

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

24/09/2025

1.2 Planning application reference number

2025/90956

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Kirklees

1.4 Development site address

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

Memorial Park Huddersfield Road, West Yorkshire, WF14 9HP

1.5 Describe the development

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

Erection of two storey side extension, single storey front/rear extension, first floor balcony and associated alterations

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Andrew Fortis

2.2 Company Name

Moorlands Cricket Club

2.3 Address

Moorlands Cricket Club Memorial Park, Huddersfield Road Mirfield
West Yorkshire WF148AA

2.4 Email address

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

2.8 Date

24/09/2025

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

Elliot Cooper

3.2 Company name

Orange Design Studio LTD

3.3 Address

59A Huddersfield Road Huddersfield Road Mirfield West Yorkshire
WF148AA

3.4 Email address

3.6 Declaration

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3.7 Signature

Elliot Cooper

3.8 Date

24/09/2025

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?

4.3 How have you met 'what counts towards your BNG'?

[Find out what you can count towards a development's BNG](#)

I am not using the habitat creation, enhancement, or offsite purchases in any other scheme

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 design and layout of the proposed works at Moorlands Cricket Club have been developed in line with the mitigation hierarchy to avoid and minimise impacts on existing habitats wherever possible. The design has been developed to limit the disturbance to surrounding grassland and habitat corridors and improve where needed. Where minor habitat disturbance is unavoidable, measures will be put in place to minimise impacts, including careful site management during construction, protection of retained vegetation. Post-construction, areas affected will be restored using appropriate native species mixes. To deliver Biodiversity Net Gain, enhancements are incorporated into the proposals. These include strengthening existing boundaries with native hedge and shrub planting, introducing species-rich wildflower areas to increase pollinator foraging habitat, and providing bird boxes on retained trees and buildings. Together, these measures ensure a measurable uplift in habitat quality and connectivity across the site while supporting the long-term ecological resilience of the cricket club grounds.

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-site

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 proposed biodiversity and enhancements and new habitat creation will be legally secured and managed in line with Biodiversity Net Gain requirements. Long-term protection will be achieved through careful management and maintenance, agreed with the landowner. Enhancements, including native hedgerow planting, species-rich grassland areas, and provision of bird boxes, will be mapped and clearly identified to ensure accountability.

4.9 If no, how many off-site biodiversity units do you need to meet 10% net gain?

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).

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).

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

Moorlands Cricket Club_SSM_e415_metric.xlsx

4.15 Condition assessments

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

N/A - Small Site Metric Used

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

See BGP File's Annex in Map's Report

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.

See BGP File's Annex in Map's Report

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

Reference number

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

27/08/2025

6.2 Survey constraints

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

No significant constraints were encountered during the habitat survey. All areas of site were accessible, and the timing of the survey allowed for an appropriate assessment of the habitats present.

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

2.6105

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

2.898

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

0.2875

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

11.01

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0.0000

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

0

Watercourse biodiversity units

0.0000

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).

N/A

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.

7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

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.

7.4 Total pre-development biodiversity value

Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation.

Number of area habitat biodiversity units

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

7.5 Total post-development biodiversity value

Enter the number from the headline results in your statutory biodiversity metric calculation.

Number of area habitat biodiversity units

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

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

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

Hedgerow biodiversity units

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

Watercourse biodiversity units

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

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

A2

A3

A4

A5

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W

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.

8.4 Proof of purchase

Send proof of purchase and enter the reference number.

9. Trading summary

9.1 Distinctiveness group

Tell us if the trading was satisfied for each distinctiveness group. If the trading was not satisfied, tell us if you agreed bespoke compensation.

Very high

High

Medium

Low

10. Sharing data (optional)

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

☐ Yes

☒ No