Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

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

11/02/2025

1.2 Planning application reference number

24/01683/FUL

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Huntingdonshire District Council

1.4 Development site address

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

Hall Farm, Warboys Road, Bury, Huntingdon, PE26 2NU, TL288835

1.5 Describe the development

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

Removal of 10m of hedging and construction of new agricultural access road

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Mr Peter Horsford

2.2 Company name

2.3 Address

Hall Farm, Warboys Road, Bury, Huntingdon, PE26 2NU

2.4 Email address

petehorsford@aol.com

2.5 Telephone number

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

Peter Horsford

2.8 Date

11/02/2025

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

James Hodson

3.2 Company name

Eco-Check Ltd

3.3 Address

Whitehouse Cottage, Knapton Green, Norfolk, NR28 0RU

3.4 Email address

ecocheckconsultancy@gmail.com

3.5 Telephone number

07914130493

3.6 Declaration

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3.7 Signature

James Hodson

3.8 Date

11/02/2025

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

On site habitat creation 'Greenspace provision' and 'Protected Species Mitigation'

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 temporary access points or temporary hard standing areas outside of the immediate area of the proposed access and will be used for site access, construction traffic or storage of building materials.
- Existing site access will be used to service the development whilst access is being created and then from the new access.
- Retention and protection of the roadside hedgerow after the approved hedge removal (subject to any relevant arboricultural considerations/BS5837.
- Grass to be kept mown short <100mm to discourage any small mammals, amphibians and reptiles from using the construction zone.

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?

None

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).

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

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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.

BNG Habitat Baseline- Warboys Road, Bury-September 2024-Rev A

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.

Hall Farm, Warboys Road- BNG Post Development Habitat Map-Proposed Access-September 2024

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

26/07/2024

6.2 Survey constraints

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

None

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

0.2634

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.0400

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

0.2933

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.1339

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

0.0299

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

11%

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0.0939

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

234%

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.

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

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

NA

High

NA

Medium

Yes, none at baseline- on site post-development provision 0.185

Low

Yes, baseline and post development- on site provision 0.108

10. Sharing data (optional)

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

☒ Yes
☐ No