

Off-site Biodiversity Units: Your quote

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Client: Avant Homes

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Development address: Lychgate Lane, Burbage, LE10 2DQ



Off-site Biodiversity Unit proposal

We can supply the off-site Biodiversity Units you require from our local Newton Harcourt habitat bank that is registered on the Biodiversity Gain Sites Register. Learn more about the Habitat Bank via our [BNG network](#).

Biodiversity Unit type impacted	Distinctiveness	Number of Units impacted	Unit type provided	Distinctiveness	Habitat Bank	Proximity	Number of Units provided	Total cost (exc. VAT)
Residual biodiversity habitat	Low	0.68	Other neutral grassland	Medium	HARB03	Local	0.68	
	TOTAL	0.68				TOTAL	0.68	

This table outlines the indicative costs for Biodiversity Units based on your metric. These costs cover the entire 30-year BNG period in a one-off payment. There are no additional fees (e.g. legal or agency costs) or ongoing/recurring payments. We undertake the liability for all habitat maintenance and management, giving you a 'clean break'.

Please note: This is a quotation only and should not be used as evidence of Biodiversity Unit availability or purchase. Until a reservation or full payment is received, the Biodiversity Units are not secured for the development and may be purchased by another developer in the interim. Biodiversity Units are subject to availability and contract. This quote is valid for 30 days from the date it was sent. We have a minimum transaction fee of £2,500. If you intend to initially reserve your Biodiversity Units and pay the balance once planning permission is granted, it is essential that any updates to your metric are shared with us in the interim. If you intend to proceed straight to full purchase, it is essential that we have the final version of your metric. This will ensure that, when we allocate the Biodiversity Units to your development on the biodiversity gain sites register, the number of Units purchased and allocated is accurate, matching the information contained in your biodiversity gain plan.

Payment options: reservation and support

Biodiversity Units can be reserved with a reservation fee and signed reservation and support terms.

The reservation fee is negotiable based on the duration and value of the Biodiversity Unit. Typically, it is 5% of the total Unit cost for a 3-month reservation and 10% for a 6-month reservation.

Reservations can be made for periods ranging from 12 to 24 months. The reservation fee is deductible from the Biodiversity Unit cost should you proceed with the purchase.

When you make a reservation, our dedicated legal, planning, and ecology teams will assist you throughout the entire planning process, including providing a support letter to submit to the local planning authority.

Following planning approval and payment of the final balance, we will issue the following:

- An updated biodiversity metric that includes the off-site Biodiversity Units
- Details required to complete section 7 of the biodiversity gain plan
- An allocation of the Biodiversity Units from Natural England's biodiversity gain sites register to the development/planning permission
- A certificate of purchase

Development can commence once the BNG condition is fulfilled, subject to other conditions.

If planning is unsuccessful due to refusal or judicial review, the deposit can be reused to secure Units for a future scheme, subject to agreement.

Payment options: full purchase and support

Biodiversity Units are available for immediate purchase with full payment and a signed purchase agreement.

As part of our full purchase and support agreement, our legal, planning, and ecology teams will provide you with dedicated support throughout the planning process.

Following planning approval, we will issue the developer with the following:

- An updated biodiversity metric that includes the off-site Biodiversity Units
- Details required to complete section 7 of the biodiversity gain plan
- An allocation of the Biodiversity Units from the Natural England's biodiversity gain sites register to the development/planning permission
- A certificate of purchase

Development can begin once the BNG condition is discharged, subject to other conditions.

Thank you

The biodiversity experts

