail Non-mandatory targets = Fail Historically species-poor, reverting = Favourable = Unfavourable = Favourable grasslands? For example, CG/MG mosaics Recovering and transitions, and some CG3d. Use **Apply Condition** experience and 1996 NVC cards to help **Apply Condition** Threats assess this; also, see CEH historic land-use Threats map. Yes BUT check CG3a grasslands are not declining, as the Consider non-mandatory targets at wider unit number of +ve indicators typically found are well level too e.g. are current grazing levels = Favourable above the bottom rung targets. The FCT highlights adequate in terms of litter, sward height, false oat-grass etc. Can also compare against 1996 this. Consider use and 2004 NVC maps. of CTs

Condition Threat types (numbers for ArcGIS): 1. Parcel level, excess scrub, medium priority 2. Parcel level, excess scrub, high priority 3. Unit level, excess scrub 4. Parcel level, under-grazing, not met non-mandatory targets 5. Parcel level, under-grazing, not met mandatory targets 6. Unit level, under-grazing 7. Unit level, very little bare ground 8. Parcel level, weeds > Occasional 9. Parcel/unit level, tor-grass > 5% cover 10. Other