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Sent: 20 July 2022 15:50
To: Alastair Sommerville
Subject: RE: Biodiversity Net Gain - Offsite Compensation

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Hi Alastair,

Thank you for reaching out.

As an organisation we have been working on BNG and the provisioning of other Ecosystem Services for over 18 months and are now looking to establish our first three habitat banks across the county, one of which will be located in the High Peak. Each habitat bank will be strategically located to support Nature's Recovery whilst providing a pipeline of ready-made units for future developments in the region.

The following principles underpin the BNG services we will provide :

- BNG will be **delivered in perpetuity** – we will secure habitats forever, well beyond the 30-year conservation covenant.
- BNG will be **strategically targeted** to contribute to nature's recovery - we will build on the Lawton Principles of bigger, better, more and joined up - and habitat creation will be used to support Local Nature Recovery Strategies.
- BNG must be **additional** – BNG will only be delivered on land of low ecological value, where there are no existing regulatory requirements for the land to be in favourable conservation status.
- BNG delivery sites must provide **access to nature** – sites delivering BNG will be designed to include public access to create more space for people to interact with nature.
- BNG will be carefully **monitored and assessed** to contribute to sector wide research and evaluate the true value of BNG.
- BNG **cannot be applied to irreplaceable habitats** – BNG units will only be supplied to developers and developments with appropriate ecological appraisals and BNG metrics in place, that commit to no losses to irreplaceable habitats.

I think it would probably be best to set up a call in the next few weeks, so that we talk through our plans and get a better understanding of your development, its timeline and the BNG requirements? Please let me know if you would be interested and if so when you are available for a call.

Kind Regards,
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From: Alastair Sommerville _____
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Good Afternoon,

We have a site in which we are unable to make up the units required to achieve the a net gain of 10%, thus leaving us with a requirement to make up the units offsite.

We're looking for advice on how we can progress towards achieving our target. We're away that we can use third party land to make up the units, which comes at a cost per unit, we're not aware of what this figure would be in the High Peak Borough Council area.

We understand there's also a route in which a contribution could be made towards ecology via other means. Are you able to advise further on this route and it's availability?

I'm available on my mobile to discuss further.

Kind Regards,

Alastair Sommerville
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