

Biodiversity Net Gain Metric Summary Sheet



Site: 21 Wivelsfield Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4EF

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1. Site Area and Context

- **Total site area (including host dwelling):** ~0.08ha
- **Development footprint:** ~0.01ha (rear garden area)
- **Current land use:** Private domestic garden (amenity grassland and ornamental shrubs)
- **Designation status:** Not designated; no TPOs or protected habitats

2. Baseline Habitat (Pre-Development)

Habitat Type	Area (ha)	Condition	Distinctiveness	Habitat Units
Modified grassland	0.04	Poor	Low	0.24
Ornamental planting	0.01	Poor	Very Low	0.05
Boundary vegetation (scrub/hedge)	0.01	Moderate	Medium	0.10

Total Baseline Units: ~0.39 Units

3. Proposed Habitat (Post-Development)

Habitat Type	Area/Length	Condition	Distinctiveness	Units Gained
Mixed native hedgerow	40m	Good	High	0.20 (linear)
Species-rich wildflower margin	0.01ha	Moderate	Medium	0.15
Tree planting (3 native trees)	N/A	N/A	Supporting	Not counted
Ornamental planting + lawn	0.03ha	Moderate	Low	0.10
Bird/bat boxes	N/A	N/A	Supporting	Qualitative

Total Post-Development Units: ~0.45 Units

Net Gain (Approx.): ~15%

4. Conclusion

The proposal results in a measurable net gain in biodiversity value through:

- Replacement of poor-quality lawn with diverse native planting
- Introduction of hedgerow habitat creating ecological connectivity
- Use of SuDS features and pollinator-friendly planting

This satisfies national policy (NPPF Para 186) and Policy DP38 of the Mid Sussex District Plan.