



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

21/11/2025

1.2 Planning application reference number

24/02333/FP

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

North Herts Council

1.4 Development site address

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

Central grid ref: TL 2121 2744

1.5 Describe the development

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

Electrical connection between the approved Priory Farm Solar Array (application reference: 21/03380/FP) and Wymondley Substation, Blakemore End Road, St Ippolyts

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

AGR Solar 4 Limited

2.2 Company name

AGR Solar 4 Limited

2.3 Address

Fourth Floor, Burlington Building, 19 Heddon Street,
London, United Kingdom, W1B 4BG

2.4 Email address

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2.5 Telephone number

[REDACTED]

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

AGR Solar 4 Limited

2.8 Date

20/11/2025

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

Aimee Littlechild

3.2 Company name

Avian Ecology

3.3 Address

Unit 3C, Walnut Tree Farm
Lower Stretton, WA4 4PG

3.4 Email address

[REDACTED]

3.5 Telephone number

[REDACTED]

3.6 Declaration

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3.7 Signature

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3.8 Date

10/11/2025

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?

N/A

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](#)

All baseline counts towards BNG, with no post development landscape plan, specific compensation measures etc

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.

No irreplaceable habitats are present within the Site. The Scheme has avoided higher value habitats where reasonably practicable, including through the use of Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) techniques. Where impacts are not able to be avoided, mitigation measures including a Soil Management Plan will be implemented.

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 (alternative strategies)
☐ 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.

All habitats to be retained in line with temporary impacts guidance with no habitat creation proposed.

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

1.03 habitat units

0.02 hedgerow units

0.03 watercourse 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).

All habitats will be retained in line with temporary impacts guidance. However, as the cable route red line boundary is so small, and given the applicant has no long-term ownership over the land by which to secure a 30 year management plan, there is no scope to achieve net gain with the Site.

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).

N/A – habitat bank to be used.

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.

Priory Solar_Statutory_Biodiversity_Metric_V3 RLB only
(1) - with off-site.xlsm

4.15 Condition assessments

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

Annex 1- Priory Solar_Statutory_Biodiversity_Metric_V3
RLB only (1) - with off-site.xlsm

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Annex 2- BNG Plan Report

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

Previously submitted- Priory Farm Solar Array Alternative
Cable Route Ecological Assessment Report_issue

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.

N/A

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

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Reference number

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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

6.2 Survey constraints

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

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

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

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

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

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

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

Hedgerow biodiversity units

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

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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.

Purchased from an off-site provider (Wild Capital)

7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

BGS-110225002, BGS-091024001

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.

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

0.91

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.10

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0.04

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

2.28

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.13

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

0.09

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

1.37

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

149.78

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0.02

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

23.34

Watercourse biodiversity units

0.05

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

148.96

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.

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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.

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

N/A

High

Yes

Medium

Yes

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