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**Call for ‘Green’ Project Sites**

**Biodiversity Gains / Nutrient Mitigation / Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG) / Green Infrastructure (GI)**

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) involves leaving biodiversity in a better state than at starting point. During 2024, provisions in the Environment Act 2021 will commence that introduced a requirement for certain developments to [deliver a BNG](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/biodiversity-net-gain) of at least 10%.

Nutrients from sources including agriculture and wastewater from housing are impacting on a number of ecological designations of international importance. The nutrients of interest are different for different designations. The achievement of nutrient neutrality, through mitigation and change in land use, is a means of ensuring that development does not add to the existing burden[[1]](#footnote-1).

Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANG) is a form of mitigation used where recreational impacts are identified as potentially having adverse effects on nature conservation designations, including Special Protection Areas (SPAs). New SANG sites are sought for uses including dog walking and informal recreation with the aim of taking pressure off relevant nature conservation designations, such as the New Forest.

Green Infrastructure is a network of multi-functional spaces and features (green and blue) that can deliver a wide range of benefits, including to the environment and quality of life. Such assets should be conserved and enhanced to help deliver a range of benefits, such as public access and connection with nature, carbon sequestration and helping to manage flood risk.

It is anticipated that it will not always be possible to deliver such provisions (where relevant) on-site, therefore Test Valley Borough Council is carrying out this call for project sites to allow for landowners / agents to submit land which could potentially deliver environmental benefits.

This form will need to be completed for initial site proposals; please complete this form clearly and to the best of your knowledge. All sections of the form will need to be completed.

You must attach a map or maps showing the precise boundaries of the site, and a plan indicating current and proposed land uses.

**Data Protection**

The Council respects your privacy and is committed to protecting your personal data. Further details on the General Data Protection Regulation and Privacy Notices are available on our website <http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/aboutyourcouncil/accesstoinformation/gdpr>

**Expression of interest, site and proposal details**

Site promoter contact details

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| Please complete with your contact details | |
| Contact Name |  |
| Company/Agency name |  |
| Representing |  |
| Contact Address |  |
| Contact Number |  |
| Contact Email |  |

Site details

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| What do you consider the site to be potentially suitable for?  [Indicate all that are relevant] | | |
|  | Yes | No |
| Biodiversity Gain |  |  |
| Nutrient Mitigation |  |  |
| Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) |  |  |
| Green Infrastructure assets |  |  |
| Other (e.g. sites for renewable energy) state below |  |  |
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| Confirm site details | | | |
| Site Address |  | Site Size (Hectares) |  |
| Site Postcode |  | OS Grid Reference |  |
| Attach a map showing the precise boundary outline (in GIS ‘shapefile’ format if possible).  Indicate which parts may be suitable for biodiversity net gain, nutrient mitigation SANG, green infrastructure or other purposes, if not the whole site. Without this mapped information we are unable to register the site. | | | |

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| Site Ownership | | |
| Select one of these options describing your (your client’s) position regarding the site | Sole owner  Part owner  Lease holder (enter expiration year)  Other (provide details) |  |
| If you are not the sole owner, please list any other landowners |  | |
| I/we confirm that this proposal is submitted with the knowledge and agreement of all landowners | Name:  Signature:  Date: | |

**Current and potential site use and management**

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| What is the current use on the site and how would this change if the site was brought forward for biodiversity gain, nutrient mitigation, SANG, green infrastructure or other similar uses? | | |
| Current land use/cover | Current Area (Ha) | Proposed Area (Ha) |
| Buildings, yards and hard surfaced areas |  |  |
| Cereal crops (please specify) |  |  |
| Other produce (please specify) |  |  |
| Livestock grazing (includes equestrian) |  |  |
| Dairy, pig or poultry farming |  |  |
| Natural or semi-natural grassland or meadow |  |  |
| Amenity grassland |  |  |
| Heathland |  |  |
| Scrub |  |  |
| Hedgerows |  |  |
| Woodland – native, natural or regenerating |  |  |
| Woodland – managed |  |  |
| Wetland area |  |  |
| Water bodies including drainage ditches |  |  |
| Other habitats (please specify) |  |  |
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| Total |  |  |

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| How long has the site been in its current use, and what was the previous or historic site use (if known)? |
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| How is the land currently managed?  *e.g. not actively managed, crop cutting, intensity of farming and nutrient inputs* |
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| Please provide details if the site is currently in stewardship? |
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| List any agricultural or commercial activities expected to continue on site if a BNG, nutrient mitigation, SANG, or green infrastructure project was to come forward. |
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**Ecological Baseline**

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| Examples of habitat types currently present on-site (where known).  *Describe examples of land-cover types, if photographs are provided mark locations on a map* |
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| Provide details of all protected or notable species you believe to be present on the site. |
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**Possible Site Constraints**

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| To the best of your knowledge are there any constraints that may prevent, or affect how, the site could be used for biodiversity, nutrient mitigation, SANG, or green infrastructure? |
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| Do you believe any constraints on the site could be overcome/managed? Please explain. |
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**Site Survey**

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| By submitting a site you are accepting that a Council Officer may need to visit the site to assess its suitability. Are there any safety or access issues we should be made aware of? |
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| Please provide the contact details for the person to be contacted to arrange a site visit |
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**Land Availability**

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| By the end of 2024 | Y/N |
| During 2025 | Y/N |
| Between 2026 and 2028 | Y/N |
| After 2028 | Y/N |

**Please attach an up-to-date Ordnance Survey based map outlining the precise boundaries of the site in its entirety. Without this mapped information we are unable to consider the site.**

1. For more information see: <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/guidance/solent-southampton-water-special-protection-area> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)