



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

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

2.3 Address

Sugar Hill Farm, Whitewell Road, Cow Ark, Whitewell,
BB7 3DG

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

[REDACTED]

2.8 Date

28/11/2025

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

Ryan Knight

3.2 Company name

Knight Sky Ecology Ltd

3.3 Address

9 Montgomery Grove, Burnley, Lancashire, BB12 6DR

3.4 Email address

[REDACTED]

3.5 Telephone number

[REDACTED]

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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 the guidance on ‘what counts towards your BNG’?

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

Habitat creation/enhancement - tree and hedgerow planting as part of development.

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 mitigation hierarchy has been integrated into the approach for the development proposal and aligns with the relevant sections of the Biodiversity Net Gain: Good practice principles for development © CIEEM, CIRIA, IEMA, 2016.

No designated sites, irreplaceable habitats, priority habitats or habitats of high distinctiveness will be impacted.

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.

The_Small_Sites_Metric_1.2.3_Sugar Hill Farm_Aug25

4.15 Condition assessments

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

NA

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

No report. Map: SugarHillFarm-preA3v2

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.

SugarHillFarm-postA3v2

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

19/06/2025

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

0.4513

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.026

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

0.5010

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.0710

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

0.0497

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

11.02%

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0.045

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

172.93%

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).

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

A2

A3

A4

A5

H

W

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

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