



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

25/08/2026

1.2 Planning application reference number

DC/26/0414

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Horsham District Council

1.4 Development site address

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

Calcot Farm Bungalow, Horsham Road, Steyning, West
Sussex, BN44 3AA

1.5 Describe the development

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

The construction of two access tracks across modified grassland including the removal of a short section of hedgerow.

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Mr and Mrs Kilham

2.2 Company name

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2.3 Address

Calcot Farm Bungalow, Horsham Road, Steyning, BN44
3AA

2.4 Email address

[REDACTED]

2.5 Telephone number

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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

AKILHAM

2.8 Date

01/09/2026

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

Lexie Hobbs

3.2 Company name

AEWC Ltd

3.3 Address

Walnut Tree Yard, Lower Street, Fittleworth, West
Sussex, RH20 1JE

3.4 Email address

[REDACTED]

3.5 Telephone number

[REDACTED]

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3.7 Signature

A.Hobbs

3.8 Date

25/08/2026

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?

N/A

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

[Find out what you can count towards a development's BNG](#)

All enhancements that have resulted in the achieved net gain have been included purely for the purposes of BNG. There are no other schemes for the project that affect habitat.

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.

The site largely comprises poor-quality modified grassland, which is of relatively low ecological value. Impacts to retained habitats will be minimised through the retention of the existing hedgerow and appropriate protection of retained vegetation during construction. The existing hedgerow will be retained where practicable, with measures implemented to avoid unnecessary damage or disturbance during construction.

A large area of modified grassland along the eastern boundary will be enhanced to moderate-quality modified grassland, increasing the ecological value of the existing habitat and hedgerow. New native hedgerow planting is also proposed along the northern boundary, providing additional habitat and improving the ecological value and connectivity of the site.

The existing hedgerow is relatively poorly connected to other habitats of ecological value and does not meet the criteria for an important hedgerow under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997. No irreplaceable habitats are present within the site. Overall, the proposed measures seek to retain and protect existing habitat features where practicable, minimise construction-related impacts, and enhance the ecological value of the site through habitat creation and enhancement.

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

4.6 How will you achieve the target net gain percentage?

- ☒ On-site
☐ Off-site
☐ Both

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

[Find out what counts as a significant on-site enhancement.](#)

- ☒ Yes
☐ 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.

Modified grassland will be enhanced from poor to moderate through appropriate seeding and a structured mowing regime, though this is not considered significant. Native hedgerow will be planted along the northern boundary to improve habitat connectivity and biodiversity value and this creation is considered significant. These habitat enhancements will be managed in accordance with the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan.

4.9 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).

N/A

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).

N/A

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.

25-086-BM - Calcot Farm Bungalow -
The_Statutory_Metric

4.15 Condition assessments

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

25-086-CA - Calcot Farm Bungalow -
Condition_Assessments

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

Included within the Biodiversity Net Gain Report by
AEWC Ltd dated February 2026

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.

Included within the Biodiversity Net Gain Report by
AEWC Ltd dated February 2026

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

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

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

20/11/2025

6.2 Survey constraints

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

None

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

2.63

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

1.34

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0

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

3.00

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

1.48

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0

6.5 Total net change in biodiversity units

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

Area habitat biodiversity units

+ 0.37

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

+ 13.91%

Hedgerow biodiversity units

+0.14

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

+10.22%

Watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

N/A

6.6 Will you register and allocate any biodiversity units from your site to other developments?

If yes or provisionally, give details.

☐ Yes

☒ No

6.7 Give details

Tell us about the amount of biodiversity units and the development location (250 words).

N/A

7. Off-site habitat enhancements – N/A

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

7.1 Tell us about the off-site habitat enhancements

Include whether you're delivering the off-site enhancements or buying biodiversity units.

7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

7.3 How have you secured the off-site habitat enhancements?

Tell us about any responsible bodies and whether you've used an S106 or conservation covenant.

7.4 Total baseline biodiversity value

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

Number of area habitat biodiversity units

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

7.5 Total biodiversity value post-intervention

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

Number of area habitat biodiversity units

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

7.6 Total net change in biodiversity units

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

Area habitat biodiversity units

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

Hedgerow biodiversity units

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

Watercourse biodiversity units

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

8. Statutory biodiversity credits – N/A

Answer this section if you need to use statutory biodiversity credits.

8.1 Do you need to use statutory biodiversity credits?

☐ Yes

☒ No

8.2 How many statutory biodiversity credits do you need?

Tell us the unit shortfall by tier, including the spatial risk multiplier. Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation.

A1

A2

A3

A4

A5

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8.3 What evidence is there that no units are available through the market?

Send a message from at least 3 habitat providers, or a search result from online registers.

8.4 Proof of purchase

Send proof of purchase and enter the reference number.

9. Trading summary

9.1 Distinctiveness group

Tell us if you met the BNG trading rules on habitat compensation for each distinctiveness group. If you did not meet the trading rules, tell us if you agreed bespoke habitat compensation.

Check the rules on habitat compensation in the [statutory biodiversity metric user guide](#).

Very high

None

High

None

Medium

Yes

Low

Yes

10. Sharing data (optional)

10.1 Can we share your ecological survey data with the Local Environmental Records Centre or other bodies?

☒ Yes

☐ No