

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

6/8/2026

1.2 Planning application reference number

3/2026/0419

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Ribble Valley Borough Council

1.4 Development site address

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

Edisford Bridge Picnic area, Edisford Bridge, Clitheroe
BB7 3LJ

1.5 Describe the development

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

- (a) The proposed development comprises the construction of a new asphalt pump track within Edisford Bridge Picnic Area, Clitheroe, providing a dedicated recreational cycling facility for riders of all ages and abilities. The development has been designed to enhance opportunities for informal recreation whilst minimising impacts on the existing landscape and biodiversity.
- (b) The scheme includes the construction of the pump track, associated earthworks, drainage swales and landscape works within an existing area of poor condition modified grassland. Biodiversity enhancements include the

creation of approximately 171 m² of Other Neutral Grassland, retention of areas of Modified Grassland, and the reinstatement of a previously removed section of native hedgerow with a species-rich native hedgerow mix. These measures have been designed to deliver a measurable Biodiversity Net Gain whilst integrating the development into the surrounding landscape.

- (c) The site will remain in public open space use, with the pump track forming part of the existing recreational facilities at Edisford Bridge Picnic Area. The proposals will provide improved recreational opportunities whilst delivering long-term biodiversity enhancements through habitat creation, enhancement and ongoing management.

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Velosolutions,

2.2 Company name

Velosolutions UK

2.3 Address

Unit 2, Brewery Court North Street, Bedminster, BS31JS

2.4 Email address

uk@velosolutions.com

2.5 Telephone number

0117 2510003

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

Alisha Carrigan



2.8 Date

06/08/2026

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

Elsie Josland

3.2 Company name

Elsie Josland Landscape Design

3.3 Address

The Studio, 87 Bayston Road, London, N16 7NB

3.4 Email address

elsiejoland@hotmail.co.uk

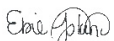
3.5 Telephone number

07931196612

3.6 Declaration

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3.7 Signature



3.8 Date

06/08/2026

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?

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](#)

The Biodiversity Net Gain assessment has been undertaken in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric. The biodiversity gain comprises the creation of Other Neutral Grassland, the reinstatement of a species-rich native hedgerow, and the retention and appropriate management of existing habitats within the application site. Existing habitats retained as part of the development have been included only where they meet the requirements of the statutory biodiversity metric and associated guidance. Long-term management and monitoring will be secured through the accompanying Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan.

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 pump track has been located within an area of poor condition modified grassland to avoid impacts on higher-value habitats. The existing native hedgerow has been retained wherever possible, with a previously removed section reinstated using a species-rich native hedgerow mix. No irreplaceable habitats are present within the application site. The scheme also incorporates the creation of Other Neutral Grassland to deliver measurable biodiversity enhancements alongside the recreational development.

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

The Lancashire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (2026) was reviewed to inform the strategic significance of the proposed habitats. The proposals support the Strategy's objectives by creating and enhancing grassland habitats and reinstating a native species-rich hedgerow within an existing public open space. The development contributes to local nature recovery at the site scale whilst delivering the biodiversity gains identified in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric

☒ 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?

N/A

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

You do not need to answer this question if you're:

- only planning to use on-site biodiversity units or statutory credits
- using off-site units for a small ('minor') development that is not already [exempt from BNG](#)

(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).

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.

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4.15 Condition assessments

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

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Statutory_Biodiversity_Metric_Condition_Assessments
V2

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

P759 Edisford PL-L101-A-BNG Habitat Baseline
Assessment

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.

P759 Edisford PL-L102-A- BNG Habitat Gain Plan

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

1/4/2026

6.2 Survey constraints

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

The baseline habitat survey was undertaken on 1 April 2026 during the recognised habitat survey season. The site was fully accessible and weather conditions were suitable for undertaking a habitat walkover and condition assessment. The survey was completed in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric methodology. Although undertaken early in the botanical survey season, this is not considered to have affected the habitat classification or condition assessment.

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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

0.18

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.02

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

0.20

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.04

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

0.020

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

13.02%

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0.02

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

83.68%

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.

N/A

7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

N/A

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.

N/A

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

N/A

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

N/A

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

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

N/A

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

N/A

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

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

N/A

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

N/A

Hedgerow biodiversity units

N/A

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

N/A

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

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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

Not applicable – no very high distinctiveness habitats are present or affected.

High

Not applicable – no high distinctiveness habitats are present or affected.

Medium

Trading rules met. Habitat creation and enhancement have been delivered on site in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric.

Low

Trading rules met. Habitat retention and creation have been delivered on site in accordance with the Statutory Biodiversity Metric

10. Sharing data (optional)

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

☒ Yes

☐ No