

Appendix 3



Climate Impact Assessment

Name of project, policy, function, service or proposal being assessed:	Gedling Borough Guidance on Biodiversity Net Gain			
The main objective of (Gedling Borough interim Planning Policy Statement on Biodiversity net gain):	This Guidance seeks to add further detail to the requirements of the Environment Act 2021 in relation to achieving biodiversity net gain (BNG) from the development of land.			
What impact will this (Gedling Borough Interim Planning Policy Statement on BNG) have on the following:				
Category	Negative	Positive	No impact/ Negligible change	Mitigation/ Comments
		Positive impact		The Guidance seeks to implement national legislation to achieve

Behaviour & Culture Change				<p>a minimum of a 10% increase in biodiversity. The Guidance is aimed principally to support developers to make BNG compliant planning applications. It intends to ensure BNG is considered at the outset of the planning application process and be an integral part of the design process. Developers are also advised to consider the wider role of BNG in terms of adaptation and climate change.</p>
Built Environment		Positive impact		<p>The Guidance will seek a minimum 10% biodiversity net gain which will enhance the quality and experience of living in the built environment.</p>

Transport			No impact	Potentially result in BNG being provided as Blue or Green infrastructure in areas currently deficient which may reduce the need for people to travel to Blue or Green Infrastructure that is further away. However, direct effects are considered broadly neutral.
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Energy, Natural Resources & Climate Change		Positive impact.		<p>BNG is specifically designed to achieve a net increase in biodiversity through the protection, enhancement and creation of new habitat which will have a positive effect on natural resources.</p> <p>BNG in the form of new green infrastructure providing habitat can contribute towards mitigating climate change through absorbing carbon. It can also be provided as part of mitigation measures such as SuDs and the creation of natural systems to mitigate against flooding.</p>
Waste Reduction & Recycling			No impact	Broadly neutral.
Blue-Green Infrastructure/Biodiversity		Positive impact		BNG is designed to achieve a net gain in

				<p>biodiversity which must be measurable.</p> <p>BNG can be provided as part of Blue Green Infrastructure and assist in connecting existing blue and green infrastructure networks.</p>
Procurement & Purchasing			No impact	

In response to the information provided above please provide if there is any proposed action including any consultation that is going to be carried out

Planned Actions	Timeframe	Potential Outcome	Responsible Officer
Guidance has been subject to consultation.	January / February 2024	Changes arising from consultation and approval as Guidance.	Planning Policy Manager

Authorisation and Review

Completing Officer	Graeme Foster, Principal Planning Officer
Authorising Head of Service/Director	Mike Avery, Head of Development and Place
Date	
Review date (if applicable)	