

# Embedding Biodiversity Net Gain in the Planning System

[Etc. Venues. Eleven Portland Street, Manchester M1 3HU](#) | Wednesday 8th May 2019

11.00 Chair's Introduction—*Dr Ian Mell, Senior Lecturer in Environmental & Landscape Planning, University of Manchester*

## 11.05 Biodiversity Net Gain & Planning System Requirements

- Defining & understanding 'biodiversity net gains'
  - Net gains and National Planning Policy Framework requirements
  - The Government's consultation: potential measures & impact
  - The availability of ecological expertise in local planning authorities
  - Net gains, biodiversity offsetting, and developer contributions
  - Monitoring & enforcement post-development
  - The difference between 'biodiversity' & 'environmental' net gains and what it means
  - Identifying & avoiding unintended consequences from the net gains approach
- ⇒ *Nick White, Senior Advisor—Net Gain & Green Infrastructure, Natural England*
- ⇒ *Rachel Hoskin, Director, Footprint Ecology*
- ⇒ *Tom Butterworth, Technical Director – Biodiversity, WSP*
- ⇒ *Andy Ruck, Official, Net Gain, DEFRA*

13.00 Networking Lunch

## 13.45 Embedding Biodiversity Net Gain in Practice

- Developing local policies to promote biodiversity net gains
  - Net gains and good practice development principles
  - Net gains and making planning decisions
  - Accessing specialist ecological expertise
  - Learning from case study examples
- ⇒ *David Lowe, Team Leader, Ecology, Historic Environment & Landscape, Warwickshire County Council*
- ⇒ *Emmanuel Deschamps, Environment Manager, Network Rail*
- ⇒ *Roy Hymas, Planning and Net Gain, Natural England*
- ⇒ *Krista Patrick, Natural Capital Coordinator, Greater Manchester Combined Authority*

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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