

Thank you for providing the update BNG information. The Small Sites Metric has been completed for this site, which shows that there will be an overall loss of Biodiversity (100% loss or -0.1302 units). To achieve a 10% net gain it is necessary of the scheme to provide 0.1432units. If this can't be delivered on site (at the moment no habitat creation is proposed) off-site units will need to be purchased. How a 10% net gain is proposed to be delivered needs to be confirmed by the applicant.

Once this is confirmed the BGP can be updated to reflect the situation (currently box 4.6 is ticked to say BNG will be delivered on site, however this has not been evidenced). There are also other sections of the BGP that would need to be completed once details are known of how the 10% BNG will be achieved, and it must be filled in correctly (for example habitat degradation has taken place - the removal of the tree, the LNRS should be referred to for Strategic Significance etc). Updates to the BGP can be provided post determination, when the Biodiversity Gain Condition is discharged, but I am just raising them now so the applicant is aware.