



Biodiversity

Protecting and preserving nature

The preceding 12 months have been a period of significant change for the development sector and the way it interacts with Biodiversity. Biodiversity is an overarching term used to describe the 'variety of all life on earth' or a particular location or habitat. High levels of biodiversity are essential to the prosperity of all life, including the human population, and the vital natural systems which support it.

Bellway BNG +.

In line with BNG statutory framework, Bellway aims to deliver, where practicable, all required BNG within our development boundaries. However, in doing so it is important to reflect upon the fact that the greenspace surrounding our developments not only delivers biodiversity but must also provide functional greenspace to serve the new communities we create. Therefore, onsite delivery must be a balance between the need to create biodiversity gains, with functioning recreational greenspace space required by our residents.

To ensure our BNG delivery is resilient, for FY25 Bellway will aim to deliver more than the minimum 10% gain on all new developments. This approach will form the basis of our new headline biodiversity performance indicator known as the 'Bellway BNG+ promise'.

Sustainable Communities

As a company, we aim to create long-term, sustainable communities in which our customers want to live. These communities will, where

possible, be built around habitats that are retained and enhanced. Where habitat loss is unavoidable, new diverse and sustainably managed habitats will be created.

Easing our impact

No matter the development, we want to offset the effect we have on the environment. To do this, we'll carry out a comprehensive range of risk assessments and surveys, covering local ecology, flood impact, and much more.

Building on our initiatives

We have partnered with Plantlife, a national environmental charity, whose mission is to secure a world rich in wild plants and fungi. This relationship will allow us to enhance the standard of habitats we create within our developments and support residents to make space for nature within their gardens.

Our key targets for the future

- Deliver the Bellway BNG+ promise on all new sites secured.
- Conduct a research project investigating the impact on soil health from different soil storage strategies by July 2025.
- Deliver one wildlife feature per house by July 2025.
- Understand the implications of the Taskforce for Nature Related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) and the steps we need to take to comply by July 2025.

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Targets	Progress to date
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achieve 10% Biodiversity Net Gain ('BNG') on all new sites submitted for planning from 1 July 2023 onwards. This target will be continued in the form of our Bellway BNG+ commitment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From July 2023 all new Bellway homes planning submissions have identified how they will achieve the 10% Biodiversity net gain target.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a partnership arrangement with a nature organisation in FY23. • Target was rolled into FY24. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This target was due to complete in FY23, but in 2024 we signed a partnership agreement signed with nature charity 'Plantlife'.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with an appropriate conservation partner to ensure that the mowing regimes implemented on all new Bellway developments are designed to be beneficial to invertebrates during the summer growing period 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management Guide produced showing best practice for our Management Companies. This will be reviewed and implemented in the coming year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with our conservation partner to support each new Bellway customer in creating a 'space for nature' in the gardens of their new homes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In partnership with Plantlife we have created Space for Nature information packs.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a new community woodland to benefit both communities and biodiversity as part of every new Bellway planning application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have identified five locations across the UK which will support the new community woodland initiative.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate additional tree planting for each home sold by July 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This initiative is to be delivered through the Community Woodlands.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the potential to utilise existing Bellway land to deliver a range of secondary 'stacked' eco-system services to benefit the environment and complement our broader sustainability and biodiversity aims in 2024. This will include renewable energy, nutrient mitigation and biodiversity net gains delivery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have identified Solar PV is not feasible, but the creation of a Bellway strategic Biodiversity Net Gain Habitat bank is.