

Biodiversity Gain Plan Checklist

This Biodiversity Gain Plan Checklist relates to the Local Plan Partial Update (LPPU) BNG policy NE3a.

Biodiversity Gain Information is required at the submission of an application as this will guide and support the decision-making process. The information should be used to inform the Biodiversity Gain Plan. Please refer to **Appendix 3** of the BNG Reference Guide for a Biodiversity Gain Information Checklist.

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| 1 | Pre-development Biodiversity Value | Report | Pre-development biodiversity value of the site as calculated using the relevant DEFRA metric Any habitats damaged or destroyed post 30th Jan 2020 will need to be included within the calculations based on their former condition | Yes or no |
| 2 | Project Design Steps to Avoid and Minimise Impacts | Report | Project design steps taken to avoid and minimise adverse biodiversity impacts | Yes or no |
| 3 | Approach To Enhancing Biodiversity On-Site | Report | Approach to enhancing biodiversity on-site | Yes or no |
| 4 | Post-development Biodiversity Value (site) | Report | Post-development biodiversity value of the site as calculated using the relevant DEFRA metric. | Yes or no |
| 5 | Off-site Biodiversity Enhancements | Report | Any proposed off-site biodiversity enhancements (including the use of credits) that have been planned or arranged for the development | Yes or no |
| 6 | Post-development Biodiversity Value (off-site) | Report | The biodiversity value of any offsite habitat provided in relation to the development | Yes or no |
| 7 | Working Assessment of The Expected Biodiversity Net Gain | Report | Working assessment of the expected Biodiversity Net Gain | Yes or no |
| 8 | Timeframe | Report | Details concerning the point in the development process that gains (both on-site and off-site) are to be delivered | Yes or no |

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| 9 | Habitat Condition Sheets | Report | Habitat condition sheet assessment with justifications | Yes or no |
| 10 | Evidence | Report | Evidence that claimed gains have been secured and allocated (both on-site and off-site) and that the 10 Good Practice principles (© CIEEM, CIRIA, IEMA, 2016) (as set out in Section 2 of the Interim Guidance Note) have been satisfied | Yes or no |
| 11 | Metric Spreadsheets | Excel Spreadsheet | Completed metric spreadsheets used to calculate the pre-development biodiversity value and the post development value | Yes or no |
| 12 | GIS Imagery | GIS Imagery / Maps | Maps of baseline habitats, an annotated Ecological Mitigation Map and illustrative post-development habitat proposals including retained and proposed new features (required as separate document with imagery produced using GIS software). | Yes or no |