



APSE Energy Online Event – Biodiversity Net Gain: What local authorities should know
Thursday 02 October, 10:00 – 11:00



BNG: What Local Authorities Should Know

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Introduction

- What is BNG?
- APSE Energy's forthcoming detailed report
- What today hopes to achieve



The Green Issues

- The triumvirate of green issues: climate change, air quality and biodiversity
- How it is changing
- The Local Authority's position



International Obligations

- The system of COPs in climate change
- Biodiversity is the same set up
- The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- UK legislation



What is BNG?

- Concept to require international obligations are met
- Use an example to explain the concept
- 10% BNG enhancement plus replacement of loss
- Onsite and offsite



How it Works

- The Government Metric
- The Habitat Maintenance & Monitoring Plan
- The hierarchy under BNG
- Pricing units



Key Stages in the Process (1)

- Identifying land
- Applying the Metric
- Creating a Habitat Management & Maintenance Plan
- Planning consent for works



Key Stages in the Process (2)

- Pricing units
- Legal agreements and Land Charge registration
- Registration of site
- Registration as a Biodiversity Gain Site
- Allocation of BNG units to a development



Local Authority Roles

- A local authority could wear different hats
- The regulatory role
- The role of supplier of BNG units
- The role of developer



The Advantages of BNG Supply (1)

- Biodiversity is a key part of Local Authority strategy
- This fits with other action and improves the area
- Money is tight
- Local authorities own much land



The Advantages of BNG Supply (2)

- Principal use of land not disrupted or affected
- Councils have personnel to undertake the work
- Unlikely to be politically contentious
- Or lack public support



How to Go About It

- Develop and understanding of BNG and the roles
- Develop a strategy and engage public
- Identify land suitable for the BNG treatment
- Routes to get the job done



Conclusions

- Help is out there with BNG – consultancy ...
- but also companies offering full support
- Different ways of doing that
- Don't miss out on a golden opportunity for local government



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Q&A Session



Upcoming APSE & APSE Energy events

APSE Energy Event - Glasgow - 'Energy and Climate Change - delivering change'

Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 October 2025

Venue - Glasgow Marriott Hotel, 500 Argyle Street, Glasgow, G3 8RR

APSE Southern Climate Change and Renewables Network meeting

Thursday 16 October 2025, 10:30 – 12:00

Venue – MS Teams

APSE Energy Event – Sheffield - Heat Networks - policies, plans, practicalities, problems and proper progress!

Thursday 27 November 2025

Venue - Sheffield Town Hall, Pinstone Street, Sheffield, S1 2HH



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Thursday 04 December 2025

10:00 – 16:00

Microsoft Teams

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Thank you and see you soon!

