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Thank you for requesting advice on this discharge of condition from Place Services' ecological advice service. This service provides advice to planning officers to inform Mid Sussex District Council planning decisions with regard to potential ecological impacts from development. Any additional information, queries or comments on this advice that the applicant or other interested parties may have, must be directed to the Planning Officer who will seek further advice from us where appropriate and necessary.

Application: DM/25/2610
Location: The Old Lodge Ditton Place Brantridge Lane Balcombe
Proposal: Discharge of planning condition no 1 (BNG) relating to planning application DM/24/3070.

Thank you for consulting Place Services on the above discharge of condition for the Biodiversity Gain Condition

Biodiversity Gain Condition

1. This permission is considered to be one which will require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun (which includes demolition) because none of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements are considered to apply.

Comments

We have reviewed the submitted documents for this application. This includes the following:

- The Biodiversity Gain Plan Form

In addition, we have re-assessed the

- The Biodiversity Impact Calculation Report (Libby Morris Ecologist, January 2025)
- The Statutory Biodiversity Metric (January 2025)

It is indicated that [Paragraph 14\(2\) of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 \(as amended\)](#) and [Articles 37C\(2\) and 37C\(4\) of The Town and Country Planning \(Development Management Procedure\) \(England\) Order 2015](#) sets out the requirements of the Biodiversity Gain Condition, which secures a 'Biodiversity Gain Plan'.

Therefore, in summary, the submission of a Biodiversity Gain Plan will consist of the following information:

- A Biodiversity Gain Plan form (Ideally using the Government's template: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/biodiversity-gain-plan>)
- The completed biodiversity metric - calculation tool (& condition assessment if using Statutory Biodiversity Metric – Calculation Tool)
- Completed pre-development and post-development habitat maps
- A Habitat management and monitoring plan (for [significant on-site enhancements](#) or off-site measures in land owned by the applicant)
- Legal agreement for monitoring and management of significant on-site enhancements or off-site measures in land owned by the applicant (if required by the LPA).

If off-site biodiversity units are proposed, then evidence of registration / allocation onto the [biodiversity gain site register](#) will be required (if using blue line boundary land or a separate off-site provider). If [Statutory Biodiversity Credits](#) from the Government are proposed, then proof of purchase will be required.

Therefore, based on the submitted documents, we are satisfied that sufficient information has been provided to demonstrate a 10% biodiversity net gain for habitat units and hedgerow units. As this application is a minor development, Mid Sussex Council's position is that significant on-site enhancements are not present. Therefore, a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan and legal agreement for on-going monitoring is not required for this application.

Recommendation

Subject to implementation in full of the submitted details, we recommend discharge of the Biodiversity Gain Condition.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

Yours sincerely,

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