



BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN CONSULTANCY SERVICE

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) is a new requirement introduced by the Environment Act 2021. It obliges developers to deliver a 10% gain in biodiversity compared to pre-development levels. Some developers may need to fund habitat creation or restoration 'off-site' to achieve this target.

This service is for farmers who:

- Are interested in the opportunities and funding that BNG might bring to their business.
- Have been approached by brokers or habitat banks looking for land on which to deliver BNG projects.
- Have a development opportunity on their land that might be impacted by BNG.

SUMMARY OF SERVICE

If you are successfully referred to the Biodiversity Net Gain service following the initial on-farm business review, this is offered as a half day consultancy session. It will include:

- A meeting to discuss your potential BNG project and understand how it sits within your wider farm business and/or land management.
- A consultant will talk you through the advantages, disadvantages, risks and benefits of a biodiversity net gain project.
- After the meeting, you will receive a report summarising the discussion and recommending next steps.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The following services are not covered by the FBAS scheme, but can be provided on a time charge basis:

- A detailed assessment of the opportunities for biodiversity net gain on your holding, including projected net gain
- Arranging surveys such as baseline habitat or hydrological surveys.
- Advice for landowners or developers on how to meet the BNG requirement for a planned development.
- Strategic advice on the business structure, legal and tax position before entering into any contractual arrangement.
- Advice and assistance regarding the marketing and sale of your BNG units.
- Applying for the necessary consents or permissions needed for a proposed project.

Any additional work will be agreed with you prior to any work being undertaken.