

# Biodiversity Policy Statement

Our purpose is to keep people warm, whilst protecting the planet. A fundamental part of that is improving the biodiversity in the areas we work. Landowning businesses can be a positive force for nature's recovery. We have an opportunity to reduce our wider environmental impact through the management of land and biodiversity, and to create a culture focused on environmental sustainability.

**We are committed to protecting biodiversity and enhancing natural habitats and ecosystems on our key landholdings, whilst maintaining the safe transportation of gas. Together, we can achieve environmental enhancements, share plans, and drive net gain.**

We will create Biodiversity Action Plans, working closely with local partnerships and external benchmarking to ensure plans are specialised and robust.

Our target is to deliver a 30% Biodiversity Net Gain by 2030 across our identified land portfolio, in line with our Environmental Action Plan. We recognise that additional biodiversity requirements can arise through legislation. We will ensure we comply with the relevant requirements, including the mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) of at least 10% on all works requiring planning permission.

**We commit to reducing our environmental impact, and to achieve this, we will:**

- Conduct ecological surveys where required to ensure compliance and demonstrate continual biodiversity protection and enhancement.

- Take proactive steps to deliver Tree Replacement Schemes in line with Local Authority requirements or Landowner preferences.
- Communicate, share and embed the best practices of land management and biodiversity across employees, partners and contractors.
- Reduce unnecessary pesticide use and work with contractors to record usage to set reduction targets.
- Raise awareness among our employees, suppliers, and stakeholders about the importance of biodiversity and our commitment to its conservation.
- Actively engage in habitat restoration and enhancement projects in areas where our operations may have a significant impact on biodiversity.
- Support local initiatives that contribute to the conservation and restoration of natural habitats through our volunteering opportunities.
- Regularly report on our biodiversity performance, initiatives, and achievements, providing transparent and accurate information to stakeholders.

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Chief Executive Officer

