

BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN

WHAT IS IT?

Biodiversity net gain is the term used to describe the process of increasing the overall biodiversity value of a development site. The 'net gain' in particular means that the development site enhances the biodiversity value, rather than decreasing it. Biodiversity net gain can be achieved both onsite and offsite depending on a case by case basis.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Biodiversity net gain has come into law to help preserve and protect key habitats going forward. By making BNG mandatory by law, the government can take vital steps to ensure habitats and environments are protected and nurtured for years to come.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

The Environment Act dictates that almost all new developments must ensure they increase the biodiversity value of the site by at least 10%, meaning that developers and landowners need to seriously consider the biodiversity value of a site and how this will be affected.



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