

Biodiversity Net Gain Statement form

Please complete this form and submit with your planning application to demonstrate you have considered the mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain requirements.

SECTION 1 – SUBMISSION DETAILS

1.1 Date

1.2 Development site address/location

1.3 Description of development

SECTION 2 – BNG POINT OF CONTACT

2.1 Person responsible for completing the biodiversity gain statement (e.g., individual name, consultancy name etc.)

2.2 Contact email

2.3 Contact number

SECTION 3 – BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN EXEMPTIONS

3.1 Do you believe this application is exempt from statutory biodiversity net gain?

[Government guide to the types of development that will be exempt from the mandatory biodiversity net gain \(BNG\) requirements.](#)

- ☐ Yes [Go to 3.2](#)
- ☐ No [Go to Section 8](#)

3.2 Which exemption best applies to your application?

- ☐ Householder application [Go to 3.3, info required](#)
- ☐ Red line boundary is 0.2 hectares or below. [Go to section 4](#)
- ☐ Developments below the de minimis threshold [Go to Section 5](#)
[Go to Section 6](#)
- ☐ Temporary development (5 years or less) [Go to Section 7](#)
- ☐ Biodiversity gain site [Go to Section 11](#)
- ☐ Retrospective application [Go to Section 11](#)
- ☐ Section 73 applications where the original consent was given before 12 February 2024, and reserved matters are being applied for. [Go to Section 11](#)

3.3 For householder applications please provide details of the proposed development which meet the definition of [“householder application”](#) in article 2(1) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2015:

[Once completed go to Section 11](#)

SECTION 4 - APPLICATIONS QUALIFYING FOR EXEMPTION UNDER THE 0.2 hectare THRESHOLD:

4.1 Is your red line application site boundary 0.2ha or less?

- ☐ Yes [Go to 4.2](#)
- ☐ No [The application exceeds the 0.2ha threshold and therefore does not qualify under this exemption. Please return to Section 3.1](#)

4.2 Does the development impact on any on-site [priority](#) habitat? See [Biodiversity net gain - GOV.UK](#) (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 74-004-20240214 for definition).

- ☐ Yes [This exemption does not apply if on site Priority Habitat is impacted. Please return to Section 3.1](#)
- ☐ No [Go to Section 11](#)

SECTION 5 - APPLICATIONS QUALIFYING FOR EXEMPTION UNDER THE DE MINIMIS THRESHOLD:

5.1 Have all habitats (including urban) with a distinctiveness score of above 0 been considered when making this judgement?

- ☐ Yes [Go to 5.2](#)
- ☐ No [Please consider all relevant habitats before returning to this Section](#)

5.2 Does the development impact on more than 25m² of habitat (specifically habitat that generates a score in the metric), on-site (and/or 5m linear habitat, e.g., hedgerow)?

- ☐ Yes [The habitats impacted exceed the de minimis threshold therefore it does not qualify under this exemption. Please return to Section 3.1](#)
- ☐ No [Go to 5.3](#)

5.3 Does the development impact on any on-site [priority](#) habitat?

- ☐ Yes [The habitats impacted exceed the de minimis threshold therefore it does not qualify under this exemption. Please return to Section 3.1](#)
- ☐ No [Go to Section 11](#)

SECTION 6 - APPLICATIONS QUALIFYING FOR EXEMPTION UNDER THE TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENT EXEMPTION:

6.1 Is your whole application for temporary development AND for 5 years or less?

☐ Yes Go to 6.2

☐ No This exemption only applies for short term developments where the whole development is temporary AND planning permission is granted for 5 years or less. Please return to Section 3.1

6.2 Does the development impact on any on-site [priority](#) habitat? See [Biodiversity net gain - GOV.UK](#) (Paragraph: 004 Reference ID: 74-004-20240214 for definition) for definition.

☐ Yes This exemption does not apply if on site [Priority](#) Habitat is impacted. Please return to Section 3.1

☐ No Go to Section 11

Section 7: APPLICATIONS QUALIFYING FOR EXEMPTION UNDER THE BIODIVERSITY GAIN SITE EXEMPTION:

7.1 Is your application for creating or enhancing habitats solely or mainly for the purpose of fulfilling the BNG planning condition for another development?

☐ Yes Go to Section 11

☐ No This exemption does not apply. Please return to Section 3.1

SECTION 8 – BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN BASELINE

8.1 Is the relevant date for the pre-development biodiversity value the same as the planning application?

☐ Yes [Go to 8.3](#)

☐ No [Go to 8.2](#)

8.2 What date is the pre-development biodiversity value you have given?

[Once completed go to 8.3](#)

8.3 Is there evidence of [habitat degradation](#) that has taken place on site since January 2020?

☐ Yes [Go to 8.4](#)

☐ No [Go to 8.5](#)

8.4 Describe the nature of the degradation and how this has been factored into your application in line with [government guidance](#):

8.5 You only need to complete this section for Major planning applications . If your application is a Minor application Please continue to Section 8.6. For Major applications: How will you avoid or minimise impacts to habitats in line with the [Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy](#)?

8.6 Does the development impact any [irreplaceable habitats](#)?

☐ Yes [Go to 8.7](#)

☐ No [Go to 8.8](#)

8.7 Irreplaceable habitat compensation plan

A draft bespoke plan for the compensation of anticipated loss of irreplaceable habitat will be required in support of your application. Please enter the file name in the box below as confirmation of its submission:

[Once completed go to 8.8](#)

8.8 Have you used the relevant, up-to-date [statutory metric](#) tool?

☐ Yes

[Go to 8.9](#)

☐ No

[Your application cannot be validated unless the correct tool has been used](#)

8.9 Biodiversity metric calculation

Your biodiversity metric calculation in excel spreadsheet form (macros disabled) will be required in support of your application. Please enter the file name in the box below as confirmation of its submission:

[Once completed go to 8.10](#)

8.10 Condition assessment (and methodology)

Unless you have used the small sites metric, your [habitat condition assessment](#) will be required in support of your application. Please enter the file name in the box below as confirmation of its submission:

[Once completed go to 8.11](#)

8.11 Pre-development habitat survey (to match statutory metric calculations)

The baseline report and map will be required in support of your application. Please enter the file name in the box below as confirmation of its submission:

[Once completed go to Section 8.12](#)

8.12 GIS Geopackage data

The GIS Geopackage files will be required in support of your application [Important considerations, advice and guidance - Stockport Council](#). Please enter the file name in the box below as confirmation of its submission

Once completed go to Section 9

SECTION 9 – BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN POST DEVELOPMENT

It is understood that this information may be subject to change as the application progresses, but the Biodiversity Gain Plan (to be submitted later in the application process) would be expected to be in broad conformity with this BNG Statement.

9.1 Have you added indicative post-development details to the submitted metric which address how 10% net gain will be achievable, and submitted either a draft Biodiversity Gain Plan or BNG Statement which details an indicative post-development habitat report?

This is in accordance with [government guidance](#), and in order to conform with the NPPF which requires you to demonstrate a net gain prior to determination under the [National Planning Policy Framework](#) 15(185).

- ☐ Yes [Go to 9.2](#)
- ☐ No [Failure to do so may result in delays and additional expense further along the application process. Please consider submitting this information before moving on to 9.2](#)

9.2 How do you plan to achieve the required (10%) biodiversity net gain?

- ☐ On-site [Go to 9.3](#)
- ☐ Off-site [Go to Section 10](#)
- ☐ Both [Got to 9.3, then Section 10](#)

9.3 Does your application include any on-site enhancements/creations that could be considered 'significant'?

'Significant' in this context is defined as:

Habitat Type	Threshold
<i>High distinctiveness</i>	<i>Any size</i>
<i>Medium distinctiveness</i>	<i>0.15ha or greater in size (of the habitat)</i>
<i>Low distinctiveness</i>	<i>Where the combined units delivered is ≥ 0.5 units</i>

Note: A planning condition will typically be used to secure medium and low distinctiveness habitats that are below those thresholds. However this is caveated by the local ecological context, so a S106 agreement may be required to secure onsite habitat that is deemed to make an important contribution to biodiversity within the local context.

- ☐ Yes [Go to 9.4](#)
- ☐ No [Go to Section 10 \(if BNG offsetting is required, otherwise go to Section 11\)](#)

- 9.4** Where the onsite post development biodiversity value increase is significant in relation to the pre-development value the “significant habitat enhancement” must be subject to a planning condition, section 106 agreement, or conservation covenant, requiring that habitat enhancement to be maintained for at least 30 years after the development is completed.

Have you considered the financial implications of maintaining on site BNG for 30yrs, and are you confident that this can be achieved within your project budget?

- ☐ Yes [Go to 9.5](#)
- ☐ No [Please take appropriate measures to achieve confidence that proposals are financially viable before returning to this question.](#)

- 9.5** Describe the significant on-site enhancements/creations

Which land parcels does significance apply to? What % of the net gain is delivered by these parcels? How will they be managed?

[Once completed go to 9.6](#)

- 9.6** Draft Habitat Monitoring and Management Plan (HMMP) for significant on-site enhancements/creations using [Natural England’s template](#):

Please enter the file name in the box below as confirmation of its submission:

[Once completed go to 9.7](#)

- 9.7** Does your application include an excess of significant on-site units?

- ☐ Yes [Go to 9.8](#)
- ☐ No [Go to Section 10 \(if required\)](#)

- 9.8** Are you looking to register these excess units on the Natural England Biodiversity Gain Sites Register?

- ☐ Yes [Go to 9.9](#)
- ☐ No [Go to Section 10 \(if required\)](#)

9.9 Please provide details of the excess units:

Which specific parcels are to be secured? How have the statutory metric trading rules been met?

[Once completed go to Section 10](#)

SECTION 10 – BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN POST DEVELOPMENT. OFF-SITE

Answer these questions only if your development includes off-site biodiversity units. It is understood that this information may be subject to change as the application progresses, but the Biodiversity Gain Plan (to be submitted later in the application process) would be expected to be in broad conformity with this BNG Statement.

- 10.1 Please provide an explanation as to how, having followed the [biodiversity gain hierarchy](#), you are using off-site biodiversity units:. Note that consideration of the biodiversity gain hierarchy is not required for minor applications**

[If no off-site biodiversity units are required, proceed to Section 11](#)

- 10.2 Have you added your proposed off-site gains to the metric tool submitted with this application?**

- ☐ Yes [Continue to 10.3](#)
- ☐ No [Please do so before continuing](#)

- 10.3 Which option best describes the location of your proposed off-site provision?**

[Once completed go to 10.4](#)

- ☐ A combination of partial on-site and off-site solutions within Stockport
- ☐ Complete off-site provision within Stockport
- ☐ Complete off-site provision which is geographically adjacent to Stockport
- ☐ Complete off-site provision outside Stockport
- ☐ None of the above

- 10.4 Please provide exact location of the off-site provision:**

[Once completed go to 10.5](#)

10.5 Name/address/number of off-site provider:

[Once completed go to 10.6](#)

10.6 Please provide details of the proposed off-site significant enhancements/creations

What are the units and % net gain delivered by the provision? How will it be managed?

[Once completed go to Section 11](#)

SECTION 11 – DECLARATION AND SUBMISSION OF FORM

By signing this form, you confirm that the information is complete and correct.

Please type your name in the box below and check the checkbox to confirm the name is of the person who has completed the form:

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Date: