

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 low land acid grassland is used and that an area of equal size to the new access track (958m²) 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)

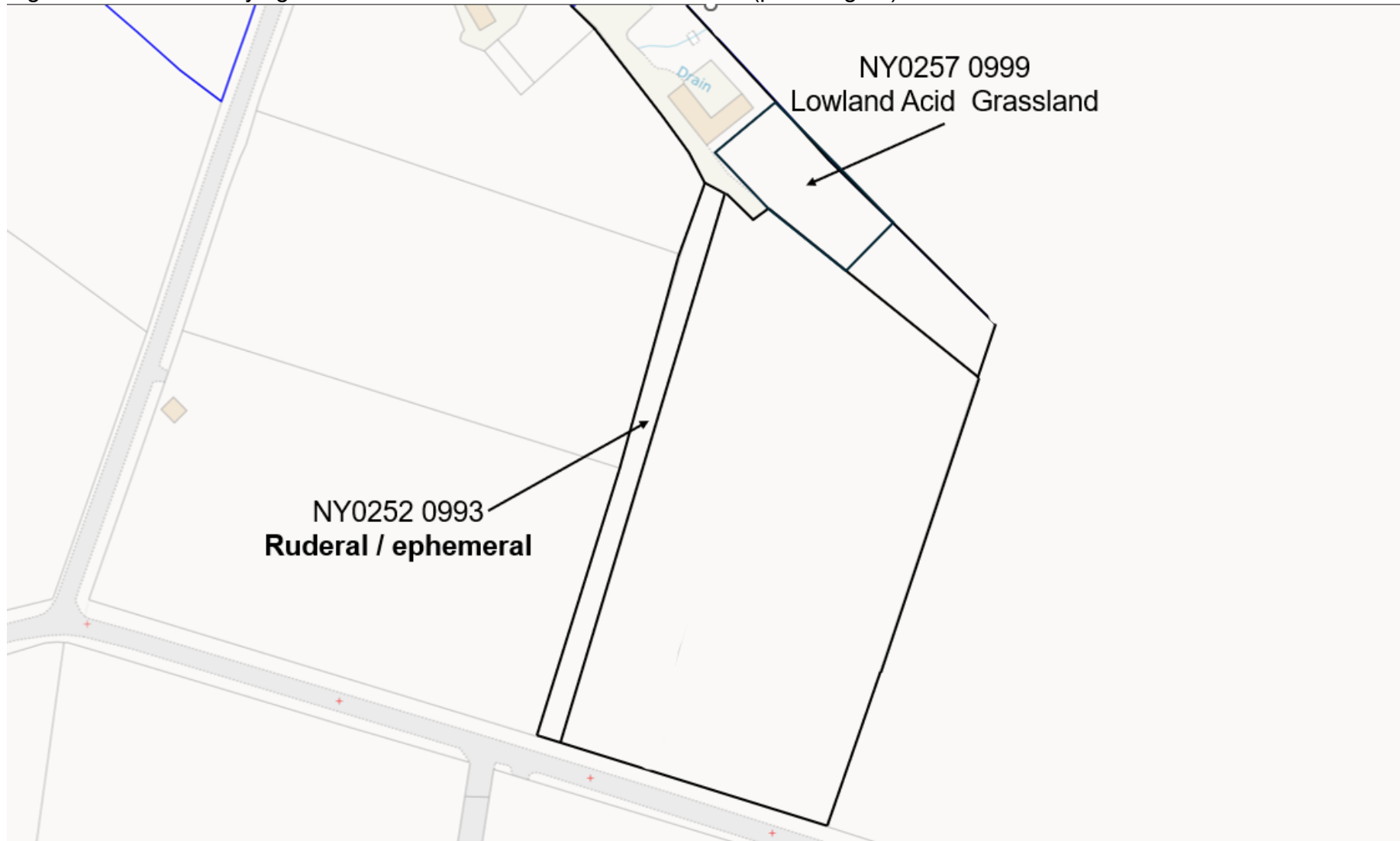


Figure 2 – Plan identifying the site of the new access track and site of the BNG (Post net gain)



