



Policy GI10: Building Biodiversity into New Developments

- A. All development proposals should seek to enhance biodiversity beyond the minimum mitigation requirements, where appropriate and practical.
- B. All new development will be expected to incorporate measures to support biodiversity where appropriate and practical, such as the creation of new wildlife habitats; provision of practical conservation equipment (including of swift bricks, hedgehog highways, bat boxes and access tiles); the planting of native species; and the inclusion of green infrastructure (for example green roofs, wildlife ponds, and sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) that provide ecological benefits).

Places for Everyone Links

Policy JP-G8.

Relevant Strategic Objectives

SO3; SO7

Biodiversity Net Gain

- 8.51. Natural capital refers to stock of renewable and non-renewable natural resources such as air, water, soils and minerals as well as plants and animals.
- 8.52. Ecosystem services flow from natural capital, whilst biodiversity constitutes the living component of natural capital. Maintaining biodiversity is important for maintaining the scale and resilience of ecosystem service delivery.
- 8.53. Supporting and/or enhancing natural capital is a key element of the Greater Manchester Natural Capital Investment Plan, which includes habitat banking as one of the key investment opportunities for the delivery of off-site Biodiversity Net Gain in line with the guidance and approach



adopted across GM as part of the Urban Pioneer programme, a three-year DEFRA Pioneer project.

- 8.54. Delivering Biodiversity Net Gain will not only enhance biodiversity but also provide benefits for Trafford's stock of natural capital. There are additional opportunities alongside mandatory biodiversity net gain for development to provide ecological enhancements that help stop the decline of certain species, such as swifts, garden birds, bats, bees, and hedgehogs.
- 8.55. Biodiversity net gain can be achieved through measures such as the creation of new wildlife habitats, provision of practical conservation equipment (including of swift bricks, hedgehog highways, bat boxes and access tiles), the planting of native species, and the inclusion of green infrastructure like green roofs, wildlife ponds, and sustainable urban drainage systems (SuDS) that provide ecological benefits.

Enforcement and Monitoring

- 8.56. The Council will ensure that appropriate conditions and legal agreements are imposed to guarantee that all mitigation, compensation, or enhancement measures are delivered, monitored, and maintained throughout the lifecycle of the development. Regular monitoring will be undertaken to assess the effectiveness of these measures in achieving biodiversity objectives.

Consultation Question 8-10

Do you support Policy GI10? Are there any changes required which would improve the policy? Please provide any supporting evidence which you think is relevant.