



## Exploring Biodiversity Net Gain

### The Cogeo Approach

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) is a pivotal advancement in development planning now mandated by law in England.

With our expertise in planning and environmental management, we can help you navigate BNG's implications and support your developments. We've prepared this At a Glance reference to refer to the processes and considerations for integrating BNG into strategic development planning.

Check the stage gates below, and remember the Cogeo team is here to support you throughout your development lifecycle.



#### → AVOID

**Prevent negative impacts on biodiversity from the outset.**

- Assess the ecological value of the proposed site pre-development baselines.
- Identify critical habitats and species.
- Apply sustainable development design.

#### → MINIMISE

**Reduce the duration, intensity, and extent of impacts.**

- Implement robust construction management plans.
- Use sustainable materials and methods.
- Limit land disturbance and surface sealing.

#### → RESTORE

**Rehabilitate degraded ecosystems and habitats.**

- Reinststate native species and habitats.
- Enhance existing habitat ecological connectivity and contribute to ecosystems.
- Monitor and manage restored areas' lifecycle.

#### → OFFSET

**Compensate for unavoidable impacts by providing ecological improvements elsewhere.**

- Create or restore habitats exceeding lost value.
- Engage in local conservation projects.
- Ensure offsets meet or exceed any loss in biodiversity.