

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

1.2 Planning application reference number

PORTAL REF: **PP-13663116**

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

1.4 Development site address

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

1.5 Describe the development

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

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

2.2 Company name

n/a

2.3 Address

Skirden Lodge, Tosside, North Yorkshire, BD23 4SQ

[Redacted]

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

2.7 Signature

Richard Gee [agent]

2.8 Date

28 Jan 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

Bob Leatham

3.2 Company name

Pennine Ecological

3.3 Address

24 The Highgrove
Heaton, Bolton
BL1 5PX

3.4 Email address

Bob@pennineecological.co.uk

3.5 Telephone number



3.6 Declaration

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3.7 Signature

Bob Leatham

3.8 Date

28 Jan 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?

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](#)

Soft landscaping will be incorporated in the development proposals. No additional schemes included in BNG.

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.

No irreplaceable habitats on site.

This site is considered to be within an area that is unlikely to have significant ecological impacts (e.g. severance of key habitats and no impacts on key corridors).

Sites habitats are of limited ecological value.

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.

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

0.13

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).

A small parcel of modified grassland is to be landscaped for use as a residential garden. This will introduce new / different biodiversity habitat (including a wildlife pond) and visually enhance enrich what is currently a quite bland, unprepossessing setting for the new home. Because residential gardens do not count towards BNG, off-site compensation is required for the loss of the modified grassland.

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).

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.

Pennine Ecological (2025). Skirden Lodge -The _
Statutory_ Biodiversity_ Metric_ Calculation_ Tool_ -
Macro_enabled

4.15 Condition assessments

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

Pennine Ecological (2024). Skirden Lodge -Preliminary
Ecological Appraisal.

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

Pennine Ecological (2024). Skirden Lodge -Preliminary
Ecological Appraisal.

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.

HA1069-Proposed Site Plan-A1.2

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

6.2 Survey constraints

For example, access issues, weather, or seasonal 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

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

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

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

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

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

0

Watercourse biodiversity units

0

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

0

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).

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.

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

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

0.13

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

High

Medium

Low

10. Sharing data (optional)

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

- Yes
 No