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**Subject:** Re: Chance to respond to DEFRA Biodiversity Net Gain for brownfield consultation.

**To:** CEN

Dear colleagues.

I hope you are very well. NALC is currently responding to a raft of other policy consultations so won't be responding to this one, but DEFRA have published a consultation here (<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/biodiversity-net-gain-considering-a-targeted-exemption-for-brownfield-residential-development> ) on a potential exemption from biodiversity net gain (BNG) for certain residential developments on brownfield land. The consultation proper link is here (<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/defra-biodiversity-net-gain/biodiversity-net-gain-considering-a-targeted-exemp/> ).

Do have a read of this document and encourage your parish or town council, or county association to respond direct if you get the chance.

Very best wishes and thanks.

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