

Overall biodiversity gain plan: form for phased developments

Use this form to show how your phased development will achieve 10% biodiversity net gain (BNG) across the overall development.

How to complete the overall biodiversity gain plan form

Answer the questions on this form to create your biodiversity gain plan for your overall development.

The local planning authority (LPA) will need enough information to understand how you expect to achieve 10% biodiversity gain.

Where you have not finalised proposals for later phases, you will need to make assumptions about the likely development and habitat enhancements, to determine post-development biodiversity value.

Make it clear on the form where you rely on assumptions for each phase and explain them.

You will set out the final biodiversity value in later phase biodiversity gain plan forms.

When to submit your overall biodiversity gain plan

Submit the overall form to your local planning authority (LPA) after it has approved your planning application.

You will also need to submit a phase biodiversity gain plan for each phase of the development.

You can submit both your overall plan and your first phase plan at the same time.

When you can start your development

The LPA must have approved both your overall plan and your first phase biodiversity gain plan before you start work.

You can only start development on each phase after the LPA has approved your phase biodiversity gain plan for that phase.

1. Development details

1.1 Planning application reference number

230208

1.2 Local planning authority (LPA)

Wokingham Borough Council

1.3 Development site address

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

Land located to the east of Watmore Lane/Maidensfield,
Winnersh, RG41

1.4 Describe the development

A description of the development, including confirmation that it is a phased development for the purpose of BNG.

Outline planning application for the residential development of up to 234 units, with all matters reserved except access from Maidensfield (application reference: 230208). A non-material amendment application was approved in April 2025 which splits the development proposals into two phases, with Phase 1 including 111 units. Phase 2 includes the remaining 118 units.

2. Applicant details

‘Applicant’ may be the developer or the responsible person.

2.1 Name(s)

Luke Veillet

2.2 Company name

Taylor Wimpey West London

2.3 Address

Form 1, 17 Bartley Wood
Business Park, Bartley Way,
Hook, Hampshire, RG27 9XA

2.4 Email address

2.5 Telephone number

3. Responsible person details (if different to the applicant)

Responsible person is the person who is completing the overall biodiversity gain plan. For example, a consultancy ecologist or planning agent.

3.1 Name

3.2 Company name

3.3 Address

3.4 Email address

3.5 Telephone number

4. Developer details

Give names and company details of all developers involved, where they are known.

5. BNG strategy for the overall development

You must make it clear where you have used any assumptions or estimates and explain them.

5.1 Is the relevant date for the pre-development biodiversity value the same date as the planning permission?

Type yes or no.

If no, what earlier date did you agree with the LPA?

N/A

5.2 How does your overall strategy meet the guidance on what you can count towards BNG?

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

All habitat creation and enhancement measures are built-in to the development proposals, forming areas of public open space. The overall strategy meets the guidance on what can be counted towards BNG.

5.3 How will you avoid or minimise impacts to habitats?

Steps you have taken, or will take, on site, including to avoid or minimise the impact on irreplaceable habitat.

Read the guidance on [irreplaceable habitat for BNG](#).

Irreplaceable habitats on-site consist of an area of ancient woodland and veteran trees. All of these features will be retained and protected alongside the development proposals, avoiding impacts to these habitats.

5.4 Did you use your local nature recovery strategy to assign the strategic significance of your proposed habitats?

If you do not have a local nature recovery strategy, you can use other specified strategies.

Type yes or no.

A LNRS has not yet been adopted within Wokingham Borough. Relevant alternative strategies were used to assign strategic significance, as set out in separate BNG reports for each phase of development (CSA/7168/12 and CSA/7168/13).

5.5 Explain your overall strategy for meeting the target BNG percentage across the overall development.

Provide reference maps or plans to support your statement where you can. Make sure you include details of:

- proposed timings of each phase
- any irreplaceable habitat existing on the relevant date

- the proposed post-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat for the overall development
- the proposed post-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat of each phase of development, and how this contributes to the BNG target
- proposed number of off-site biodiversity units allocated or to be allocated to the development (if applicable)
- proposed number of statutory biodiversity credits purchased or to be purchased (if applicable)
- how your strategy follows the biodiversity gain hierarchy

Other than for irreplaceable habitats, if you're not following the actions of the biodiversity gain hierarchy, explain why (for example, your rationale for any proposed off-site units or biodiversity credits).

Outline approval was granted utilising the Biodiversity Metric Version 3.1, prior to mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain coming into effect. Detailed proposals are available for both Phases 1 and 2 of the proposed development and an updated copies of the Biodiversity Metric (Version 3.1) have been produced (1) for the overall site area, (2) for Phase 1 alone and (3) for Phase 2 alone. A copy of the metric for the overall site area is provided alongside this Overall Biodiversity Gain Plan. Detailed BNG Assessment reports have been produced for each phase of the Site, for submission with their separate reserved matters applications. These reports provide detailed information and plans that cover the statements described above. A summary of the overall site details is provided below, to link with the individual phase details.

- **Timings of each phase**
- Irreplaceable habitats at the site consist of an area of ancient woodland and four veteran trees. All of which will be retained.
- The post-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat for the overall development is as follows:
 - Habitats: 34.57 units (+8.39 units)
 - Hedgerows: 11.34 units (+2.45 units)
 - Watercourses: 3.68 units (+0.37 units)
- The post-development biodiversity value of the on-site habitat for each phase of development is as follows:

- Phase 1:
 - Habitats: 18.30 units (+3.58 units)
 - Hedgerows: 3.15 units (+1.37 units)
 - Watercourses: 1.29 units (+0.04 units)
- Phase 2:
 - Habitats: 16.27 units (+4.82 units)
 - Hedgerows: 8.19 units (+1.07 units)

- Watercourses: 2.39 units (+0.32 units)

Together, the net changes in biodiversity units for habitats, hedgerows and watercourse for each phase equal the overall net change calculated for the entire development site (decimal point rounding alters the final totals slightly but only to a magnitude of 0.01 unit).

No off-site biodiversity units or statutory credits will be allocated or purchased.

The separate BNG Assessment reports for each phase set out how the biodiversity gain hierarchy has been followed.

5.6 Are any of your proposed on-site enhancements considered 'significant'?

[Find out more about significant on-site enhancements.](#)

Type yes or no.

No

If yes, say how you have legally secured (or will secure) the enhancements.

As the proposals were agreed prior to mandatory BNG being applicable, significant on-site enhancements are not identified.

5.7 Do you, or will you, have a habitat management and monitoring plan?

Type yes or no.

No. A Landscape and Ecology Management Plan has been produced for each phase, setting out how on-site habitats will be managed and monitored.

5.8 Have you used the statutory biodiversity metric tool?

Type yes or no.

No. Version 3.1 has been used in line with the metric version used and agreed at the outline application stage.

5.9 If you have an approved habitat degradation in your baseline, agreed with your local authority, state the relevant consenting body and reference number

Consenting body

N/A

Reference number

N/A

6. Documents you must send to the LPA with this form

Send the documents requested in this section to the LPA with this form. Enter their relevant file names in this section.

6.1 Biodiversity metric calculations

Calculations should show the pre-development biodiversity value and the proposed post-development biodiversity value of the entire development and of each phase.

Enter file names you have attached and the phase they relate to.

Overall: 7168_Biodiversity Metric 3.1_Overall_May25

Phase 1: 7168_Biodiversity Metric 3.1_Phase 1_May25

Phase 2: 7168_Biodiversity Metric 3.1_Phase2_May25

6.2 Condition assessments

Enter file name(s) you have attached.

Appended to BNG Assessment reports for each phase:

7168_12_BNG Assessment (Phase 1)

7168_13_BNG Assessment (Phase 2)

6.3 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

Enter file name(s) you have attached.

Ecological Impact Assessment report agreed at the outline application stage attached, report reference CSA/1668/11b.

6.4 Proposed post-development habitat map or landscape plan (if applicable)

This is not a statutory requirement but may provide useful additional information to the LPA.

Enter file name you have attached.

Appended to BNG Assessment reports for each phase:

7168_12_BNG Assessment (Phase 1), drawing
reference CSA/7168/215

7168_13_BNG Assessment (Phase 2), drawing
reference CSA/7168/216

7. Irreplaceable habitat

7.1 Does the overall development affect any irreplaceable habitat?

Type yes or no.

No

7.2 What are the approved arrangements to compensate for any impacts to irreplaceable habitat across the overall development and in each phase?

Send your approved compensation plan with this form.

N/A

8. Pre-development biodiversity value

8.1 Survey date

For example, 3/11/2023.

27/07/2021, checked during
update site visit on 17/06/2024

8.2 Survey constraints

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

None

8.3 Total pre-development biodiversity value for overall development

Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation.

Number of area habitat biodiversity units

26.18

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

8.89

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

3.31

9. Proposed on-site habitat gains for the overall development

Show where you have used any assumptions or estimates in this section and explain them.

9.1 Total proposed post-development biodiversity value for the overall development

Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation.

Proposed number of area habitat biodiversity units

34.57

Proposed number of hedgerow biodiversity units

11.34

Proposed number of watercourse biodiversity units

3.68

9.2 Total proposed net change in biodiversity units for the overall development

Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation.

Area habitat biodiversity units

8.39

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

32.06

Hedgerow biodiversity units

2.45

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

27.54

Watercourse biodiversity units

0.37

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

11.05

9.3 Do you propose to register and allocate any biodiversity units from your site to other developments?

Type yes or no.

No

If yes, give details of the proposed number of biodiversity units registered or to be registered, and the development location(s).

N/A

10. Total proposed post-development biodiversity units for each phase

Enter numbers from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation for each phase of the development. The level of detail you can give for each phase will vary. Details of later phases may need to be based on assumptions. State clearly where this is the case and explain your assumptions.

You must include the details for all the phases.

10.1 Phase 1

Area biodiversity units

Enter the proposed number of post-development biodiversity units. State what percentage this will be of the proposed total number of post-development biodiversity units for the overall development.

18.30 units (c. 52.94% of overall units)

Details of any assumptions used for your area biodiversity figures

N/A

Hedgerow biodiversity units

Enter the proposed number of post-development biodiversity units. State what percentage this will be of the proposed total number of post-development biodiversity units for the

overall development.

3.15 units (c. 27.78% of overall units)

Details of any assumptions used for your hedgerow biodiversity figures

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units

Enter the proposed number of post-development biodiversity units. State what percentage this will be of the proposed total number of post-development biodiversity units for the overall development.

1.29 units (c. 35.05% of overall units)

Details of any assumptions used for your watercourse biodiversity figures

N/A

10.2 Phase 2

Area biodiversity units

Enter the proposed number of post-development biodiversity units. State what percentage this will be of the proposed total number of post-development biodiversity units for the overall development.

16.27 units (c. 47.06% of overall units)

Details of any assumptions used for your area biodiversity figures

N/A

Hedgerow biodiversity units

Enter the proposed number of post-development biodiversity units. State what percentage this will be of the proposed total number of post-development biodiversity units for the overall development.

8.19 units (c. 72.22% of overall units)

Details of any assumptions used for your hedgerow biodiversity figures

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units

Enter the proposed number of post-development biodiversity units. State what percentage this will be of the proposed total number of post-development biodiversity units for the overall development.

2.39 units (c. 64.95% of overall units)

Details of any assumptions used for your watercourse biodiversity figures

N/A

10.3 Phase 3

Area biodiversity units

Enter the proposed number of post-development biodiversity units. State what percentage this will be of the proposed total number of post-development biodiversity units for the overall development.

N/A

Details of any assumptions used for your area biodiversity figures

N/A

Hedgerow biodiversity units

Enter the proposed number of post-development biodiversity units. State what percentage this will be of the proposed total number of post-development biodiversity units for the overall development.

N/A

Details of any assumptions used for your hedgerow biodiversity figures

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units

Enter the proposed number of post-development biodiversity units. State what percentage this will be of the proposed total number of post-development biodiversity units for the overall development.

N/A

Details of any assumptions used for your watercourse biodiversity figures

N/A

10.4 Does your development have more than 3 phases?

Type yes or no.

No

If yes, continue to add the same information in this section for every phase in your development. Add the information for each additional phase following the pattern set out for phases 1 to 3.

N/A

11. Proposed off-site habitat gains (if applicable)

Complete this section if you have details about your proposed off-site habitat gains or any registered off-site gain already allocated.

Show where you have used any assumptions or estimates and explain them.

11.1 Proposed off-site habitat gains

Include whether you propose to deliver off-site enhancements or buy off-site biodiversity units.

N/A

11.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number(s) (if applicable)

N/A

11.3 How have you secured, or how will you secure, the off-site habitat enhancements?

Include responsible bodies and whether you've used, or will use, an S106 or conservation covenant. Include proposed timings for securing any off-site gains.

N/A

11.4 Total pre-habitat intervention biodiversity value

Enter the numbers 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

11.5 Total proposed post-habitat intervention biodiversity value

Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation.

Proposed number of area habitat biodiversity units

N/A

Proposed number of hedgerow biodiversity units

N/A

Proposed number of watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

11.6 Total proposed net change in biodiversity units

Enter the numbers 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

12. Statutory biodiversity credits (if applicable)

Answer this section if you have bought, or propose to buy, statutory biodiversity credits.

Show where you have used any assumptions or estimates to complete this section, and explain them.

12.1 Are you buying or proposing to buy statutory biodiversity credits?

Type yes or no.

No

12.2 How many statutory biodiversity credits have you bought or propose to buy?

Unit shortfall by tier, including the spatial risk multiplier. Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation. Add more areas if needed.

Area 1

N/A

Area 2

N/A

Area 3

N/A

Area 4

N/A

Area 5

N/A

Hedgerow

N/A

Watercourse

N/A

12.3 If you have bought biodiversity credits, what evidence do you have that there were no units available through the market at the time you bought them?

You must send evidence from at least 3 habitat providers, or a time-stamped screenshot of a search result from online registers.

Enter file names of documents you are sending.

N/A

12.4 If you intend to buy biodiversity credits, what evidence do you have that no units will be available through the market?

Explain why you think no units will be available.

N/A

13. Applicant declaration

I confirm that I have attached the following documents:

- biodiversity metric calculations
- condition assessment
- pre-development habitat survey report and map
- proposed post-development habitat map or landscape plan (if applicable)
- approved compensation plan for irreplaceable habitat (if applicable)
- evidence relating to section 12 on this form (if applicable)

I confirm that the information I have given is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge or assumption.

Name

By typing your name you agree to the above declaration.

Luke Veillet

Submission date

For example, 3/11/2023.

15/05/2025

14. Sharing data (optional)

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

Type yes or no.

Yes