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

16/12/2025

1.2 Planning application reference number

DC/25/0984

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.

Greenacres New Barn Lane Henfield West Sussex, BN5 9SJ

1.5 Describe the development

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

Demolition of 2no. existing storage buildings and erection of 3no. replacement single storage barns arranged in a courtyard. Construction of access track and balancing pond. Provision of 2no. parking spaces.

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Mr and Mrs Harris

2.2 Company name

NA

2.3 Address

Greenacres New Barn Lane Henfield West Sussex, BN5 9SJ

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

[redacted]

2.8 Date

16/12/2025

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

Amber Howie

3.2 Company name

Phlorum Ltd

3.3 Address

Phlorum House, Unit 12 Hunns Mere Way, Brighton BN2 6AH

3.4 Email address

[redacted]

3.5 Telephone number

[redacted]

3.6 Declaration

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3.7 Signature

[redacted]

3.8 Date

16.12.2025

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?

NA

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

Retention of existing habitats, creation of habitats and mitigation measures for protected species, including new habitat creation.

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.

There are no irreplaceable habitats on site. The retained habitats such as the grassland will be protected during the development works. If required, tree root protection areas (RPAs) will be implemented using suitable signage for the adjacent offsite treelines. New planting will be provided in areas to provide mitigation for habitat loss associated with the new development, including grassland and shrubs. Precautionary working measures will be implemented to safeguard protected species.

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.

NA

4.9 How many off-site biodiversity units do you need to meet 10% net gain?

NA

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).

NA

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).

NA

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.

13646 BNG Metric V2

4.15 Condition assessments

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

13646 Pre Dev Condition Assessments & 13646 Post Dev 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.

13646 PEA (PRA DBW) V1

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.

13646 BNG V2

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

NA

Reference number

NA

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

27/01/2025

6.2 Survey constraints

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

NA

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

3.66

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

NA

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

NA

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

4.11

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

NA

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

NA

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

0.46

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

12.50

Hedgerow biodiversity units

NA

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

NA

Watercourse biodiversity units

NA

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

NA

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).

NA

7. Off-site habitat enhancements

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.

NA

7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

NA

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.

NA

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

NA

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

NA

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

NA

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

NA

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

NA

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

NA

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

NA

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

NA

Hedgerow biodiversity units

NA

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

NA

Watercourse biodiversity units

NA

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

NA

8. Statutory biodiversity credits

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

NA

A2

NA

A3

NA

A4

NA

A5

NA

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NA

W

NA

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.

NA

8.4 Proof of purchase

Send proof of purchase and enter the reference number.

NA

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

NA

High

NA

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