

Biodiversity Net Gain Statement

C00520 Amesbury below ground
stormwater storage tank

Salisbury Road,
Amesbury,

Grid reference: SU 15904 40924

27 March 2026

This document outlines the proposed approach to delivering the biodiversity net gain to satisfy planning requirements in respect to the above project. Information provided here will form the basis of the Biodiversity Gain Plan, to be submitted subsequent to the determination of the planning application.

Further information is provided in *C00520 King's Gate, Amesbury Ecological Impact Assessment* (Wessex Water, 27 August 2025).

Quality Assurance

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BNG Statement Revisions Record

Revision Number	2.0
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Approver(s)	Mark Doughty, Principal Ecologist
Summary of changes from previous version	Following planning comments, the red line area has been increased by 15m², to include an additional area of land to the south, which will be affected on a temporary basis. The BNG metric has been updated, although the off-site unit requirement remains unchanged.

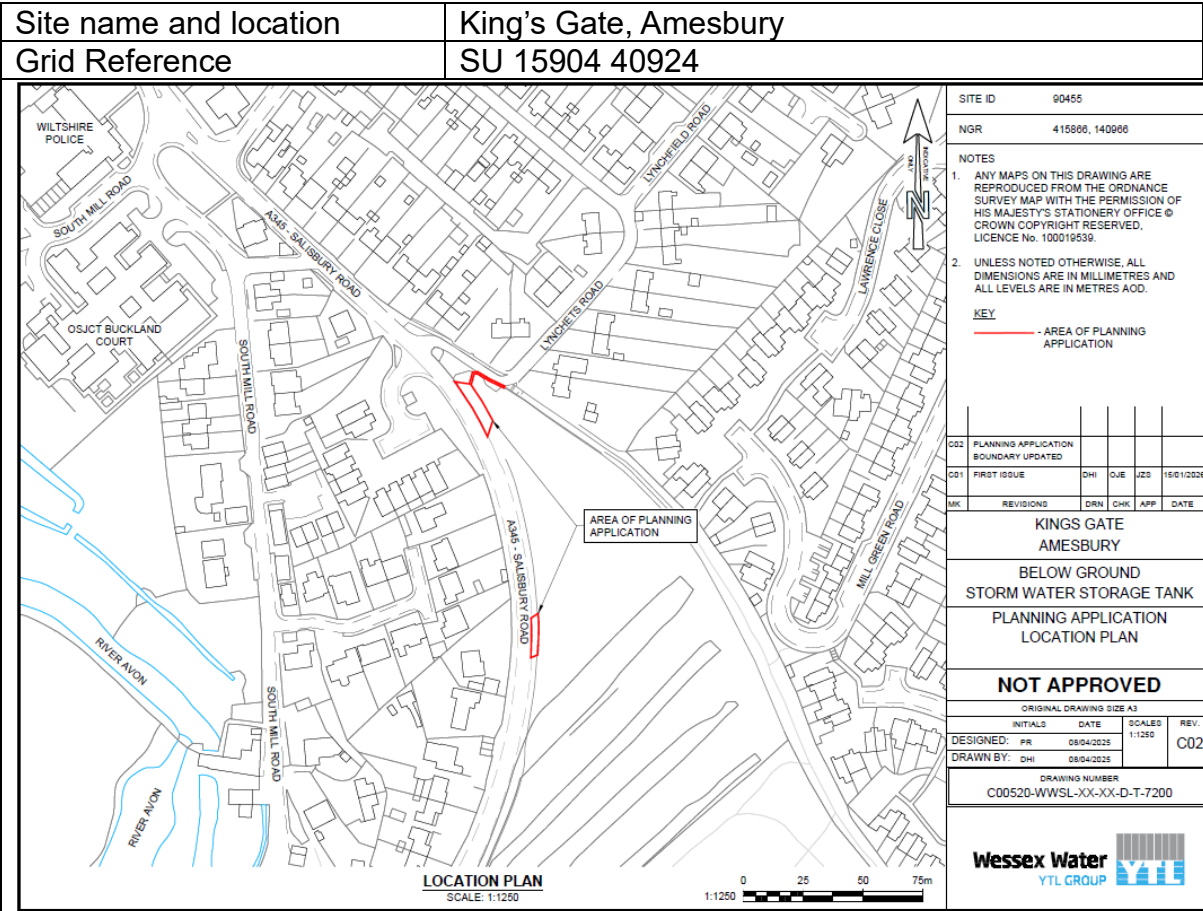
Competency Short Summary.

Brief summary of the assessor's or reviewer's competencies, explaining how they have acquired the knowledge and skills to perform specified tasks to complete and review biodiversity metrics and produce Biodiversity Gain Statements. Please note, if the Statutory Metric has been completed, this should always be done by an ecologist.

Alice Orpin BSc (Hons) is an ecologist employed by Wessex Water, with four years' experience as an ecologist and using the biodiversity net gain metric.

Mark Doughty MA MSc, CEnv, MCIEEM, Principal Ecologist. Over 20 years of ecological consultancy experience.

Site summary



Key information

IS THE APPLICATION SUBJECT TO BNG? <i>If you believe the answer is no, please confirm the reasoning why you believe the application would not be subject to the Biodiversity Gain Condition.</i>	Yes
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METRIC VERSION USED <i>Insert date and version of Metric used.</i>	1.0.4, published 03/07/2025
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ALTERNATIVE DATE (where applicable) <i>The Metric (and this BNG Statement) should show the calculation of biodiversity value of the on-site habitat on the date of the application being made, unless an earlier date is justified by the applicant. If an alternative date is used, this must be justified here.</i>	N/A
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PRE-DEVELOPMENT BASELINE ON-SITE BIODIVERSITY VALUE <i>Pre-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat (Separated and scores linked to sub-categories if more than one on-site habitat being impacted is present e.g. Area Habitats, Hedgerows, Watercourse) on the date (or earlier date if appropriately justified) of the application.</i> <i>Information include below must be consistent with both the submitted Metric and on-site baseline habitat plan.</i>	
Baseline On-site Area Habitat	0.07 units
Baseline On-site Hedgerow	0 units
Baseline On-site Watercourse	0 units

UNAUTHORISED HABITAT DEGRADATION <i>A summary of any known unauthorised habitat degradation since the 20th of January 2020 and how this statement has considered those works. If none has occurred, then a simple confirmation of that is acceptable.</i>	No unauthorised habitat degradation has occurred. Bramble scrub has previously been cut back but is naturally regenerating. Trees have also been felled by the landowner in the adjoining land, however there were no trees within the red line boundary.
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ON-SITE IRREPLACEABLE HABITAT	No
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*Is there any irreplaceable habitat
present on-site? If so, see below
further questions which will apply.*

No

BNG Strategy

MINIMISING BIODIVERSITY IMPACTS <i>Steps taken to minimise adverse biodiversity impacts in line with the mitigation hierarchy and biodiversity gain hierarchy.</i>	The proposed project has been designed to occupy the minimum area required for the construction of a tanker layby. The compound access is the minimum size required for safe entry/exit. The compound access has been revised to avoid impacts on mature trees.
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PROPOSED STRATEGY <i>The proposed strategy for meeting the biodiversity gain condition, including the anticipated balance between on-site, off-site gains and credits.</i>	Off-site habitat units will be bought through a third-party provider to compensate for the loss of 0.05 habitat units and ensure a 10% biodiversity net gain based on The Statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculation Tool.		
	On-site units	Off-site units	Statutory Biodiversity Credits
Area Habitats	-	0.05	-
Hedgerows	-	-	-
Watercourses	-	-	-

On-site proposals

ON-SITE APPROACH <i>Proposed approach for enhancing, managing maintaining and monitoring biodiversity on-site</i>	BNG provision will not be delivered on site.
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JUSITIFICATION FOR ON-SITE APPROACH	Due to the size of the proposed project, it is not considered possible to deliver BNG on site in this instance. This is due to limitations on space and land ownership. To create the most benefits for nature conservation and following The Lawton Principle for 'bigger, better, more joined up habitats', off-site biodiversity units are considered appropriate and will be purchased.
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PROPOSED POST-DEVELOPMENT ON-SITE BIODIVERSITY VALUE <i>Post-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat (Separated and scores linked to sub-categories if more than one on-site habitat proposed (e.g. Area Habitats, Hedgerows, Watercourse).</i>	
Post-Development On-site Area Habitat	0.02 units
Post-Development On-site Hedgerow	0 units
Post-Development On-site Watercourse	0 units

SIGNIFICANT ON-SITE ENHANCEMENTS <i>A clear definition of any on-site enhancements the applicant believes would be classified as 'significant' and as such need to be legally secured for at least 30 years.</i> <i>Where the applicant does not consider any on-site enhancements to be 'significant', justification should be provided.</i>	No on-site habitat creation or enhancement is proposed.
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Off-site proposals

OFF-SITE UNIT DEMAND <i>Likely quantum of off-site biodiversity units anticipated to be required to discharge the biodiversity gain condition.</i>	The following BNG off-site units will be delivered through a third-party provider: 0.05 (the exact unit deficit is 0.046368, which has been rounded up to 0.05)
OFF-SITE APPROACH <i>Where available, any information about the potential off-site biodiversity units being targeted.</i>	Environment Bank (Chippenham habitat bank), or an alternative third-party alternative.
OFF-SITE JUSTIFICATION <i>Justification for reliance upon off-site units in relation to Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy and how the approach above responds to the Somerset Sequential Approach and Strategic Significance Criteria</i>	Due to the small-scale nature of the proposed project and surrounding land being outside of the ownership of Wessex Water, on-site habitat creation and enhancement is not viable. Off-site biodiversity units will therefore be purchased instead to achieve a minimum of 10% BNG. This approach will also generate greater benefit of nature conservation (Principle 1 in CIEEM, CIRIA and EIMA, 2016) and follows The Lawton Principle for ' <i>bigger, better, more joined up habitats</i> '.

Statutory Credits proposals

STATUTORY CREDITS DEMAND <i>Likely quantum of statutory credits anticipated to be required to discharge the biodiversity gain condition.</i>	No purchase of statutory credits is proposed.
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Irreplaceable habitats approach (where applicable)

Where irreplaceable habitat is present on-site:

ON-SITE IRREPLACEABLE HABITAT <i>A summary of any irreplaceable habitats on site. If there are none, then a simple confirmation is acceptable.</i>	No irreplaceable habitats present on site.
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Habitat Regulations Assessment relationship (where applicable)

RELATIONSHIP WITH HRA REQUIREMENTS <i>Where Habitat Regulations Assessment or other legislative requirement stipulates that an application is also required to deliver mitigation and/or compensation for likely significant effects upon a protected site/species:</i> • <i>Transparency over which on-site and off-site enhancements are related to the habitat mitigations and compensations, and which are related to net gains and counted for BNG purposes.</i> • <i>This should draw directly on information within any associated Ecological Impact Assessment and make direct links across to relevant information in any Nutrient Neutrality Assessment and Mitigation Strategy, Bat Mitigation Strategy or other appropriate documentation.</i>	The site is within the 6.4km buffer zone for the Salsbury Plain SPA, with the closest point of the SPA 2.8km northeast of the site. This buffer is predominantly to protect nesting stone curlew from increased recreational pressure due to development. The habitat on site is not favourable for nesting stone curlew and will not result in increased recreational pressure. Therefore, there will be no likely significant effects on the SPA.
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Accompanying Plans

C00520/ENV/403/A: On-site Baseline Habitats Plan

C00520/ENV/404/A: On-site Post-development Habitats Plan



- Red Line Boundary
- UKHab primary habitats**
- UKHab Code**
- g3c - other neutral grassland
 - h3d - Bramble scrub
 - h3h - Mixed scrub
 - u1c - artificial unvegetated unsealed surface

Secondary codes

16 Tall forbs

Biodiversity net gain baseline

A1 - Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface, 11.44m2.
Very low distinctiveness. Condition assessment N/A.

A2 - Other neautral grassland, 81.94m2.
Medium distinctiveness. Poor condition.

A3 - Bramble scrub, 33.98m2.
Medium distinctiveness. Condition assessment N/A.

A4 - Mixed scrub, 35.28m2.
Medium distinctiveness. Poor condition.

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Habitat condition and distinctiveness

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Red Line Boundary

UKHab primary habitats

UKHab Code

h3h - Mixed scrub

u1c - artificial unvegetated unsealed surface

**Biodiversity net gain onsite
post development habitats**

A1 - Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface, 11.44m2 retained.

A4 - Mixed scrub, 50.2m2 retained.

A5 - Artificial unvegetated, unsealed surface, 151.2m2 created.

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Post development habitat plan

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