

Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy

It must be demonstrated, in the Biodiversity Gain Plan, how the Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy has been followed in the approach to achieving 10% BNG. If the hierarchy has not been applied, justification must be provided.

Applying the hierarchy means delivering BNG in the following priority order:

A

For onsite habitats of medium, high or very high distinctiveness:

1) first avoid adverse effects

2) where unavoidable, mitigate those adverse effects

B

Compensate for adverse effects to all onsite habitats by:

1) Onsite habitat enhancements

2) Creation of new habitats onsite

3) Registered offsite biodiversity gain

4) Purchase of statutory biodiversity credits