



## South Branch Recovering Nature: Mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain

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### Webinar via Microsoft Teams

In today's rapidly changing corporate world, biodiversity is fast taking centre stage and dominating the headlines of what sustainable development should be. Biodiversity conservation, in particular, is a critical aspect of responsible development and land use planning. But with the fast evolution of regulations and policies, staying up-to-date is critical especially as mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) will come into effect January 2024.

Mandatory BNG requires most developments seeking planning permission to achieve at least 10% increase in 'habitat units' measured by the statutory Biodiversity Metric. In practice, BNG is achieved by avoiding and minimising impacts on biodiversity as far as possible, and then creating and enhancing wildlife-rich habitat.

In this webinar, we will hear the latest updates on mandatory BNG and gain insights into how the biodiversity metric is fundamental to BNG, enabling developers to demonstrate measurable BNG. We will also learn how the most successful BNG projects are when ecologists and Engineers collaborate on building and maintaining the critical infrastructure we need, with less habitat clearance and more in terms of creating and enhancing wildlife rich habitats.



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