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| Planning Validation Supporting Statement for Biodiversity Net Gain |

**Overview**

Where development would be subject to the general biodiversity gain condition, the application must be accompanied by minimum information set out in Article 7 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015. This document has been designed to be submitted alongside your planning application to provide all the necessary information required under the Act to validate your application. Part A covers the mandatory minimum information which must be submitted to validate the application, while Part B covers further information which may be required to determine the application. Failure to provide any of the information in Part A will result in the validation requirements not being met and the application returned. This document is subject to revision so please check you have used the most recent iteration.

**Application Details**

## Development site address

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

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|  Click or tap here to enter text. |

## Declaration

By signing this declaration, you confirm that the information you give is complete and correct. Any opinions are your genuine opinions.

## Signature

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## Date

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|  Click or tap to enter a date. |

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| **Part A. Mandatory Validation Requirement Biodiversity Gain Condition Statement** |

Please note that failure to provide any of the information in Part A will result in the validation requirements not being met and the application returned. Please answer all the following questions:

**A.1. Biodiversity Gain Condition Statement**

The proposal, if granted, would be subject to the Biodiversity Gain Condition.

**A.2. Biodiversity Metric Calculation**

1. Which Statutory Biodiversity Metric tool have you used:

[ ]  Statutory Sites Metric

[ ]  Small Sites Metric[[1]](#footnote-2)

1. Publication date of Metric:

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| Please complete mandatory information. |

1. Version of Metric used:

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| Please complete mandatory information. |

**A.3. Pre-development Biodiversity Value**

What is the pre-development biodiversity value of the onsite habitats on the date of the application (or earlier date)?

* Habitat units: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Hedgerow: Click or tap here to enter text.
* Water: Click or tap here to enter text.

Send your completed (statutory) biodiversity metric calculation to the LPA. *[NB as an excel file (macros disabled[[2]](#footnote-3))*] and enter the file name.

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| Please complete mandatory information. |

**A.4.** If an earlier date for the baseline is used, please state this date, and explain reasons for proposing this date:

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| Please complete mandatory information. |

**A.5. Degradation**

The baseline biodiversity value of the site has not changed between the date of the baseline survey and the date of submission.

1. If the biodiversity value is lower on the date of application (or an earlier date) because of the carrying on of activities (‘degradation’)? Please supply evidence supporting this.

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| Please complete mandatory information. |

**A.6. Irreplaceable Habitats**

1. Does the site (or did the site prior to degradation) have any irreplaceable habitats[[3]](#footnote-4)?

[ ]  Yes - Describe the type and conditions irreplaceable habitats that are (were) present.

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| Please complete mandatory information. |

[ ]  No – [Proceed to A.7](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccdew%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CINetCache%5CContent.Outlook%5CIMUZJ4K7%5CBiodiversity%20Gain%20Statement%20-%20final%20%28editable%29.docx#_5.8_Does_your).

**A.7. Plans**

1. A plan, drawn to an identified scale which must show the direction of North, showing onsite habitat existing on the date of application (or an earlier date), including any irreplaceable habitat and enter the file name and date of preparation.

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|  Please complete mandatory information. |

# Mandatory Section of Form Complete

In addition to these minimum information requirements, further information may need to be provided to assist the consideration of biodiversity net gain as part of the planning application, i.e., where there are considerations around significant onsite biodiversity enhancements or use of offsite biodiversity gains.

Please save this file as a .doc , .docx or .pdf and submit with your application.

1. The Small Sites Metric is not appropriate where priority habitats, protected sites or European protected species are present on-site or to calculate offsite losses and gains. In these cases, the Statutory Sites Metric must be used. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. The Planning Portal will except xls or xlsx formats. It will not accept xlsm (macro enabled) format. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. See <https://defralanduse.blog.gov.uk/2023/10/05/irreplaceable-habitats-and-bng-what-you-need-to-know/>. The ecology report will identify any priority habitats onsite. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)