


Biodiversity Net Gain: Turning policy into practice and income

Friday 28 November, 10.00-11.15, Parks, Horticulture and Grounds Maintenance Network



Starts: 10.00

A photograph of a man in a dark suit, seen from behind. He is standing with his hands on his head, looking down. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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Agenda for today 10.00 – 11.15

- **APSE Update** – *Matt Ellis, APSE Principal Advisor.*
- **Steve Cirell** *will outline the legislative context and explain how local authority engagement with BNG can deliver income generation.*
- **Lizzie Walker** - *a qualified ecologist, will discuss practical considerations – such as identifying suitable land and habitat managing and monitoring.*



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BNG: What Local Authorities Should Know

28 November 2025



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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

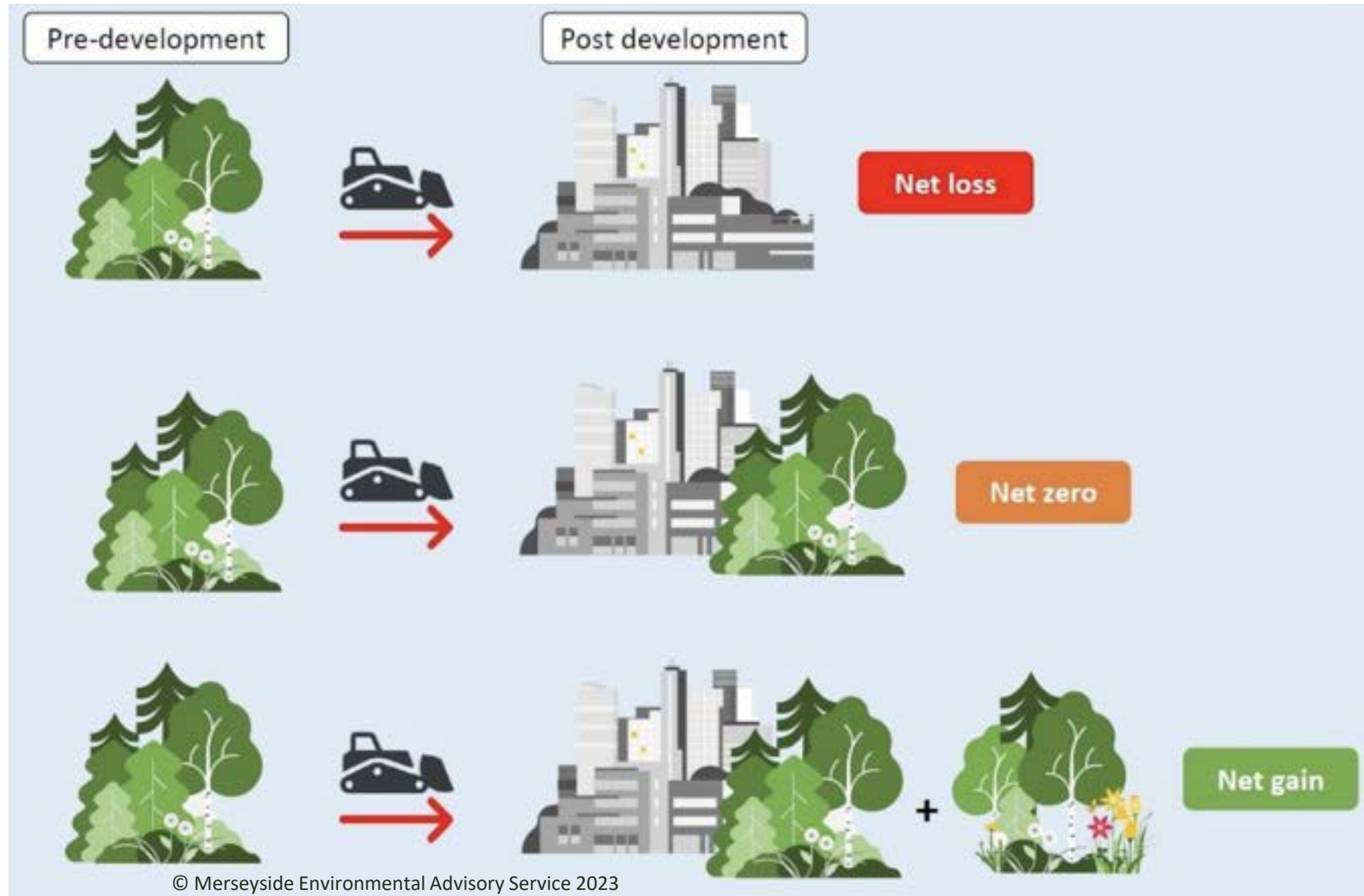
- The system of COPs in climate change
- Biodiversity is the same set up
- The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- UK legislation

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



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Site Red Line Boundary

Baseline Habitat Classification



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Habitat Management & Monitoring



Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan

Site Name:	
Date:	29/07/2025
Version:	1



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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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Thank you!

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