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To all Local authorities listed in Annex A,

Dear colleagues,

Section 31 (Local Government Act 2003) Grant Determination Letter for Biodiversity Net Gain Grant 2025/26: Grant No. 31/7838

This Determination is made between:

- (1) **The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and**
- (2) **The local authorities listed at Annex A.**

Background

Biodiversity net gain (BNG) is an approach to development that leaves biodiversity in a measurably better state than before. This means protecting existing habitats and ensuring that lost or degraded habitats are compensated for by enhancing or creating habitats that are of greater value to wildlife and people.

The Environment Act 2021 includes provisions that make the achievement of 10% biodiversity gain mandatory for most developments under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The requirement came into force on 12 February 2024 for major developments (unless exempt) and on 2 April 2024 for small sites (unless exempt).

Purpose of the Grant

The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to the local authorities in England listed at Annex A, towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them in delivering biodiversity net gain. Any further funding for this purpose, beyond this period, would be confirmed in due course.

Grant amounts

The grant covers the 12-month period from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026.

- The funding allocated for the 2025/26 grant is £10.17 million.

Local authorities have been placed in one of two bands, with the amount per authority listed at Annex A.

Band	2025/26
Band 1 (authorities with 500 or fewer applications of types that fall within the scope of BNG)	£27,142
Band 2 (authorities with 501 or more applications of types that fall within the scope of BNG)	£44,177

Note:

- banding based on planning statistics from 2019-21.
- grant allocations for 2025/26 for the four local authorities that were created on 1 April 2023 are higher than the banding amounts to reflect the fact that they replaced a number of other authorities in their creation.

Feedback

As this is a non-ringfenced grant, formal reporting to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on progress is not a condition of the grant; this includes evidence of spend returns. Defra may, however, ask the local authority to provide a voluntary end of year return confirming activity that has taken place or been funded.

Enquiries

For all enquiries about this grant please contact

SM-Defra.NetGain@defra.gov.uk

Signed by authority of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Minister for Nature),
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.



Nick Barter
Deputy Director, Biodiversity net gain

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

REVENUE grant determination (non-ringfenced)

Biodiversity Net Gain Grant GRANT DETERMINATION 2025/2026: No. 31/7838

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (The Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP) (“the Secretary of State”), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

Citation

1) This determination may be cited as the Biodiversity Net Gain Grant Determination 2025/2026 [No.31/7838].

Purpose of the grant

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide funding to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them to apply a minimum 10% increase in biodiversity to planning permissions (unless otherwise exempt) granted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Determination

3) The Secretary of State determines as the authorities to which the grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in Annex A.

Treasury consent

4) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Secretary of State obtained the consent of the Treasury.

UK Government Branding

5) The Grant Recipient shall at all times during and following the end of the Funding Period:

5.1 comply with requirements of the Branding Manual in relation to the Funded Activities; and

5.2 cease use of the Funded by UK Government logo on demand if directed to do so by the Authority.

6) **Branding Manual** means the HM Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland ‘Funded by UK Government branding manual’ first published by the Cabinet Office in November 2022 and is available at

<https://gcs.civilservice.gov.uk/guidance/marketing/branding-guidelines/> including any subsequent updates from time to time.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Barter', written in a cursive style.

Nick Barter, Deputy Director, Biodiversity net gain, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

4 June 2025

Annex A – List of authorities

Local Authority	2025/26 BNG grant allocation for period 01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026
Adur District Council	£27,142.00
Amber Valley Borough Council	£27,142.00
Arun District Council	£27,142.00
Ashfield District Council	£27,142.00
Ashford Borough Council	£27,142.00
Babergh District Council	£27,142.00
Barking and Dagenham London Borough	£27,142.00
Barnet London Borough	£44,177.00
Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council	£27,142.00
Basildon Council	£27,142.00
Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council	£27,142.00
Bassetlaw District Council	£27,142.00
Bath and North East Somerset Council	£27,142.00
Bedford Borough Council	£27,142.00
Bexley London Borough	£27,142.00
Birmingham City Council	£44,177.00
Blaby District Council	£27,142.00
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council	£27,142.00
Blackpool Council	£27,142.00
Bolsover District Council	£27,142.00
Bolton Council	£27,142.00
Boston Borough Council	£27,142.00
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council	£44,177.00
Bracknell Forest Council	£27,142.00
Braintree District Council	£27,142.00
Breckland District Council	£44,177.00
Brent London Borough	£44,177.00
Brentwood Borough Council	£27,142.00
Brighton and Hove Council	£44,177.00
Bristol City Council	£44,177.00
Broadland District Council	£27,142.00
Bromley London Borough	£44,177.00
Bromsgrove District Council	£27,142.00
Broxbourne Borough Council	£27,142.00
Broxtowe Borough Council	£27,142.00
Buckinghamshire Council	£44,177.00
Burnley Council	£27,142.00

Bury Council	£27,142.00
Calderdale Council	£27,142.00
Cambridge City Council	£27,142.00
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority	£27,142.00
Cambridgeshire County Council	£27,142.00
Camden London Borough	£44,177.00
Cannock Chase District Council	£27,142.00
Canterbury City Council	£27,142.00
Castle Point Borough Council	£27,142.00
Central Bedfordshire Council	£44,177.00
Charnwood Borough Council	£27,142.00
Chelmsford City Council	£27,142.00
Cheltenham Borough Council	£27,142.00
Cherwell District Council	£27,142.00
Cheshire East Council	£44,177.00
Cheshire West and Chester Council	£44,177.00
Chesterfield Borough Council	£27,142.00
Chichester District Council	£27,142.00
Chorley Council	£27,142.00
City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	£44,177.00
City of London	£27,142.00
City of York Council	£27,142.00
Colchester City Council	£27,142.00
Cornwall Council	£44,177.00
Cotswold District Council	£27,142.00
Coventry City Council	£27,142.00
Crawley Borough Council	£27,142.00
Croydon London Borough	£44,177.00
Cumberland Council ¹	£46,913.00
Dacorum Borough Council	£27,142.00
Darlington Borough Council	£27,142.00
Dartford Borough Council	£27,142.00
Derby City Council	£27,142.00
Derbyshire County Council	£27,142.00
Derbyshire Dales District Council	£27,142.00
Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority	£27,142.00
Devon County Council	£27,142.00
Doncaster City Council	£27,142.00
Dorset Council	£44,177.00
Dover District Council	£27,142.00
Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council	£27,142.00
Durham County Council	£44,177.00
Ealing London Borough	£44,177.00
East Cambridgeshire District Council	£27,142.00

East Devon District Council	£44,177.00
East Hampshire District Council	£27,142.00
East Hertfordshire District Council	£27,142.00
East Lindsey District Council	£44,177.00
East Midlands Combined County Authority	£27,142.00
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	£44,177.00
East Staffordshire Borough Council	£27,142.00
East Suffolk Council	£44,177.00
East Sussex County Council	£27,142.00
Eastbourne Borough Council	£27,142.00
Eastleigh Borough Council	£27,142.00
Elmbridge Borough Council	£27,142.00
Enfield London Borough	£44,177.00
Epping Forest District Council	£27,142.00
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council	£27,142.00
Erewash Borough Council	£27,142.00
Essex County Council	£27,142.00
Exeter City Council	£27,142.00
Fareham Borough Council	£27,142.00
Fenland District Council	£27,142.00
Folkestone and Hythe District Council	£27,142.00
Forest of Dean District Council	£27,142.00
Fylde Council	£27,142.00
Gateshead Council	£27,142.00
Gedling Borough Council	£27,142.00
Gloucester City Council	£27,142.00
Gloucestershire County Council	£27,142.00
Gosport Borough Council	£27,142.00
Gravesham Borough Council	£27,142.00
Great Yarmouth Borough Council	£27,142.00
Greater Lincolnshire Combined County Authority	£27,142.00
Greater London Authority	£27,142.00
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	£27,142.00
Greenwich London Borough	£27,142.00
Guildford Borough Council	£27,142.00
Hackney London Borough	£44,177.00
Halton Borough Council	£27,142.00
Hammersmith and Fulham London Borough	£27,142.00
Hampshire County Council	£27,142.00
Harborough District Council	£27,142.00
Haringey London Borough	£27,142.00
Harlow Council	£27,142.00
Harrow London Borough	£27,142.00
Hart District Council	£27,142.00

Hartlepool Borough Council	£27,142.00
Hastings Borough Council	£27,142.00
Havant Borough Council	£27,142.00
Havering London Borough	£27,142.00
Herefordshire Council	£44,177.00
Hertfordshire County Council	£27,142.00
Hertsmere Borough Council	£27,142.00
High Peak Borough Council	£27,142.00
Hillingdon London Borough	£44,177.00
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	£27,142.00
Horsham District Council	£27,142.00
Hounslow London Borough	£44,177.00
Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority	£27,142.00
Hull City Council	£27,142.00
Huntingdonshire District Council	£27,142.00
Hyndburn Borough Council	£27,142.00
Ipswich Borough Council	£27,142.00
Isle of Wight Council	£27,142.00
Isles of Scilly Council	£27,142.00
Islington London Borough	£44,177.00
Kensington and Chelsea Royal Borough	£44,177.00
Kent County Council	£27,142.00
Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Borough Council	£44,177.00
Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough	£27,142.00
Kirklees Council	£44,177.00
Knowsley Council	£27,142.00
Lambeth London Borough	£44,177.00
Lancashire Combined County Authority	£27,142.00
Lancashire County Council	£27,142.00
Lancaster City Council	£27,142.00
Leeds City Council	£44,177.00
Leicester City Council	£27,142.00
Leicestershire County Council	£27,142.00
Lewes District Council	£27,142.00
Lewisham London Borough	£44,177.00
Lichfield District Council	£27,142.00
Lincoln City Council	£27,142.00
Lincolnshire County Council	£27,142.00
Liverpool City Council	£27,142.00
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority	£27,142.00
Luton Borough Council	£27,142.00
Maidstone Borough Council	£27,142.00
Maldon District Council	£27,142.00
Malvern Hills District Council	£27,142.00

Manchester City Council	£44,177.00
Mansfield District Council	£27,142.00
Medway Council	£27,142.00
Melton Borough Council	£27,142.00
Merton London Borough	£27,142.00
Mid Devon District Council	£27,142.00
Mid Suffolk District Council	£44,177.00
Mid Sussex District Council	£27,142.00
Middlesbrough Council	£27,142.00
Milton Keynes City Council	£27,142.00
Mole Valley District Council	£27,142.00
New Forest District Council	£27,142.00
Newark and Sherwood District Council	£27,142.00
Newcastle City Council	£27,142.00
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council	£27,142.00
Newham London Borough	£27,142.00
Norfolk County Council	£27,142.00
North Devon Council	£27,142.00
North East Combined Authority	£27,142.00
North East Derbyshire District Council	£27,142.00
North East Lincolnshire Council	£27,142.00
North Hertfordshire Council	£27,142.00
North Kesteven District Council	£27,142.00
North Lincolnshire Council	£27,142.00
North Norfolk District Council	£27,142.00
North Northamptonshire Council	£44,177.00
North Somerset Council	£27,142.00
North Tyneside Council	£27,142.00
North Warwickshire Borough Council	£27,142.00
North West Leicestershire District Council	£27,142.00
North Yorkshire Council ¹	£115,558.00
Northumberland County Council	£44,177.00
Norwich City Council	£27,142.00
Nottingham City Council	£27,142.00
Nottinghamshire County Council	£27,142.00
Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	£27,142.00
Oadby and Wigston Borough Council	£27,142.00
Oldham Council	£27,142.00
Oxford City Council	£27,142.00
Oxfordshire County Council	£27,142.00
Pendle Borough Council	£27,142.00
Peterborough City Council	£27,142.00
Plymouth City Council	£27,142.00
Portsmouth City Council	£27,142.00

Preston City Council	£27,142.00
Reading Borough Council	£27,142.00
Redbridge London Borough	£27,142.00
Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council	£27,142.00
Redditch Borough Council	£27,142.00
Reigate and Banstead Borough Council	£27,142.00
Ribble Valley Borough Council	£27,142.00
Richmond upon Thames London Borough	£44,177.00
Rochdale Borough Council	£27,142.00
Rochford District Council	£27,142.00
Rossendale Borough Council	£27,142.00
Rother District Council	£27,142.00
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	£27,142.00
Rugby Borough Council	£27,142.00
Runnymede Borough Council	£27,142.00
Rushcliffe Borough Council	£27,142.00
Rushmoor Borough Council	£27,142.00
Rutland County Council	£27,142.00
Salford City Council	£27,142.00
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council	£27,142.00
Sefton Council	£27,142.00
Sevenoaks District Council	£27,142.00
Sheffield City Council	£44,177.00
Shropshire Council	£44,177.00
Slough Borough Council	£27,142.00
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council	£27,142.00
Somerset Council ¹	£75,348.00
South Cambridgeshire District Council	£44,177.00
South Derbyshire District Council	£27,142.00
South Gloucestershire Council	£44,177.00
South Hams District Council	£44,177.00
South Holland District Council	£27,142.00
South Kesteven District Council	£27,142.00
South Norfolk Council	£44,177.00
South Oxfordshire District Council	£44,177.00
South Ribble Borough Council	£27,142.00
South Staffordshire District Council	£27,142.00
South Tyneside Council	£27,142.00
South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority	£27,142.00
Southampton City Council	£27,142.00
Southend on Sea City Council	£27,142.00
Southwark London Borough	£44,177.00
Spelthorne Borough Council	£27,142.00
St Albans City & District Council	£27,142.00

St Helens Borough Council	£27,142.00
Stafford Borough Council	£27,142.00
Staffordshire County Council	£27,142.00
Staffordshire Moorlands District Council	£27,142.00
Stevenage Borough Council	£27,142.00
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council	£27,142.00
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council	£27,142.00
Stoke-on-Trent City Council	£27,142.00
Stratford-on-Avon District Council	£44,177.00
Stroud District Council	£27,142.00
Suffolk County Council	£27,142.00
Sunderland City Council	£27,142.00
Surrey County Council	£27,142.00
Surrey Heath Borough Council	£27,142.00
Sutton London Borough	£27,142.00
Swale Borough Council	£27,142.00
Swindon Borough Council	£27,142.00
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	£27,142.00
Tamworth Borough Council	£27,142.00
Tandridge District Council	£27,142.00
Tees Valley Combined Authority	£27,142.00
Teignbridge District Council	£27,142.00
Telford and Wrekin Council	£27,142.00
Tendring District Council	£27,142.00
Test Valley Borough Council	£27,142.00
Tewkesbury Borough Council	£27,142.00
Thanet District Council	£27,142.00
Three Rivers District Council	£27,142.00
Thurrock Council	£27,142.00
Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council	£27,142.00
Torbay Council	£27,142.00
Torridge District Council	£27,142.00
Tower Hamlets London Borough	£44,177.00
Trafford Council	£27,142.00
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	£27,142.00
Uttlesford District Council	£44,177.00
Vale of White Horse District Council	£27,142.00
Wakefield Council	£27,142.00
Walsall Council	£27,142.00
Waltham Forest London Borough	£44,177.00
Wandsworth London Borough	£44,177.00
Warrington Borough Council	£27,142.00
Warwick District Council	£27,142.00
Warwickshire County Council	£27,142.00

Watford Borough Council	£27,142.00
Waverley Borough Council	£27,142.00
Wealden District Council	£27,142.00
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council	£27,142.00
West Berkshire Council	£27,142.00
West Devon Borough Council	£27,142.00
West Lancashire Borough Council	£27,142.00
West Lindsey District Council	£27,142.00
West Midlands Combined Authority	£27,142.00
West Northamptonshire Council	£44,177.00
West of England Combined Authority	£27,142.00
West Oxfordshire District Council	£27,142.00
West Suffolk Council	£27,142.00
West Sussex County Council	£27,142.00
West Yorkshire Combined Authority	£27,142.00
Westminster City Council	£44,177.00
Westmorland and Furness Council ¹	£46,913.00
Wigan Council	£27,142.00
Wiltshire Council	£44,177.00
Winchester City Council	£27,142.00
Windsor and Maidenhead Royal Borough Council	£27,142.00
Wirral Council	£27,142.00
Woking Borough Council	£27,142.00
Wokingham Borough Council	£27,142.00
Wolverhampton City Council	£27,142.00
Worcester City Council	£27,142.00
Worcestershire County Council	£27,142.00
Worthing Borough Council	£27,142.00
Wychavon District Council	£27,142.00
Wyre Council	£27,142.00
Wyre Forest District Council	£27,142.00
York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority	£27,142.00

Table notes

¹Grant allocations for 2025/26 for the four local authorities that were created on 1 April 2023 are higher than the banding amounts to reflect the fact that they replaced a number of other authorities in their creation.