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Biodiversity Net Gain Policy

What is Biodiversity?

Biodiversity is all the different kinds of life you'll find in one area—the variety of animals, plants, fungi, and even microorganisms like bacteria that make up our natural world. Each of these species and organisms work together in ecosystems, like an intricate web, to maintain balance and support life.

What is Biodiversity Net Gain?

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) is an approach to development, and/or land management, that aims to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was beforehand. It uses the ecological mitigation hierarchy with a biodiversity metric to measure the impact of development on biodiversity.

The Policy

Biodiversity must be taken seriously and viewed as an opportunity rather than a constraint.

Illogan Parish Council endorses Cornwall Councils Cornwall Planning for Biodiversity Guide and encourages all developers to implement the policy when planning development schemes.

Illogan Parish Council supports policies 22 and 23 of the Cornwall Local Plan. Policy 22 relates to Cornwall Council's strategy for mitigating impact on European Designated Sites within Cornwall and sets out a framework for the delivery of this mitigation. Policy 23 provides Cornwall Council's policy statement relating to landscape and ecological Cornwall Planning for Biodiversity Guide 3 assessment, aims and strategy.

The Council encourage developers to complete appropriate and adequate surveys.



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