



Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

Major Home Builds Event – October 2024



What is BNG?

“A way of creating and improving biodiversity by requiring developments to have a positive impact on biodiversity”.

As of February 2024. 10% BNG is required on all major developments under the Environment Act 2021 (As amended [2024])

“Bigger. Better. More Joined Up”
Lawton Review, 2010

Ecology Team

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- **Validation:** Ensure that all necessary information is provided
- **Determination:** Provide comment on BNG (whether 10% BNG is likely to be achievable)
- **DRC:** Discharging of Biodiversity Net Gain conditions (Review BGP and HMMP)
- **S106:** Ensuring that monitoring reports are submitted regularly for the next 30 years.

Our role in BNG

BNG hierarchy

- 1. Avoid:** Avoid impacts to habitats with a distinctiveness score of 'moderate' or more
- 2. Mitigate:** If adverse impacts can't be avoided, minimize and mitigate them
- 3. Enhance on-site habitats:** Improve the quality of existing habitats
- 4. Create new on-site habitats:** If needed, create new habitats on the development site
- 5. Secure off-site biodiversity units:** If on-site gains aren't enough, secure biodiversity units off-site
- 6. Purchase biodiversity credits:** As a last resort, purchase statutory biodiversity credits



Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP)



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Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs

Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan

Site Name:

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Version:

Biodiversity Gain Plan



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)

1.4 Development site address

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

Key messages

- We want to bring BNG forward through collaboration with developers
- Consider from the off-set
- Follow the hierarchy
- BNG is important but not just for ecology. Benefits residents.
- Keep it realistic



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