Biodiversity Net Gain Statement

To show how your development has considered biodiversity net gain.

When to use this form

A Biodiversity Gain Statement shows how a development may achieve 10% biodiversity net gain (BNG). Submit this form as part of your planning application.

All parts of this form must be completed (unless directed by the form to skip ahead) and all supporting documents must be provided.

When not directed by a hyperlink to another question, always proceed to the next question.

Parts of the form identified by an * represent "Statutory minimum information" outlined in Article 7 of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015.

This form can also be completed if you believe the application would be exempt from statutory biodiversity net gain. If you do believe it to be exempt, finish at section 4.7.

1. Submission details

1.1 Date

For example, 3/11/2025

30/01/2026

1.2 Development site address

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

Haverhill Waste Transfer Station, Homefield Road, Haverhill, CB9 8QP

1.3 Describe the development

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

The installation of a Fire Suppression System

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Tabitha Skeats

2.2 Company name

FCC Environment

2.3 Address

6 Sidings Court, White Rose Way, Doncaster, DN4 5NU

2.4 Email address

Click or tap here to enter text.

2.5 Telephone number

Click or tap here to enter text.

3. Responsible person details

Tell us about who is responsible for completing the biodiversity gain statement. For example, a consultancy ecologist or planning agent.

3.1 Name

Emily Anderson

3.2 Company name

Stephenson Halliday

3.3 Address

Parkhill Business Centre, Walton Road, Wetherby, LS22 5DZ

3.4 Email address

[redacted]

3.5 Telephone number

[redacted]

3.6 Qualifications and competency

of the person carrying out the assessment.

Planning Agent

3.7 Declaration

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

Signature

[redacted]

3.8 Date

05/02/2026

4 Biodiversity Net Gain exemption

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

☒ Yes – Proceed to 4.2

☐ No - Proceed to section 5

4.2* Which exemption best applies to your application?

☒ Developments below the size threshold and not impacting a priority habitat – Proceed to 4.4

☐ Householder applications – Proceed to 4.7

☐ Self-build and custom build applications - Proceed to 4.7

☐ Biodiversity gain site – Proceed to Section 5

☐ Retrospective application made under section 73A – Proceed to 4.7

☐ Application made under section 73 (variations to existing permission granted BEFORE 12 February 2024 or the application for the original permission was made BEFORE 12 February 2024) – Proceed to 4.7

☐ No onsite habitat is present – Proceed to 4.7

4.3 Is your development classed as a small site?

Small sites are where the number of dwellings is between one and nine, or if this is unknown, the site area is less than 0.5 hectares and for non-residential where the floor space to be created is less than 1,000 square metres or the total site area is less than one hectare. Small sites are exempt until 2nd April 2024.

☒ Yes – Proceed to 4.7

☐ No – Proceed to Section 5

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

This includes, but is not limited to, ivy covered walls, planters, and vacant/derelict land.

☒ Yes

☐ No

4.5 Has habitat degradation since January 2020 been considered when making this judgement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

4.6 Is your application likely to have a negative impact on habitat outside of the red line boundary?

☐ Yes

☒ No

4.7* Explain why you believe that this development is exempt from Biodiversity Net Gain

The amount of habitat proposed to be removed is less than 25sqm.

If exempt, please submit form, please do not continue

5. Biodiversity net gain baseline

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

☐ Yes - Proceed to 5.4
☐ No - Proceed to 5.2

5.2* If no, what date have you put?

Click or tap to enter a date.

5.3* Explain why your relevant date is different to the planning application date.

Click or tap here to enter text.

5.4* Is there any evidence of habitat degradation that has taken place on site since January 2020?

☐ Yes - Proceed to 5.5
☐ No – Proceed to 5.6

5.5* Describe the nature of the degradation and how this has been factored into your application.

Click or tap here to enter text.

5.6* Does the site (or did the site prior to degradation) have any Irreplaceable Habitats?

☐ Yes - Proceed to 5.7
☐ No – Proceed to 5.9

5.7* Describe the type and conditions irreplaceable habitats that are (were) present.

Click or tap here to enter text.

5.9* Confirm you have used the statutory biodiversity metric tool?

Use small site metric when appropriate.

☐ Yes
☐ No

6. Biodiversity net gain post development

6.1 Confirm you have added post development details to the metric tool submitted with this application.

☐ Yes
☐ No

6.3 Will the development have any negative impact on irreplicable habitats?

Including individual ancient/veteran trees.

☐ Yes
☐ No

6.6 How do you foresee achieving the required (10%) net gain percentage?

☐ On-site – Proceed to 6.7
☐ Off-site – Proceed to section 7
☐ Both – Proceed to 6.7 **then** Section 7

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

For more information as to what is considered significant, please visit https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-on-site-biodiversity-gains-as-a-developer

☐ Yes - Proceed to 6.8
☐ No - Proceed to section 7

6.8 Tell us about the significant on-site enhancements/creations.

Which parcels does significance apply to, what total units and % gain is made up by these parcels. Do any of these have a high/very high difficulty level in achieving, if so, how will you manage it?

Click or tap here to enter text.

7. Biodiversity net gain post development – Off-site

Answer this section if your development includes/requires off-site habitat enhancements.

7.1 Explain why you're using off-site biodiversity units.

Ensure you make reference to the Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy and the NPPF Mitigation Hierarchy

Click or tap here to enter text.

7.2 Have you (preliminarily) secured off-site units?

☐ Yes – Proceed to 7.3
☐ No

7.3 Confirm you have added proposed off-site gains to the metric tool submitted with this application.

☐ Yes
☐ No

7.4 Which option best describes the location of your off-site provision?

National character areas can be found at National Character Area profiles - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

☐ Within Suffolk and same National Character area

☐ Within Suffolk or same National Character area

☐ Within a neighbouring County or neighbouring National Character area

☐ Not within the same or neighbouring County or National Character area

7.5 Provide the exact location and details of the off-site provision.

Click or tap here to enter text.

7.4 Provide details of the off-site provider.

Name

Click or tap here to enter text.

Email address

Click or tap here to enter text.

Telephone number

Click or tap here to enter text.

8.0 Document checklist

☐ Completed biodiversity Metric (as excel file type) – pre- and post-development.

☐ a plan, drawn to an identified scale which must show the direction of North, showing onsite habitat existing on the date of application (or and earlier date), including any irreplaceable habitat.

☐ draft BNG plan.

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