



# 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)

South Holland District Council

### 1.4 Development site address

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

The Bungalow,  
Cranesgate North,  
Whaplode St Catherine,  
Spalding,  
Lincolnshire

### 1.5 Describe the development

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

The Proposed Development will involve the demolition of the existing garage prior to a new profiled metal shed being constructed on a slightly larger footprint.

## 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

### 3.2 Company name

### 3.3 Address

### 3.4 Email address

anna@croftecology.co.uk

### 3.5 Telephone number

07914 928532

### 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

*A Scott-Swift*

### 3.8 Date

10.04.25

## 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?**

**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 off-site BNG (tbc).

**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.

All habitats within the site are of low or very low distinctiveness. Development is focused on an existing building (scoring zero on the metric) and a small area of vegetated garden comprising mown lawn and a narrow flower bed (low distinctiveness).

The proposed development does not include impacts to hedgerows which are just outside the red line boundary, or mature trees, which are also, purposefully, outside the red line boundary.

**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?**

0.03

**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).

Any extension to the red line boundary could only include developed land; sealed surface or vegetated garden, which we can’t make enhancements to. Given the site is all within a residential curtilage, we are also severely limited on habitats that can be created aside from vegetated garden, which already exists.

**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.

TheBungalowBNGMetric.v0.xlsm

**4.15 Condition assessments**

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

n/a

**4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map**

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

TheBungalow.BNGTechNote.v1pdf

**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.

24 121 04 - Block Plan - As Proposed - JAN 2025.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

06/03/2025

### 6.2 Survey constraints

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

No constraints

### 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

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

### 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

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

### 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

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

Hedgerow biodiversity units

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

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.

TBC but we have enquired with the Environment Bank about delivery of the required units offsite in the same NCA – The Fens - Heacham Habitat Bank which has a signed Conservation Covenant with a Responsible Body (RSK Biocensus) and is listed on the Government's Biodiversity Gain Sites Register – Ref. 250924001. This would involve purchasing 0.04 units of grassland and would deliver 0.04 habitats units.

### 7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

tbc

### 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.

TBC - but see: EnvironmentBank.HeachamHB.QUOTE.pdf

### 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

tbc

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

tbc

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

tbc

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

tbc

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

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 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

n/a

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