

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

24/11/2025

1.2 Planning application reference number

PP-14513037

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Mid Sussex

1.4 Development site address

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

Hurstpierpoint College College Lane, Mid Sussex, BN6 9JS

1.5 Describe the development

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

New purpose-built school building of approximately 600 m² footprint with additional hardstanding areas for access and circulation.

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Daniel Barker BA (Hons), MCIAT, MCIOB, C.Build E MCABE, MAPS

2.2 Company Name

Building Solutions Consultants Limited

2.3 Address

23 Titian Road Hove East Sussex BN3 5QR

2.4 Email address

danny.barker@bsclimited.co.uk

2.5 Telephone number

07834611763

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

Daniel Barker BA (Hons), MCIAT, MCIOB, C.Build E MCABE, MAPS

2.8 Date

24/11/2025

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

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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?

30/05/2025

4.3 How have you met 'what counts towards your BNG'?

[Find out what you can count towards a development's BNG](#)

I am not using the habitat creation, enhancement, or offsite purchases in any other scheme

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 development has been designed to follow the mitigation hierarchy. The relevant baseline date is 30 May 2025, when the site comprised an existing school building and associated hardstanding. No priority habitats, trees or semi-natural habitats were present at that time. The development footprint therefore avoids the loss of any valuable or irreplaceable habitat. Off-site biodiversity units will be purchased to achieve the required 10% net gain. We have not yet obtained an availability certificate; off-site units will be secured from a registered habitat bank once planning permission is granted.

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-site

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 If no, how many off-site biodiversity units do you need to meet 10% net gain?

0.0458

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).

Off-site units have not been yet purchased, but we believe we will need to use off-site units to deliver BNG on this site. We have procured an Availability Certificate from BNGx showing the impact an off-site unit package would have for our BNG.

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

Phase 2 Hurstpierpoint College_SSM_cfb7_metric.xlsx

4.15 Condition assessments

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

N/A – Small Site Metric Used

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

See BGP File's Annex in Map's 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.

See BGP File's Annex in Map's 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

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

30/05/2025

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

0.0524

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

0.0118

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

-0.0406

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

-77.43

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0.0000

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

0

Watercourse biodiversity units

0.0000

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).

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.

An availability certificate from BNGx is attached as an appendix to this document as an indication of how we may secure off-site habitat enhancements; we propose that we will seek such Natural England-registered units as outlined if agreeable. Please note the certificate is not a purchase of units and to actually fulfil our BNG obligations we will need to further make such a purchase.

7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

TBC—units not yet purchased

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.

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7.4 Total pre-development 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 post-development 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

7.6 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

H

W

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 the trading was satisfied for each distinctiveness group. If the trading was not satisfied, tell us if you agreed bespoke compensation.

Very high

High

Medium

Low

10. Sharing data (optional)

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

☐ Yes

☒ No