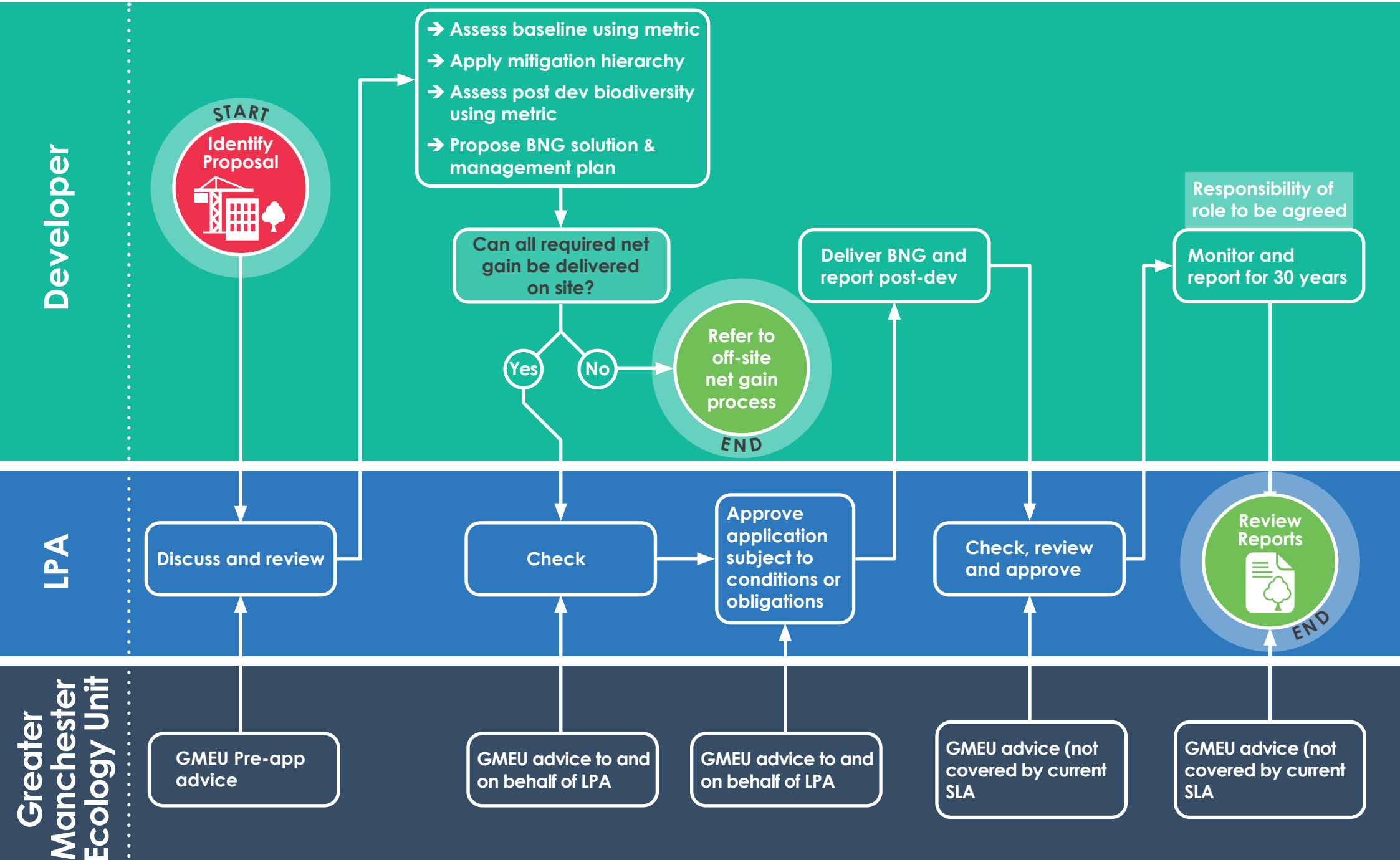


Local delivery of BNG



Overview

The flow diagram below shows how Biodiversity Net Gain could be delivered across Greater Manchester. It shows how the Developer, Local Planning Authority (LPA) and the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU) can work together to achieve this either on the proposed development site or off-site.

The process begins with the Developer identifying a proposed development, then discussing and reviewing this with the relevant Local Planning Authority. After this stage the Developer must assess the baseline using the Defra metric tool, apply the mitigation hierarchy, assess post-development biodiversity using the Defra Metric tool and propose a Biodiversity Net Gain solution and management plan. After these stages, it must then be decided whether Biodiversity Net Gain can be delivered on the proposed site or whether it will be delivered elsewhere.

At all stages of this process up to approving the application subject to conditions or obligations, the GMEU provide pre-application advice as well as advice to and on behalf of the Local Planning Authority on the best way to implement Biodiversity Net Gain for the benefit of wildlife.

GMEU can advise on checking, reviewing and approving delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain, reporting post-development as well reviewing implementation reports but this is not covered by current Service Level Agreements.

Presentation

The flow chart image is divided into three horizontal sections with the Developer at the top as the starting point to any Biodiversity Net Gain proposal. The Local Planning Authority is on the next horizontal row, as the second step in the Biodiversity Net Gain implementation process, with the GMEU on the final row. Arrows move between each section to show the logical pathway that needs to be taken throughout the decision-making process.