

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Small Sites Metric Plan

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It is proposed that biodiversity net gain (BNG) for the offsetting of the installation of a new access track (in field NY0252 0993) at Oxenriggs Farmhouse is done in the field NY0257 0999.

The site of the new access track is currently classified as ruderal / ephemeral (rated as 'moderate' quality), it is proposed that the offsetting site (NY0257 0999) which is also classified as modified grassland is used and that an area of 988m² is enhanced to the state of enhanced/restored grassland: wildflower meadow (rated as 'good' quality). In addition to this, the removal of 6.3m of established hedgrows will be replaced, plus 10% (total length 7.5m) within the same field parcel (NY0257 0999). This on-site enhancement would provide the biodiversity net gain required to offset the works.

Figure 1 – Plan identifying the new access track and site of the BNG (pre-net gain)



Figure 2 – Plan identifying the site of the new access track and site of the BNG (Post net gain)



