

Understanding biodiversity net gain

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What biodiversity net gain is

Biodiversity net gain (BNG) is a way to contribute to the recovery of nature while developing land. It is making sure the habitat for wildlife is in a better state than it was before development.

This will apply from November 2023 for developments in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, unless exempt. It will apply to small sites from April 2024.

Who it will affect

BNG will apply to you if you're a:

- Land manager
- Developer
- Local planning authority (LPA)

If you're a land manager

You can get paid by selling biodiversity units.

You must be a land manager with:

- Land in England
- Consent to register land if you're not the landowner
- A legal agreement for the land you're registering

If you're a developer

You must try to avoid loss of habitat to a piece of land you plan to do development work on. If you cannot do this, you must create habitat either on-site or off-site.

If you're a local planning authority

LPAs will have to approve a biodiversity net gain plan for development work before it can start.