

Biodiversity Net Gain

There are no obvious issues the statutory metric, 16 trees being planted to enable 10% net gain to be achieved on site. As previously noted I accept that 10% should be achievable given the land available.

As the mitigation includes rural tree planting a Habitat management and monitoring plan (HMMP) will be required, controlled either by condition and or section 106. I would regard control the management plan element of the HMMP best controlled by condition. If the LPA wishes to recover the monitoring costs of visiting the site for the next 30 years to ensure the trees are retained, a section 106 would however be required.

In order to discharge the statutory biodiversity gain condition, if permission is granted, the developer will need to provide:

- A biodiversity gain plan utilising the defra template,
- The final version of the Statutory metric with start page completed and
- The final version of the HMMP