

71506 – GMEU response - BNG

The applicant have clarified all issues to my satisfaction, I accept that there is no obligation to utilise other land within their ownership to achieve 10% net gain. I therefore accept that the metric is a reasonable assessment of the net gain requirements and that 0.23 biodiversity units will need to be purchased off-site from an external supplier or via statutory credits. I would not regard such a small loss of units as likely to result in any viability issues for the development. The habitat creation on-site are not significant and therefore will not be subject to an HMMP and therefore do not require a BNG condition or legal agreement. A standard landscape plan could still however be applied.

The development will still need to discharge the statutory biodiversity gain condition, where the details of where the off-site units will be purchased will need to be provided.

The swift box proposals can be conditioned.

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