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

1.2 Planning application reference number

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

1.4 Development site address

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

Ratby Sports Club, Desford Ln, Ratby, Leicester LE6 0JN

1.5 Describe the development

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

Development of sports pitches, sports facilities, associated hardstanding and car parking

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

2.2 Company name

2.3 Address

2.4 Email address

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

2.8 Date

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

Zachary Mason

3.2 Company name

Croft Ecology

3.3 Address

43 Sparkenhoe
Croft
Leicestershire
LE9 3EP

3.4 Email address

zak@croftecology.co.uk

3.5 Telephone number

07827274570

3.6 Declaration

By signing this declaration, you confirm that the information you give is complete and correct. Any opinions are your genuine opinions.

3.7 Signature

Zachary Mason

3.8 Date

08.10.2026

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?

01/05/2025.

During the baseline survey on 2 December 2025, some areas of the Site had already been cleared. An assessment of aerial photography and an assessment of the habitats on Site that were unimpacted meant that it was still possible to map the extent of these habitats and their likely condition before their removal. Their condition was backdated to their conditions in May 2025 (pre-clearance). This assessment is outlined within the Biodiversity Net Gain Tech Note for the Site; RatbySportsClub.BNGTechNote.v3.0.

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

No other schemes are counting to the BNG only the on-site development, and enhancements.

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.

There are no irreplaceable habitats within the site. The majority of the site comprised low distinctiveness modified grassland and very low distinctiveness unsealed surface. The areas of grassland will be lost to create artificial sports pitches. Areas of grassland, tall forbs and woodland to the east of the Site have been included within the boundary to use for enhancement. The condition of the woodland will be improved from poor to moderate condition, and the poor-quality modified grassland and tall forbs will be enhanced to other neutral grassland in good condition. Additionally, 15 small, native trees in moderate condition will be planted around the car park and within the enhanced area of tall forbs.

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.

Areas of grassland, tall forbs and woodland to the east of the Site have been included within the boundary to use for enhancement. The condition of the woodland will be improved from poor to moderate condition and the poor-quality modified grassland and tall forbs will be enhanced to other neutral grassland in good condition. Additionally, 15 small, native trees in moderate condition will be planted around the car park and within the enhanced area of tall forbs.

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

Only answer this question if you're planning to use off-site biodiversity units (250 words).

N/A

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.

RatbySportsClub.BNGMetric.v3

4.15 Condition assessments

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

RatbySportsClub.Grassland.CondAsst +
RatbySportsClub.IndividualTrees.CondAsst +
RatbySportsClub.Urban.CondAsst +
RatbySportsClub.Woodland.CondAsst

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

RatbySportsClub.PEA.v2 +
RatbySportsClub.BNGTechNote.v3

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.

9431_03_01PL2 A0 Proposed Site Masterplan.pdf

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

02/12/2025

6.2 Survey constraints

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

The survey was undertaken in December; It should be noted that winter is a sub-optimal time of year for botanical surveys to be conducted. However, given the limited number of habitats and their extents on the Site, and that several species were identifiable to accurately determine habitat type, this is not considered to pose a constraint.

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

5.45

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0

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

6.01

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0

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

0.56

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

10.19%

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

0

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

N/A

A2

N/A

A3

N/A

A4

N/A

A5

N/A

H

N/A

W

N/A

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.

N/A

8.4 Proof of purchase

Send proof of purchase and enter the reference number.

N/A

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

N/A

High

N/A

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