



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

29/05/2026

1.2 Planning application reference number

2024/0489

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

1.4 Development site address

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

Land to east of southern end of Edmunds Road,
Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley, S70 4TD

1.5 Describe the development

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

The approved development comprises the erection of 2 no. detached dwellings with associated garages and access on land to the east of the southern end of Edmunds Road, Worsbrough Dale, Barnsley. Planning permission was granted under application reference 2024/0489.

The development will result in the loss of the existing on-site ruderal/ephemeral vegetation. Biodiversity Net Gain will be achieved through on-site habitat creation, including vegetated garden habitat and the planting of 21 individual trees along the

southern boundary of the site, adjacent to the existing wooded area. The proposed on-site habitat creation achieves a net gain of 11.96% in area habitat units, exceeding the mandatory 10% biodiversity net gain requirement. No off-site biodiversity units or statutory biodiversity credits are required.

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Steven Woodruff

2.2 Company name

Crown Homes

2.3 Address

Land to east of southern end of Edmunds Road,
Worsbrough, Barnsley, S70 4TD

2.4 Email address

crownhomes@btinternet.com

2.5 Telephone number

+44 7973 345186

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

Steven

2.8 Date

29/05/2026

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

Rodrigo Sanchez

3.2 Company name

Woodland Solutions (Northern) Ltd t/a ROAVR Group

3.3 Address

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3.5 Telephone number

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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

Rodrigo Sanchez

3.8 Date

29/05/2026

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?

Not applicable.

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](#)

The Biodiversity Net Gain calculation has been undertaken using the Statutory Biodiversity Small Sites Metric. The pre-development baseline comprises 670m² of low distinctiveness ruderal/ephemeral vegetation. The post-development habitats comprise the proposed built form and hardstanding, vegetated garden habitat and the creation of 21 individual urban/rural trees.

The proposed on-site habitat creation delivers 0.3001 post-development area habitat units against a pre-development baseline of 0.2680 area habitat units. This results in a net increase of 0.0321 area habitat units, equivalent to a 11.96% net gain. The required 10% biodiversity net gain target is therefore achieved through on-site habitat creation. No off-site biodiversity units or statutory biodiversity credits are required.

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 site is a small parcel of land dominated by low distinctiveness ruderal/ephemeral vegetation. The development footprint has been limited to the approved residential layout and associated access, with biodiversity impacts compensated for through on-site habitat creation.

No irreplaceable habitats are present within the application site. Vegetation clearance and construction works will be controlled through a Construction Environmental Management Plan – Biodiversity, including measures to avoid or reduce impacts on nesting birds, small mammals, common amphibians, adjacent habitats and nearby designated ecological receptors. The proposed tree planting and vegetated garden habitat will provide on-site biodiversity enhancement and will be managed and monitored through the Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan for a 30-year period.

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.

The significant on-site habitat enhancement comprises the creation of 21 individual urban/rural trees along the southern boundary of the site, adjacent to the existing wooded area. The proposed tree planting is required to deliver the biodiversity net gain for the development and forms part of the post-development habitat baseline within the Statutory Biodiversity Small Sites Metric.

The on-site habitat creation will be secured through the approved Biodiversity Gain Plan and the associated Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan, which will provide prescriptions for establishment, management, replacement planting where required, monitoring and reporting over a 30-year period.

4.9 How many off-site biodiversity units do you need to meet 10% net gain?

0

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).

Not applicable. The development achieves the required biodiversity net gain through on-site habitat creation and no off-site biodiversity units are required.

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).

Not applicable. The development achieves the required biodiversity net gain through on-site habitat creation and no statutory biodiversity credits are required.

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.

20240489 Biodiversity Small Sites Metric.xlsm

4.15 Condition assessments

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

Condition assessment information is contained within the Statutory Biodiversity Small Sites Metric and the supporting Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Note. No separate condition assessment sheets are required for the Small Sites Metric.

File name: 20240489 Biodiversity Small Sites Metric.xlsm

Supporting file: 20240489 Biodiversity Net Gain
Supplementary Note.pdf

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

20240489 Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Note.pdf

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.

20240489 Biodiversity Net Gain Supplementary Note.pdf – Figure 3.1 Biodiversity Enhancement Areas

Approved plans:

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202317 Dwg No. 02

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

Not applicable.

Reference number

Not applicable.

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

24/07/2024

6.2 Survey constraints

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

No significant survey constraints were identified. The baseline habitat survey was undertaken during the appropriate survey season and the site conditions were sufficient to identify and classify the on-site habitats for the purposes of the Statutory Biodiversity Small Sites Metric.

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

0.2680

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

0.3001

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

+0.0321

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

+11.96%

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

0

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).

Not applicable. The on-site biodiversity units are required to meet the biodiversity net gain requirements for this development and will not be registered or allocated to other developments.

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.

Not applicable. No off-site habitat enhancements are proposed or required. The development achieves the required biodiversity net gain through on-site habitat creation.

7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

Not applicable.

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.

Not applicable.

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

0

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0

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

0

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0

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

0

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

0

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

0

Watercourse biodiversity units

0

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

0

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

0

A2

0

A3

0

A4

0

A5

0

H

0

W

0

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.

Not applicable. Statutory biodiversity credits are not required because the development achieves the required biodiversity net gain through on-site habitat creation.

8.4 Proof of purchase

Send proof of purchase and enter the reference number.

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable. No very high distinctiveness habitats are present within the pre-development baseline and no very high distinctiveness habitats are impacted by the development.

High

Not applicable. No high distinctiveness habitats are present within the pre-development baseline and no high distinctiveness habitats are impacted by the development.

Medium

No medium distinctiveness habitats are lost as part of the development. The proposed creation of 21 individual urban/rural trees will provide medium distinctiveness habitat as part of the on-site biodiversity net gain strategy.

Low

The pre-development baseline comprises low distinctiveness ruderal/ephemeral vegetation. The loss of this habitat is compensated through on-site habitat creation, including vegetated garden habitat and 21 individual urban/rural trees. The Statutory Biodiversity Small Sites Metric confirms that the trading rules are satisfied and that no bespoke habitat compensation is required.

10. Sharing data (optional)

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

☒ Yes

☐ No