

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

02/06/2025

1.2 Planning application reference number

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

Manchester City Council

1.4 Development site address

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

Land at 254 Abbey Hey Lane, Gorton, Manchester,

1.5 Describe the development

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

Development proposals include the addition of an apartment complex with associated hard standing and communal garden area.

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

2.2 Company name

Futurebuild MCR Ltd.

2.3 Address

2.4 Email address

2.5 Telephone number

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

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

Christian Leigh

3.2 Company name

Leigh Ecology Ltd

3.3 Address

8 Hall Drive,
Marston,
Northwich,
Cheshire,
CW9 6DT

3.4 Email address

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3.5 Telephone number

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3.6 Declaration

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3.7 Signature

Christian Leigh

3.8 Date

02/06/2025

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 the guidance on 'what counts towards your BNG'?

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

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.

Habitat on site is limited, due to the succession growth from the vacant/derelict site. The site is bramble scrub dominant, with buddleia and broad-leaved dock present. Therefore, this composition is very limited ecologically.

'Bramble Scrub' features bramble dominance, buddleia clusters, broad-leaved dock, stinging nettle.

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

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.

On site enhancements include the planting of 12 native trees.

4.9 How many off-site biodiversity units do you need to meet 10% net gain?

Unit Deficit= 0.5 Habitat Units

Unit Shortfall= 0.38 A1 Habitat Units

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).

Limited site size means further enhancement cannot be undertaken, especially with the loss of bramble scrub as the majority of site which is to be lost.

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).

Off-site vendor required or statutory units. This information is not attainable at this stage.

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.

Abbey Hey Lane – BNG Metric

4.15 Condition assessments

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

N/A – Bramble Scrub

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

Map= Abbey Hey Lane - Existing UKHABS Map

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.

Site Location Plan – 254 Abbey Hey Lane (Street Design Partnership, 2025)

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

15th May 2025

6.2 Survey constraints

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

None

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

0.19

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

0.16

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

-0.03

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

Hedgerow biodiversity units

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

-16.83

Watercourse biodiversity units

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

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).

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 baseline 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 biodiversity value post-intervention

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

0.38? Off-site providers not explored at time of writing.

A2

A3

A4

A5

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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.

None – Not explored at time of writing.

8.4 Proof of purchase

Send proof of purchase and enter the reference number.

9. Trading summary

9.1 Distinctiveness group

Tell us if you met the BNG trading rules on habitat compensation for each distinctiveness group. If you did not meet the trading rules, tell us if you agreed bespoke habitat compensation.

Check the rules on habitat compensation in the [statutory biodiversity metric user guide](#).

Very high

Yes

High

Yes

Medium

No

Low

Yes

10. Sharing data (optional)

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

☒ Yes

☐ No