

Embedding Biodiversity Net Gain in the Planning System

Taking place in Central London (Zone 1, Venue TBC) | Thursday, 7th March 2019

11.00 Chair's Introduction

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
- ⇒ **Julia Baker**, Biodiversity Technical Specialist, Balfour Beatty
- ⇒ **Nick Blyth**, Policy & Practice Lead, Institute of Enviro Management & Assessment

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
- ⇒ **Justine Lloyd**, Ecology Manager, Lichfield District Council
- ⇒ **Roy Hymas**, Strategic Planning & Reform, Natural England

15.30 Chair's Summary & Event Close

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