

Biodiversity Net Gain Statement

Site Address	Land North Of Carisbrook Road Mitcheldean Gloucestershire
Planning Reference (Office use only)	P0672/25/OUT
Date completed	17/06/2025

You will need to complete this form if you have confirmed within the Application Form that your proposal, if granted, would be subject to the Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)) i.e., that your development must deliver at least 10% biodiversity net gain.

The purpose of this form is to present essential information to the ecologists. This includes identifying the party responsible for completing the biodiversity metric, outlining the applicant's plan for achieving at least a 10% net gain and understanding whether there are other ecological constraints which may impact the way in which a net gain is delivered. By consolidating this information into one document, it aids to streamline the ecologists' review process and allows them to promptly assess whether errors in the biodiversity metric (indicated by red and amber boxes) are acceptable. This form will also help you to understand what additional information you will need to provide to support your application, and how to access this information.

If you require additional validation advice, you can download a copy of Forest of Dean District Council planning validation requirements via the following link:

[Planning application supporting information - Forest of Dean District Council](#)

You can also seek pre-application advice – [Get advice on your planning application - Forest of Dean District Council](#)

The submitted information as listed in this form will be reviewed by your Local Planning Authority. You may be asked for further clarification, if necessary, either prior to validation, or during the application process.

If you have used The Statutory Metric to demonstrate a measurable net gain, please answer all questions in section 2. Alternatively, if you have used The Small Site Metric, please answer all questions in section 3.

Section 1: Biodiversity Net Gain Proposal		Y	N
1.1	Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application with regards to biodiversity net gain?	☐	☒
1.2	Has the biodiversity metric tool been completed by a competent person? (Competency is aligned with the British Standard 'Process for designing and implementing biodiversity net gain (BS 8683:202)).	☒	☐
1.3	How will your proposal achieve a 10% net gain?	Y	N
1.3.1	On-site (within the red line boundary of your development site.	☒	☐
1.3.2	Off-site through delivery of off-site biodiversity units on your own land outside of the development boundary	☐	☒
1.3.3	Off-site through purchasing off-site biodiversity units from an off-site provider (e.g. local broker, habitat bank or landowner)	☐	☒
1.3.4	Statutory credits (this must be a last resort and agreed by the local planning authority)	☐	☒
1.4	Are your on-site enhancements considered significant? ¹	☒	☐
1.5	Are European-Protected Species present within your development boundary? ²	☐	☒
1.6	If you are required to create or enhance habitat as part of your development to mitigate for European protected sites and/or species (e.g. Wye Valley and Forest of Dean Bat SAC), this mitigation only counts <u>in part</u> (up to no net loss only) towards your BNG. ³ In these circumstances have you provided two biodiversity metrics and a clear explanation of how you will achieve 10% net gain?	☐	☒
1.7	Are Priority Habitats present within your development boundary? ⁴	☒	☐

1.8	Are Statutory Designated sites present on or within 500m of your development boundary? (SAC/SPA/SSSI/Ramsar sites)	☒	☐
1.9	Does your proposal require a bespoke compensation strategy?	☐	☒
1.10	Have you considered the Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy to inform the design of your proposal ⁵ ?	☒	☐
1.11	Does your proposal comply with CIEEM's Biodiversity Net Gain: Good Practice Principles for Development? https://cieem.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Biodiversity-Net-Gain-Principles.pdf	☒	☐
Section 2: Statutory Biodiversity Metric		Y	N
2.1	Have the Trading Rules, as set out in The Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide, been met? (If the trading rules have not been satisfied then a net gain in biodiversity cannot be claimed ⁶)	☒	☐
2.2	Has biodiversity metric Rule 4 been instigated? (This must be agreed with your Local Planning Authority, please refer to the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide for further information ⁶)	☐	☒
Section 3: Small Sites Metric (Statutory Biodiversity Metric)		Y	N
3.1	Have the Trading Rules, as set out in The Small Sites Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide, been met? (If the trading rules have not been satisfied then a net gain in biodiversity cannot be claimed ⁷)	☐	☐

¹Significant on-site gains can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-on-site-biodiversity-gains-as-a-developer#significant-on-site-enhancements>

²List of European protected species can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2017/1012/schedule/2>. Please note, habitat mitigation required for European protected species cannot contribute to a 10% net gain (it does contribute up to no net loss).

³What can count towards a net gain [What you can count towards a development's biodiversity net gain - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-you-can-count-towards-a-development-s-biodiversity-net-gain)

⁴List of priority habitat types can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/habitats-and-species-of-principal-importance-in-england>

⁵The biodiversity gain hierarchy can be found in the PPG: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain>

⁶The Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide can be found here:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65673fee750074000d1dee31/The_Statutory_Biodiversity_Metric_-_Draft_User_Guide.pdf

⁷The Small Sites Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide can be found here:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65c60ec19c5b7f0012951bdd/The_Small_Sites_Metric_Statutory_Biodiversity_Metric_-_User_Guide.pdf

In the box below, please provide any additional information relevant to biodiversity net gain. This may include references to plans, drawings and/or reports relevant to biodiversity net gain including, pre-development and post-development habitat plans and a biodiversity net gain assessment report (which may be submitted as a separate report or included as a chapter within an ecological impact assessment report). You may also wish to indicate whether a section 106 will be required to secure significant on-site gains and any off-site gains to meet the biodiversity gain objective.

Metric reference – 4057 Statutory Metric V4 Dec2024
Baseline habitats plan (appendix within EclA report)
Proposed habitats plan – CSA/4057/122

If validated and the information is subsequently found not to fully address any potential impacts then further information may be required during the course of any planning application, for instance, if any of the information you have provided needs clarification, or if other potential impacts are identified. If sufficient information on ecological issues is not provided by the time the application needs to be determined, the application may be invalidated or refused.

It is strongly advised that you consider biodiversity net gain at the **earliest possible stage** in your project as there are seasonal constraints to much of the survey work that may be needed to support your application.