Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

Biodiversity gain plan

Submit a biodiversity gain plan to show how your development will achieve biodiversity net gain.

When to use this form

A biodiversity gain plan shows how a development will achieve 10% biodiversity net gain (BNG). Submit this form to your local planning authority after they approve your planning application.

Unless your development is exempt, you cannot start the development until the LPA approves your biodiversity gain plan and biodiversity metric calculation tool.

1. Submission details

1.1 Date

For example, 3/11/2023

20/02/2025

1.2 Planning application reference number

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Horsham

1.4 Development site address

If the site does not have an address, enter the OS grid reference.

top paddock farm KERVES LANE, west sussex, rh13 6rj

1.5 Describe the development

Tell us about the proposed development and any changes of use (250 words).

Change of use from grassland to a small building to house vending machines and parking for 3 cars

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2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

B A Richmond

2.2 Company Name

B A Richmond

2.3 Address

top paddock farm KERVES LANE Horsham west sussex rh13 6rj

2.4 Email address

[redacted]

2.5 Telephone number

[redacted]

2.6 Declaration

By signing this declaration, you confirm that the information you give is complete and correct. Any opinions are your genuine opinions.

2.7 Signature

B A Richmond

2.8 Date

20/02/2025

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3. Responsible person details

Tell us about who is responsible for completing the biodiversity gain plan. For example, a consultancy ecologist or planning agent.

3.1 Name

B A Richmond

3.2 Company name

B A Richmond

3.3 Address

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3.4 Email address

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4. Biodiversity net gain strategy

4.1 Is the relevant date for the pre-development biodiversity value the same date as the planning application?

☑ Yes

☐ No

4.2 If no, what earlier date did you agree with the LPA?

4.3 How have you met 'what counts towards your BNG'?

Find out what you can count towards a development's BNG

I am not using the habitat creation, enhancement, or offsite purchases in any other scheme

4.4 How will you avoid or minimise impacts to habitats?

Tell us about the steps you've taken on-site, including to avoid or minimise the impact on irreplaceable habitats.

All intended works have been determined following careful consideration of the opportunities to avoid and minimise a negative impact on habitats. While the small nature of the site requires some non-zero-rated habitats to be impacted, no habitat rated higher than "moderate" is affected by the development. As per the trading rules, lost habitats are being replaced on a like-for-like or like-for-better basis as set out in the metric sheet.

4.5 Did you use your local nature recovery strategy to inform the strategic significance of habitats?

This includes other specified strategies if you do not have a local nature recovery strategy.

☐ Yes

☑ No

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4.6 How will you achieve the target net gain percentage?

- [x] On-site
- [ ] Off-site
- [ ] Both-site

4.7 Are any of your on-site enhancements considered 'significant'?

Find out what counts as a significant on-site enhancement.

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

4.8 If yes, tell us about the significant on-site enhancements

Include the appropriate planning condition or how you've secured the habitat.

4.9 If no, how many off-site biodiversity units do you need to meet 10% net gain?

0

4.10 Explain why you're using off-site biodiversity units

Only answer this question if you're planning to use off-site biodiversity units (250 words).

4.11 Explain why you're planning to use statutory biodiversity credits

Only answer this question if you're planning to use statutory biodiversity credits (250 words).

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4.12 Do you have a habitat management and monitoring plan?

☐ Yes

☑ No

4.13 Have you used the statutory biodiversity metric tool?

☑ Yes

☐ No

4.14 Biodiversity metric calculation

Send your biodiversity metric calculation to the LPA and enter the file name

vending machine building_SSM_1fc7_metric.xlsx

4.15 Condition assessments

Send your condition assessments to the LPA and enter the file name.

N/A - Small Site Metric Used

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

Send your baseline habitat survey report and map to the LPA. Enter the file name.

See BGP File's Annex in Map's Report

4.17 Post-development habitat map or landscape plan

Send your post-development habitat survey report and map to the LPA. Enter the file name.

See BGP File's Annex in Map's Report

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4.18 Have you included an approved habitat degradation in the baseline?

If yes, include the relevant consenting body and reference number.

☐ Yes

☑ No

Consenting body

Reference number

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5. Irreplaceable habitats

5.1 Does the development impact any irreplaceable habitats?

If yes, tell us if you've submitted an approved compensation plan.

- ☐ Yes
- ☑ No

5.2 Have you submitted an approved compensation plan?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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6. On-site habitat enhancements

Answer this section if your development includes on-site habitat enhancements.

6.1 Survey date

For example, 3/11/2023

17/02/2025

6.2 Survey constraints

For example, access issues, weather, or seasonal constraints.

No constraints

6.3 Total pre-development biodiversity value

Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation.

Number of area habitat biodiversity units

0.0512

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0

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6.4 Total post-development biodiversity value

Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation.

Number of area habitat biodiversity units

0.0587

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0

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