



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

02.09.2026

1.2 Planning application reference number

24/02713/FP

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

North Herts DC

1.4 Development site address

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

Land At Radwell Bury Farm, Newnham Road, Newnham,
Hertfordshire

1.5 Describe the development

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

Installation of Battery Storage System with associated infrastructure, earthworks, landscaping and access on existing agricultural land

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Lucy Woods

2.2 Company name

Balance Power Projects Ltd.

2.3 Address

107 Leaside, St Helens WA9 5GG

2.4 Email address

LWoods@supernovapower.com

2.5 Telephone number

01519 580431

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

02.09.2026

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

Charlie Durigan

3.2 Company name

Clarkson & Woods

3.3 Address

Overbrook Business Centre, Poolbridge Road, Blackford,
Somerset BS28 4PA

3.4 Email address

Charlie.durigan@clarksonwoods.co.uk

3.5 Telephone number

01934 712500

3.6 Declaration

By signing this declaration, you confirm that the information you give is complete and correct. Any opinions are your genuine opinions.

3.7 Signature

3.8 Date

03 August 2026

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](#)

The developer is not required to do nutrient mitigation and so the proposed SUDs counts towards the BNG in full. New hedgerow and scrub planting, and grassland seeding counts as green infrastructure and can be counted in full.

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.

A precautionary, mitigation-hierarchy-led approach has been adopted to avoid and minimise effects on habitats, particularly those of higher ecological value. No irreplaceable habitats were present on site at the baseline. The existing hedgerows bounding the south and east of the site will be largely retained and protected during construction, measures for which have been detailed within a CEMP: Biodiversity for the site. The remaining habitats on site comprised of arable, which is of negligible ecological value at the baseline.

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.

Approx. 2.5ha of Modified Grassland in Good condition and 0.4ha of Mixed Scrub in Moderate Condition will be created to deliver significant on-site enhancements. These habitats will deliver 11.81 and 2.10 habitat units, respectively. It should be noted that, within the Ecological Impact Assessment (EclA) and v1 of the Statutory Metric submitted with the planning application, the areas of Mixed Scrub are described as Broadleaved Woodland. However, following Clarkson & Woods' development in understanding during the adoption of statutory BNG methodologies over the past few years, the creation of Mixed Scrub is considered to be more appropriate to the development proposals given the relatively small, discrete parcels proposed. It will also be more readily achieved in the long term than a Woodland habitat. This minor change represents a greater net gain for biodiversity overall, increasing the proposed habitat units from 2.10 to 3.01. No changes to the landscaping plan or development plans have been made and we are not proposing to update the EclA to reflect this modification, although an updated metric has been submitted with this Biodiversity Gain Plan.

The following BNG condition has been applied to the planning permission:

The effect of paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 is that planning permission granted for the development of land in England is deemed to have been granted subject to the condition "(the biodiversity gain condition)" that development may not begin unless:

(a) a Biodiversity Gain Plan has been submitted to the planning authority, and

(b) the planning authority has approved the plan.

The planning authority, for the purposes of determining whether to approve a Biodiversity Gain Plan if one is required in respect of this permission would be North Hertfordshire District Council. There are statutory exemptions and transitional arrangements which mean that the biodiversity gain condition does not always apply (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments>). Based on the information available this permission is considered to be one which will require the approval of a biodiversity gain plan before development is begun because none of the statutory exemptions or transitional arrangements are considered to apply.

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

0

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.

Statutory Biodiversity Metric_Radwell Bury Farm
BESS_v2

4.15 Condition assessments

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

Within submitted EcIA_Radwell Bury Farm_v3.0
(Appendix B)

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

EcIA_Radwell Bury Farm_v3.0 (Figure 6)

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.

EcIA_Radwell Bury Farm_v3.0 (Figure 7)

3600-01-L-DR-03-Soft Landscape Sheet 1 of 2, 3600-01-L-DR-04-Soft Landscape
Sheet 2 of 2.

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

09/10/2023

6.2 Survey constraints

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

Although undertaken outside of the main survey period for flowering plants, all habitats on Site were broadly identified and categorised with confidence, and so survey timing is not considered to be a significant limitation. No other constraints were encountered.

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

8.93

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

7.61

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0.00

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

15.37

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

10.17

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0.00

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

6.44

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

72.10

Hedgerow biodiversity units

2.56

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

33.70

Watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

N/A

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

A2

A3

A4

A5

H

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 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

Trading rules met

High

Trading rules met

Medium

Trading rules met

Low

Trading rules met

10. Sharing data (optional)

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

☒ Yes

☐ No