

ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

INVITATION TO TENDER FOR CONSULTANCY WORK ON A BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN ASSESMENT STUDY

Thursday 28 September 2023

A number of companies who are interested in undertaking this work have raised queries with the terms of the specification.

As a result we would be willing to consider submissions that amend the brief but nevertheless provide robust and valuable information that will assist the Council in deciding whether to make land available for developers' off-site Biodiversity Net Gain contributions.

Where this is being proposed we would want to see the full reasoning behind the proposed amendments, and any implications on the overall aim and robustness of the study.

For example, the sites to be assessed could be prioritised or reduced in number. We consider it important that the provision of a baseline and potential uplift in biodiversity value assessment would still be required, as well as an estimation of the costs to deliver, maintain and monitor the biodiversity uplift.

The funding for this piece of work is subject to DEFRA grant conditions. The value of this contract is £50,000 maximum, including disbursements and additional expenses but exclusive of VAT.

The deadline for submission of the Final Report remains Friday 15 March 2024.

