

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

03/09/25

1.2 Planning application reference number

DM/25/0396

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Mid Sussex District Council

1.4 Development site address

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

Queen Victoria Hospital, Holtye Road, East Grinstead,
West Sussex, RH19 3DZ

1.5 Describe the development

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

Proposed development of a single-story Community Diagnostic Centre (CDC) at the existing Queen Victoria Hospital with associated car and cycle parking, landscaping and ancillary development.

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Claire Lowe

2.2 Company name

Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

2.3 Address

Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

Holtye Road

East Grinstead

West Sussex

RH19 3DZ

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

Claire Lowe

2.8 Date

03/09/25

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

Rachel Fine

3.2 Company name

Mott MacDonald

3.3 Address

Mott MacDonald,
Renaissance House,
9-16 Dingwall Road,
Croydon,
CR0 2NA
United Kingdom

3.4 Email address

Rachel.fine@mottmac.com

3.5 Telephone number

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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

Rachel Fine

3.8 Date

22/08/25

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?

N/A

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

All BNG is being provided off-site through a habitat bank. The biodiversity units purchased apply to this project only and are not being used for other compensation requirements.

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 Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy has been applied whilst developing this project. The location chosen for the proposed development is on an area comprising mostly of very low (developed land sealed surface) and low distinctiveness habitats (modified grassland and introduced shrubs). Medium distinctiveness habitats (urban trees) have been avoided wherever possible. There are no high or very high distinctiveness habitats within the proposed development footprint. The footprint of the proposed development has been designed to be as small as possible, retaining habitats wherever possible.

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.

N/A

4.9 How many off-site biodiversity units do you need to meet 10% net gain?

2.53 habitat units and 0.06 habitat units.

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 design process has followed the Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy and BNG was considered as early as possible to determine the most appropriate design option. The project is being undertaken within an active hospital site. The habitats within the ownership of the hospital (but outside of the proposed development footprint) were considered for BNG provision; however, habitats are being enhanced by another project.

Other options included the enhancement of modified grassland surrounding the hospital. These enhancements couldn’t be secured for BNG due to the long-term maintenance and operational requirements of the hospital.

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).

N/A

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

4.15 Condition assessments

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

100120806-MM-ZZ-EG-CA-EN-0001-QVH CDCs -East
Grinstead CDC Baseline Statutory Biodiversity Metric

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

100120806-MM-ZZ-EG-RP-EN-0003- QVH CDC-East
Grinstead CDC BNG Design Stage 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.

100120806-MM-ZZ-EG-RP-EN-0003- QVH CDC-East
Grinstead CDC BNG Design Stage 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

N/A

Reference number

N/A

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

N/A

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

N/A

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

N/A

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

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

N/A

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

N/A

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

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

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

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.

All biodiversity units have been purchased from a habitat bank.

7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

-BNGREG-WOKLG-A0KCS
(MSUS04)
-BNGREG-KOOVY-AK0B9
(WEAL01)

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.

The biodiversity units have been purchased from and secured by the Environment Bank (Responsible Body).

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

2.30

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.05

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0

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

2.53

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.06

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

0.23

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

10.16%

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0.01

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

14.55%

Watercourse biodiversity units

0

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

0%

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

Yes

High

Yes

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