

Contributing to and Enhancing the Natural Environment & Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

Section 180 of the NPPF 2023 states that the planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment.

I am satisfied that the defra metric is robust, with the baseline values appearing reasonable and that even if some of the proposed condition targets are failed for the created habitats more than 10% BNG will be achieved on the site for area based habitats.

*I recommend that the landscape proposals are conditioned along with provision for nesting birds and bats, the extent for the latter dependent on the findings of the additional surveys. I also recommend provision of Landscape and ecological management plan.*