

## **BNG CONSULTATION - BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN FOR NATIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

1. Would you like your response to be confidential?

No

2. What is your name?

City of Durham Trust

3. What is your email address?

trust@durhamcity.org

4. What is your organisation?

The Trust is a registered charity, established in 1942, and its primary objective is to preserve, conserve and enhance for the benefit of the public the natural and built environment of the City of Durham and its surroundings.

5. Do you agree that the proposed model text provides sufficient information on the biodiversity gain objective?

Agree

6. Do you agree that the proposed model text provides sufficient information on irreplaceable habitat?

Agree

7. Do you agree that the proposed model text, alongside the statutory metric user guide, provides sufficient detail on the process for calculating biodiversity net gain?

Agree

8. Do you think any additional guidance is required in the statutory metric user guide to clarify how it should be applied for NSIPs?

Don't know

9. Do you agree with the proposal that all habitats within the development site boundary (i.e. the order limits) must be included in the pre-development biodiversity value?

Agree

10. Do you agree that the proposed model text provides sufficient information on: a) what the pre-development biodiversity value consists of?

Agree

11. Do you agree that the proposed model text provides sufficient information on: b) the relevant date for calculating the pre-development biodiversity value?

Agree

12. Do you agree that the proposed model text provides sufficient information on delivering biodiversity net gain on-site, off-site and using credits?

Agree

13. Do you agree that the proposed model text provides sufficient guidance on how to determine what counts as a significant on-site enhancement?

Agree

14. Do you think there needs to be a bespoke policy on delivering BNG where land is temporarily used for construction of NSIP schemes?

No

15. Do you agree that the proposed model text provides sufficient information on the wider considerations for delivering biodiversity gains?

Agree

16. Do you agree that the proposed model text provides sufficient information on the following: a) Evidence for submission?

Agree

17. Do you agree that the proposed model text provides sufficient information on the following: b) Decision making?

Agree

18. Do you agree with the proposal to allow updated biodiversity gain plans to be submitted to the relevant local planning authority for approval after consent is granted?

Agree

19. Do you have any evidence for us to consider as part of our final impact assessment on implementing BNG for NSIPs?

No

20. Do you think the policy proposals and model text for the biodiversity gain statements outlined in this consultation need amending for any specific NSIP type?

Don't know

21. Do you think there are any NSIP types or circumstances that should have different requirements or remain in a voluntary regime (noting this would continue to exclude them from buying registered off-site biodiversity gains and statutory biodiversity credits)?

22. Do you have any additional comments on the draft biodiversity gain statement or on the next steps that are not covered by the previous questions?

No

23. Do you think there are any other topics that should be covered in BNG guidance for NSIPs?

Yes

If yes, please state what additional guidance you think is required, and explain why

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