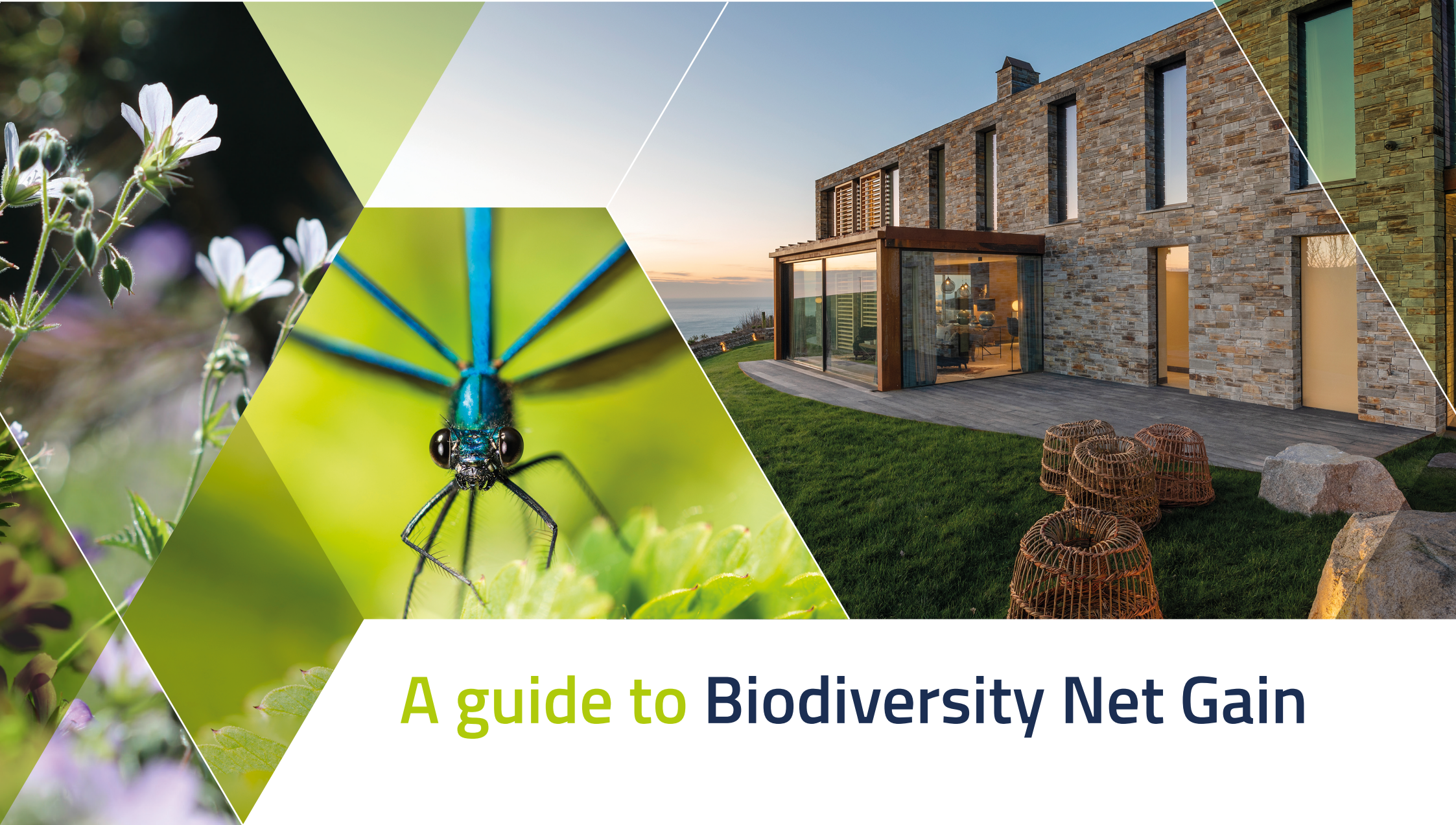




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## A guide to Biodiversity Net Gain





1. **More than two-fifths of UK species, including animals, birds and butterflies, have seen significant declines in recent decades.\***



2. **Proximity to green space tops buyer's shopping lists - driving higher sale prices.\*\***



3. **Nearly one in three consumers stopped purchasing certain brands or products because they had ethical or sustainability-related concerns about them.\*\*\***

The Biodiversity Net Gain initiative is expected to form part of the UK government's mandate via the Environment Bill, and, here in Cornwall, the council has already mandated the delivery of at least 10% Biodiversity Net Gain for all major planning applications from 1st March 2020.

That means developers building ten or more houses (or larger-scale commercial, industrial and agricultural developments) must demonstrate how they plan to enhance, retain, or create habitats for wildlife within their planning application using the Natural England issued Biodiversity Metric. Developers can also take a proactive approach to biodiversity on smaller sites using the Natural England small sites metric.

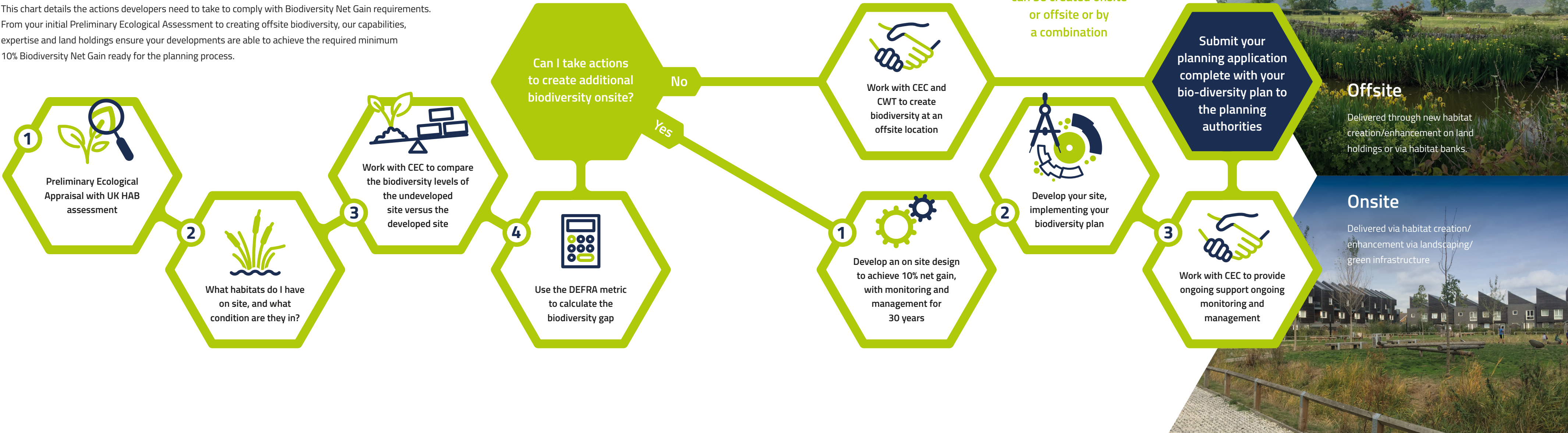
At CEC, we help developers to navigate this area, enabling you to achieve your commercial goals and do the right thing for the planet and the future users of your development. This guide gives an overview of the legislation and what you need to know to manage this new challenge successfully.

\* [www.theecologist.org](http://www.theecologist.org) \*\* [www.rics.org](http://www.rics.org) \*\*\*[www2.deloitte.com](http://www2.deloitte.com)



The process

This chart details the actions developers need to take to comply with Biodiversity Net Gain requirements. From your initial Preliminary Ecological Assessment to creating offsite biodiversity, our capabilities, expertise and land holdings ensure your developments are able to achieve the required minimum 10% Biodiversity Net Gain ready for the planning process.





Commercially and environmentally focused

We understand the needs of developers operating in pressured commercial environments. Our services provide a robust plan for biodiversity for your business, allowing you to focus on what you do best, building great new homes to serve the market.

As the consulting arm of Cornwall Wildlife Trust, we're passionate about the environment. We create solutions that deliver lasting ecological benefits, creating spaces local communities love and allowing wildlife to thrive.

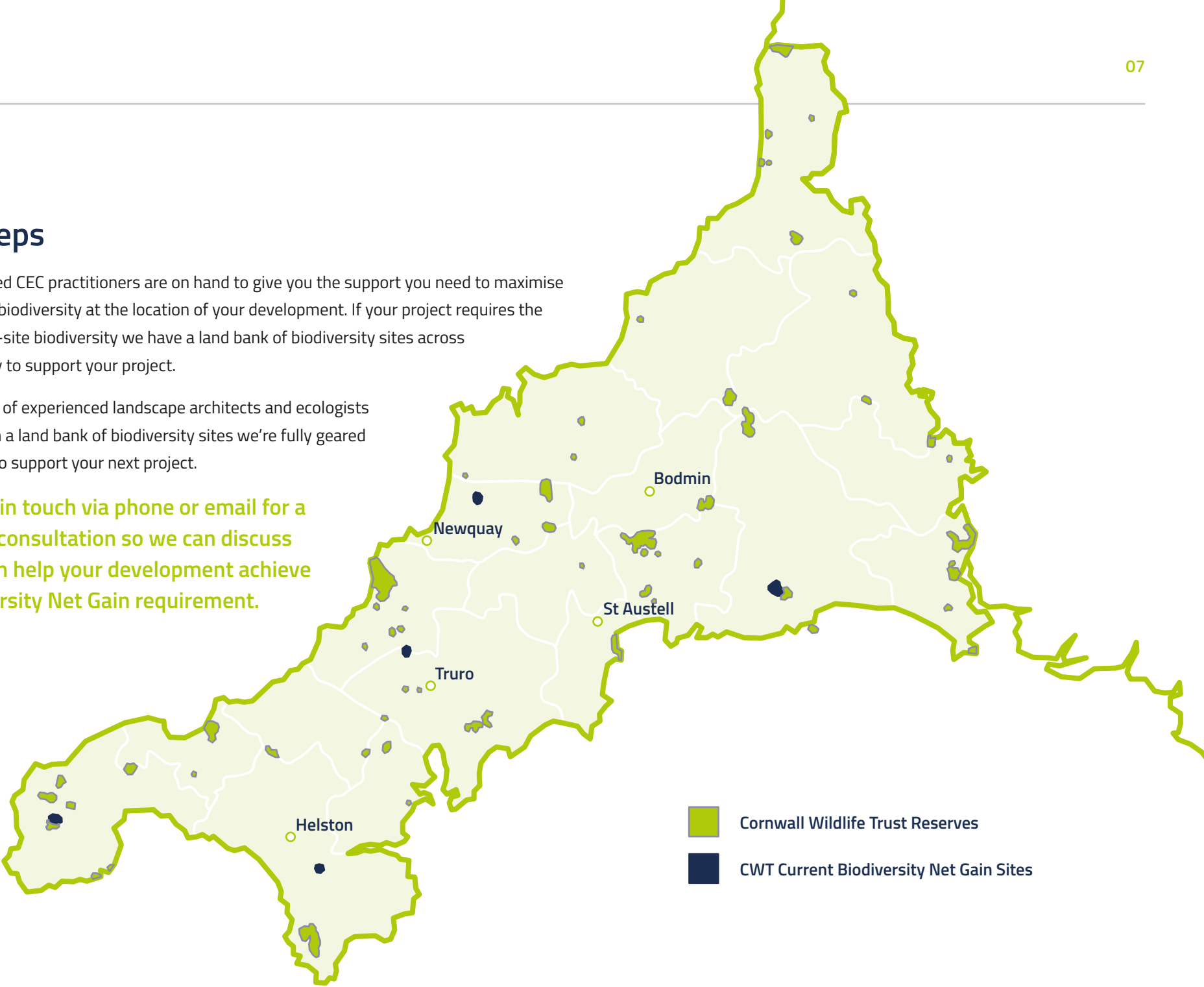


Next steps

Our experienced CEC practitioners are on hand to give you the support you need to maximise your gains for biodiversity at the location of your development. If your project requires the creation of off-site biodiversity we have a land bank of biodiversity sites across Cornwall ready to support your project.

With our team of experienced landscape architects and ecologists combined with a land bank of biodiversity sites we're fully geared up and ready to support your next project.

Please get in touch via phone or email for a free initial consultation so we can discuss how we can help your development achieve it's Biodiversity Net Gain requirement.







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