Roadmap

August 2024 | August 2026 | August 2029

Short Term (1-2 years)

Medium Term (3-5 years)

Metric

- Guidance on including urban impact within calculations
- Guidance on use of the SS multiplier – including intermediary measures and LNRSs
- Irreplaceable Habitat list expansion
- Statutory review of metric – inc. connectivity, review of risk multipliers, trading rules, amends to condition assessment, alignment to national targets and frameworks
- Digitisation of metric
- Clarity over the process by which Rule #4 can be exercised
- Standardisation of habitat surveying and baselining methodologies
- Ecological data collection and metric testing – including use of further measures to strengthen the proxy of habitat for biodiversity

Central Governance

- New Burdens funding confirmation 2025+
- Review of LPA delivery
- Capacity building and technical assistance for LPAs
- Creation / identification of 'Regulator of Regulators'
- Expansion of data on off-site register
- Creation / identification of register for on-site gains
- Further guidance on appropriate market making for LPAs – inc. >10% policies
- Review of enforceability for on-site habitats
- Streamlined Responsible Body validation process
- Future proofing for broader ENG concepts – inc. Marine Net Gain
- Clarity of appropriate monitoring guidelines and processes for LPAs
- Formalised monitoring and reporting requirements – iterated with Statutory Biodiversity Reporting (LPAs) and Annual Reporting (RBs) results and shared with on-site and off-site habitat providers.
- Data collection of market function – including balance of on-site vs off-site, pricing, cross-boundary sales, use of statutory credits

Supply Side

- Tax and accounting treatment clarity
- Clarity over impacts on land values
- Guidance on liability and worst-case scenario planning
- Assessment of appropriate financial products & services
- Guidance on prudent financial modelling and governance structures
- Assessment of appropriate insurance mechanisms
- Standardisation of legal templates for off-site provision
- Alignment of BNG with appropriate public grant & subsidy schemes – including ELMs
- Alignment of BNG with other nature market opportunities
- Clarity over rules and visibility of statutory credit spend
- Streamlined process for statutory credit providers
- Data collection of off-site delivery – including effective management techniques, alignment to LNRSs, governance processes

Demand Side

- Establish mechanisms to unlock local supply / demand visibility
- Assessment of small-site developer needs – inc. purchase of fractional units
- Assessment of large-site developer needs – inc. multi-phased developments and NSIPs
- Review of excess units – inc. guidance on additionality testing
- Viability assessments of +10% LPA ambitions
- Review of BNG exemptions criteria and process – inc. disqualifications
- Promotion of 'front loading' of information within planning process
- Review of Planning Process – in line with review of LPA delivery
- Provide further guidance of on-site management
- Upskilling of management sector – inc. clarity of exit processes
- Creation of BNG on-site management accreditation
- Data collection of on-site delivery – including research programmes for effective management techniques, significant vs non-significant gains, governance processes

Key Dates

- **Autumn 2024** – Irreplaceable Habitat Consultation
- **March 2025** – LNRSs due
- **November 2025** – NSIPs come under BNG policy
- **January 2026** – First Biodiversity Duty Reporting Due

Key

- Government Led
- Industry Enabled