24. Biodiversity Net Gain

Do you believe that, if the development is granted planning permission, the Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990) would apply?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If No, please provide reasons, with reference to which exemptions or transitional arrangements you believe apply:

DOMESTIC EXTENSION ON AN EXISTING STRUCTURE

If Yes, please provide the information requested in all the questions below:

Please provide the date the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitat(s) have been calculated. (this should be one of the following dates: the date of this application; or an earlier proposed date)

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): 22/10/24

Please provide the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitats on this date: N/A

If a date earlier than the date of the submission of the planning application has been specified above, please provide reasons why this date has been used:

Please state the publication date of the biodiversity metric tool(s) used to calculate the onsite biodiversity value(s) provided above.

Date (DD/MM/YYYY): 22/10/24

24. Biodiversity Net Gain (continued)

Has there been any loss (or degradation) of any onsite habitat(s), resulting from activities carried out before the date the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitat(s) was calculated and either:

- on or after 30 January 2020 which were not in accordance with a planning permission; or
- on or after 25 August 2023 which were in accordance with a planning permission?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, please provide details including: the date immediately before this activity was carried out; the onsite biodiversity value on this date; and any supporting evidence (or reference to relevant document containing these details).

If yes, please state the publication date of the biodiversity metric tool(s) used to calculate any onsite biodiversity value(s) provided above.

Date (DD/MM/YYYY):

Does the application site have irreplaceable habitat(s) (corresponding to the descriptions in The Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Irreplaceable Habitat) Regulations 2024) which exist on land to which this application relates on the date the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitat(s) was calculated?

☐ Yes ☑ No

If yes, please provide a description of these and any further details (for example reference to relevant document):

☐ I/We confirm this application is accompanied by the following:
i. The completed biodiversity metric tool(s) showing the calculation of the pre-development biodiversity values, and on the dates, detailed above including, if applicable, those related to any loss (or degradation) of any onsite habitat(s)
ii. Plan(s), showing onsite habitat(s) existing on the date the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitat(s) was calculated; and
iii. If applicable, plan(s) showing onsite irreplaceable habitat(s) existing on the date the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitat(s) was calculated.

Please provide details (for example reference to relevant document):

N/A

Note: Plans must be drawn to an identified scale, and show the direction of North.

Supporting information requirements

Where a development proposal is likely to affect features of biodiversity or geological conservation interest, you will need to submit, with the application, sufficient information and assessments to allow the local planning authority to determine the proposal.

Failure to submit all information required will result in your application being deemed invalid. It will not be considered valid until all information required by the local planning authority has been submitted.

Your local planning authority will be able to advise on the content of any assessments that may be required.

Biodiversity net gain

Biodiversity net gain is a legal requirement for planning permission introduced on 12 February 2024. All applications are required to either provide detailed information proving there will be a biodiversity increase; or explain why the requirement does not apply to the development.

Find out more about biodiversity net gain, and access digital tools from our partners that can help determine if you are exempt, or produce the biodiversity metric information required.

Do you believe that, if the development is granted permission, the general Biodiversity Gain Condition (as set out in Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)) would apply?

◯ Yes
⊘ No

Biodiversity net gain has been introduced as a general condition for planning permission. As set out in The Environment Act 2021: "grants of planning permission in England [are] to be subject to a condition to secure that the biodiversity gain objective is met". Therefore, in England, all planning permissions are generally subject to biodiversity gain rules, unless they are specifically exempt or out of scope.

If you have stated that the biodiversity net gain requirement does not apply to your application you must provide the reason(s) why, and may also need to supply evidence (especially where you believe the application is eligible for the 'de minimis' exemption).

You can use our partner's free online tool to determine if you are exempt and to produce detailed reasons

Please add all the reasons why biodiversity net gain does not apply and enter a justification for each one

Reason biodiversity net gain does not apply:
Development subject to the de minimis exemption (development below the threshold)

What best describes the size of your site?:
Over 25 square metres

Please justify the reason why biodiversity net gain does not apply:
Windows - Installation of Secondary Glazing: The installation of secondary glazing applies only to the internal side of the windows on the ground floor and two high-level stairwell windows. This internal modification does not affect the exterior of the building, surrounding landscape, or any habitat that could impact biodiversity. The windows that are excluded from the secondary glazing works, such as rooflights, lantern lights, and glazed bricks, further demonstrate the limited scope of this intervention. Windows - Installation of Double Glazing: The double glazing will be installed in a select number of windows on the ground floor only, and these installations will be done in a like-for-like manner within the existing window openings. There will be no alterations to the external fabric of the building or its surroundings, and no new land disturbance will occur. This means there is no impact on any existing ecosystems or habitats. External Doors - Replacement of Richmond Bar Glazed Doors: The replacement of the Richmond Bar glazed doors will be confined to the existing door openings, with no expansion or alteration to the building's footprint or its interaction with the surrounding environment. Since this replacement involves like-for-like installation, there is no disturbance to any natural habitats or features of ecological importance.

Note: Please read the help text for further information why developments may be exempt or not in scope.