# **Biodiversity Net Gain Statement**

The purpose of the Biodiversity Net Gain Statement (BNGS) is to inform the local planning authority of the biodiversity gain outcome. If a development is within scope of statutory minimum 10% biodiversity net gain, Dorset Council’s [Local List of Validation Requirements](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/submit-a-planning-application) requires this document to be completed and submitted with your application at the validation stage.

Early submission of a Biodiversity Net Gain Statement (BNGS) provides planning authorities with the information they need at the application stage. This is followed by submission and approval of the Biodiversity Net Gain Plan (BNGP) before the development can commence.

**Part 1: Biodiversity Net Gain Statement**

### Section A: Application information

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| A1: Details of submission |
| Date of submission (update when resubmitted) |  |
| Planning application reference number (if available, may not be available for BNGS submission)  |  |
| Relevant Local Planning Authority (if more than one list the one determining the application as lead) |  |
| Site address |  |
| Description of proposed development including any change of use (as stated on the application form) |  |
| A2: Person responsible for BNGS completion or sign off  |
| Name |  |
| Organisation |  |
| Statement of competency | Relevant qualifications, experience, training, membership of professional bodies (see biodiversity metric User Guide for competency requirements – Note: not applicable for use of the Small Sites Metric) |
| Signature |  |

### Section B: Pre-development biodiversity value

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| B1: Baseline habitat data used to inform metric |
| Site plan displaying existing on-site habitats (reference report / habitat map) |  |
| Baseline habitat survey (reference report) |  |
| Baseline biodiversity metric calculations (full metric or small sites metric) |  |
| Survey date  |  |
| Survey constraints |  |
| Please select the local plans or strategies used to inform strategic significance of habitats | Local Plan | Yes/No |
| Local Nature Recovery Strategy (when available) | Yes/No |
| Green Infrastructure | Yes/No |
| Landscape Plan | Yes/No |
| Spatial Plan | Yes/No |
| Dorset Ecological Network  | Yes/No |
| Other | Provide details |
| Brief description of existing habitat(s) on site (not including irreplaceable habitat) . |  |
| Statement about how the Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy has been applied |  |
| Brief description of existing irreplaceable habitat(s) on site (if applicable) |  |
| Total pre-development biodiversity value (in BU):  |  |

### Section C: Indicative post-development biodiversity value

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| C1: Proposed approach to delivering on-site net gain enhancements |
| Indicative post-development habitat map or landscape plan provided (if available at this stage) | Yes/No |
| Brief description of proposed strategy to deliver at least a 10% net gain in biodiversity |  |
| Rationale for proposed off-site delivery (if applicable) |  |
| Rationale for proposed use of statutory credits (if applicable) |  |
| Baseline and indicative post-development biodiversity metric calculations (full metric or SSM) |  |
| Total INDICATIVE post-development biodiversity value (in BU): |  |
| C2: Significance of on-site enhancements |
| Do you intend for any of your on-site enhancements to be considered as “significant” – see [Make on-site biodiversity gains as a developer - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-on-site-biodiversity-gains-as-a-developer) for definition of significant on-site, and that an appropriate planning condition should be used to secure its long-term management? If so, provide details | .  |
| C3: Selling excess biodiversity units |
| Do you propose to sell any excess biodiversity units to support delivery of biodiversity net gain on other sites? | Yes/No |
| If ‘Yes’, give details of the quantity that are likely to be sold and, where possible, information relating to the development to which they will be sold. | [Guide: no more than 250 words] |