

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

06/08/2024

1.2 Planning application reference number

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Wokingham

1.4 Development site address

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

100 Finchampstead Road , Berkshire, RG402NT

1.5 Describe the development

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

Demolition of existing four bedroom, detached house and construction of 2no. new four bedroom, detached houses and 1no. new three bedroom, detached house with associated parking, cycle and bin stores.

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Paul Matthey

2.2 Company Name

n/a

2.3 Address

130 Finchampstead Road Wokingham Berkshire RG412NU

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

Paul Matthey

2.8 Date

06/08/2024

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

Paul Matthey

3.2 Company name

n/a

3.3 Address

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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 'what counts towards your BNG'?

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

I am not using the habitat creation, enhancement, or offsite purchases in any other scheme

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 in its' current form is characterised with habitats of amenity grassland, species-poor intact hedges, scattered scrub and dense continuous scrub. There are no priority habitats, statutory sites of importance or protected species present on the application site. Construction work is only taking place on habitats with a low value. As part of this design and its' approach to BNG, any new planting will comprise predominantly of native and wildlife-friendly species. There will be enhancement of existing, retained hedgerows and new native hedgerows to shall be introduced where shown. A number of small trees shall be introduced where shown on the proposed site plan to help compensate for those that have been removed. The site in its' current design stage is not able to achieve the required 10% uplift in Habitat Units. Following the granting of planning permission, if the required uplift is still unable to be achieved on-site, then off-site biodiversity units would be secured through registration under the Biodiversity Gain Register. This shall all be agreed and discharged under conditions prior to construction taking place.

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-site

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 If no, how many off-site biodiversity units do you need to meet 10% net gain?

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).

The current design-stage landscape plan indicates a predicted net loss of 0.23 Habitat Units (equating to -62.81%) and a net gain of 0.025 Hedgerow Units (equating to +62.15%) for the proposed scheme. The development shall not commence until it can be demonstrated and agreed with the Council that the required net gain in biodiversity in excess of 10% is achievable through on-site enhancements or creation of habitats or alternatively, through the procurement of c. 0.2671 Habitat Units yielded from the creation or enhancement of habitats off-site. Off-site biodiversity units would be secured through registration under the Biodiversity Gain Register, and subject to a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan.

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

100 Finchampstead Road_SSM_422f_metric.xlsx

4.15 Condition assessments

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

N/A - Small Site Metric Used

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

See BGP File's Annex in Map's Report

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.

See BGP File's Annex in Map's Report

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

20/05/2024

6.2 Survey constraints

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

n/a

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

0.3668

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.0412

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

0.1364

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.0668

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

-0.2304

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

-62.81

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0.0256

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

62.15

Watercourse biodiversity units

0.0000

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).

N/A

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.

If the required uplift is still unable to be achieved on-site following Planning permission, then offsite biodiversity units will be secured. To be included as a pre-commencement Planning Condition.

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 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

7.5 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

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

A2

A3

A4

A5

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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 the trading was satisfied for each distinctiveness group. If the trading was not satisfied, tell us if you agreed bespoke compensation.

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