

Green Infrastructure Statement and Biodiversity Enhancement Form

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Date form completed	<i>12th June 2026</i>
Address of application site	<i>The Moorlands, Goldcliff Road, Goldcliff ,Newport , NP18 2AU</i>
Grid reference	
Description of proposal	<i>Change of Use From Agricultural Land to Residential Use.</i>
Description of surrounding land use. Please include the location of any other buildings and land	<i>Residential House with agricultural field</i>
Planning reference (if you have one)	<i>25/0986</i>

Existing Green Infrastructure (GI) on site:

	All existing GI on site	Has this GI already been removed?	Will this GI need to be removed?
Example	<i>Non-native hedge</i>	<i>Partially – gap widened from 3m to 5m for access</i>	<i>No further removal required</i>
Boundary 1	<i>Boundary running alongside reen. Lined with native species mature trees, including a non-native mature Magnolia tree. The North West side of the reen is lined with an existing hedgerow of a mix of Purple Beech/ Red Robin/ Privet, the same mix has recently been planted to fill in gaps. The boundary is marked with a 2 metre timber fence to the South East of the reen and line of trees.</i>	No	No
Boundary 2	<i>The boundary line is marked by a animal proof fence and gates . The South West side of the fence has been planted with a Purple Beech hedge. A gap, from the garden pestrian gate to the end of garden equipment store, which has always existed, does not</i>	No	No

	<i>allow any hedging to be planted as the ground is occupied by a gas tank and access is required, through the farm gate, for agricultural vehicles to reach the agricultural field.</i>		
Boundary 3	<i>The Boundary between the house and the existing orchard is marked with an existing privet hedge which stretches from the road entrance to the existing hay barns.</i>	No	No
Boundary 4	<i>The front boundary to the house is marked by a privet which is backed by a number of Mature native trees. There is an existing gap midway along the length of the hedge which allows pedestrian access to the main house.</i>	No	No
Front Garden	<i>Grassed lawn area, with Cotswold stone flint area linked to existing driveway.</i>	No	No
Side Garden	<i>Lawned garden area, Patio slab Area to existing house</i>	No	No
Rear Parking /Hay Barn and Field Access Area.	<i>This area is accessed by means of the existing driveway and is covered by Cotswold stone flint. This provides a hardstand for parking and also provides a good hardwearing base for agricultural to travel over when accessing the agricultural field beyond.</i>	No	No

How are the retained features being protected during development?

Example	<i>Hedge protected using Heras fencing</i>
Boundary 1	<i>Not Required as the planning application is change of use only. Any further development will be subject to a separate application in the future.</i>
Boundary 2	<i>Not Required as the planning application is change of use only. Any further development will be subject to a separate application in the future.</i>
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Describe what has been/will be done to avoid any impacts as far as possible

<i>Example: Footprint of the extension has been considered to avoid removal or impacts to the rear hedgerow.</i>
<i>The planning application is change of use only. Any further development will be subject to a separate application in the future and as such under this application there will be no impact on the existing planting/vegetation.</i>

Describe what will be done to mitigate (minimise) any impacts

Example: Vegetation will be removed between September and February to avoid the bird nesting season.

The planning application is change of use only. Any further development will be subject to a separate application in the future and as such under this application there will be no loss or impact on the existing planting/vegetation. However a scheme to add and enhance biodiversity at the property has been shown on the application drawings.

Describe what will be done to compensate for (replace) any losses

Example: A new native hedgerow will be planted to compensate for the loss of lawn and shrubs. Any lawn that is damaged will be re-seeded with a species-rich grass seed.

The planning application is change of use only and will not involve any development consequently there will be no loss in planting or vegetation because of this change of use.

What features are being implemented to enhance Green Infrastructure?

Example: New native tree

Please refer to the application drawings these show that an area is being set aside for re wilding as well as an area for pollenating plants also installation of Bat and Bird Boxes together with the provision of 'insect hotels'. Also it is planned that a number of native fruit trees will be planted.

How will the new planting/habitat creation works be implemented, managed and/or maintained? N.B. full details may need to be supplied as a separate landscaping scheme.

The tree or plants which within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species.

Biodiversity Enhancements

Use the table below to describe biodiversity enhancements which will be included. Note that GI enhancements should also provide a net benefit for biodiversity, but additional measures that aren't strictly GI (such as bat and bird boxes) are also encouraged.

Biodiversity Enhancement	Yes, we will provide this	Location	Info (e.g. type of bird box)
Bat box	Yes	<i>See drawing PI04B, 05</i>	<i>By Woodstone or similar</i>
Bird box	Yes	<i>See drawing PI04B,05</i>	<i>By Woodstone or similar</i>
Hedgehog hole	N/A		
Hedgehog nest box	N/A		
Area of wildflower planting	Yes	<i>See drawing PI04B,05</i>	
Wildlife pond	N/A		
Plant a new native hedgerow, or remove existing low value hedgerow and replace with a native hedgerow	N/A		
Insect Hotel	N/A	<i>See drawing PI04B,05</i>	
Bee nest	N/A	<i>See drawing PI04B,05</i>	
New native Pollenating plants	N/A	<i>See drawing PI04B,05</i>	

Conclusion

Based on the information provided above, this application will result in a Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Net Benefit upon completion.

You should also provide sketched plans and any photographs you have. There is space for this on the following pages.

Please see Drawings PL06,07 &08

Sketch Plan

Please provide a sketch of the existing layout. You should include location of boundaries, buildings and planting

Existing: Please see drawing PL04B, 01,02 & 03 attached to planning application

Please see drawing PL04B Site Layout and Location Plan attached to planning application
Please see drawing PL01,02,03 Layouts and Elevations of buildings affected by the change of use application.

Please provide a sketch of the proposed layout. You should include location of boundaries, buildings and planting and the proposed new features

Proposed:

Please see drawing PL05..... Detailed layout of area affected by Change of Use application

Please see drawings PL06,07 & 08 Detailed layouts of boundaries and planting.

Site Photos

(if applicable)

See drawings PI06,07 & 08

