

BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN (BNG) SUMMARY REPORT

Site: Land South of Cricklade, Farfield Lane, Cricklade, Wiltshire

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1. Introduction

This Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Summary Report provides an overview of the baseline ecological conditions, post-development habitats, and BNG outcomes for the proposed development of agricultural buildings and associated hardstanding at Land South of Cricklade.

2. Baseline Summary

The site is approximately 0.2187 hectares and predominantly consists of neutral grassland with patches of marshy grassland. Hedgerows form the site boundaries but are not impacted by the development.

No watercourses or irreplaceable habitats are present on site.

Baseline Biodiversity Units:

- Area habitat units (pre-development): approx. 0.87
- Hedgerow units: 0
- Watercourse units: 0

3. Proposed Development

The development includes:

- A hay store, machinery store, and potting shed
- An access track using an existing farm access
- 75 new rural trees planted on-site
- Retained and managed modified grassland
- Installation of bird and bat boxes for additional ecological benefit

4. Post-Development Habitats

Post-development habitat units calculated using Statutory Biodiversity Metric 4.0:

- Modified grassland: 0.28 units
- Rural trees (75 planted): 0.94 units

Total post-development area habitat units: 1.22

Hedgerow and watercourse habitat units remain unchanged at 0.

5. Biodiversity Net Gain Outcome

The development achieves a biodiversity net gain of: • +39.64% area habitat net gain

- All required BNG trading rules met
- No off-site units required
- No statutory biodiversity credits required

The scheme therefore exceeds the statutory minimum 10% BNG requirement.

6. Habitat Management & Monitoring

A 30-year Habitat Management & Monitoring Plan (HMMP) has been prepared to ensure that:

- All trees are maintained with a >90% survival rate during first 5 years
- Grassland condition is improved and kept in moderate or better condition
- Ecological enhancement features remain in place and functional
- Annual monitoring and 5-year reports are submitted to the LPA

7. Conclusion

The proposed development delivers measurable net gains in biodiversity entirely on-site and demonstrates full compliance with statutory BNG requirements. Long-term habitat management will secure the ecological benefits for at least 30 years.