



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

1.2 Planning application reference number

1.3 Local planning authority (LPA)

London Borough of Camden

1.4 Development site address

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

British Museum (South Forecourt)
Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG
NGR: TQ 30146 81646

1.5 Describe the development

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

The relocation of the South Forecourt bag search facility into a new temporary position on the east lawn of the south forecourt.

2. Developer details

2.1 Applicant name

Alice Fraser

2.2 Company name

The British Museum

2.3 Address

The British Museum,
Great Russell Street, London, WC1B 3DG

2.4 Email address

AFraser@britishmuseum.org

2.5 Telephone number

020 7323 8857

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

Tom Hall

3.2 Company name

Trium Environmental Consulting LLP

3.3 Address

The Whitehouse, Belvedere Road, London,
SE1 8GA

3.4 Email address

tom.hall@triumenv.co.uk

3.5 Telephone number

020 3887 7118

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

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?

The pre-development biodiversity value is based on the findings of the walkover survey, carried out on 17th March 2025. However, given the urban nature of the habitats present and their maintenance the conditions will not have altered in the period between the survey and the application.

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 habitat provision on the site is not required for other mitigation/compensation, such as Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG), nutrient neutrality or Environmental Impact Assessment compensation, and therefore all of the habitat areas can be included in the BNG assessment 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.

There are no irreplaceable habitats present that require measures to avoid or minimise impacts.

Impacts on the existing habitats is minimised as a result of the proposals for reinstatement of the grassland habitat within 2 years of the loss, which under the methodology is not classified as an impact to the habitat.

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.

Whilst urban trees are considered to be of medium distinctiveness, the habitat is not considered to be of particular significance considering the nature of the proposals. Therefore, the on-site enhancement is not considered to be significant.

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

N/A

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).

N/A

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

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.

TEC0681 BM VWP Statutory Biodiversity Metric_1.xlsm

4.15 Condition assessments

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

TEC0681 BM VWP BNG Condition Assessment.xlsx

4.16 Pre-development habitat survey report and map

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

TEC0681 BM VWP Biodiversity Statement_1.pdf

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.

TEC0681 BM VWP Biodiversity Statement_1.pdf

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

N/A

Reference number

N/A

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

17/03/2025

6.2 Survey constraints

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

There were no constraints affecting the survey, being completed at an appropriate time in which the habitats present could be accurately identified.

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

0.08

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.00

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

0.09

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

0.00

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

+0.01

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

+10.55 %

Hedgerow biodiversity units

0.00

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units

0.00

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).

N/A

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.

N/A

7.2 Biodiversity gain site register reference number

N/A

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.

N/A

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

N/A

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

N/A

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

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

N/A

Number of hedgerow biodiversity units

N/A

Number of watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

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

N/A

Area habitat biodiversity units % change

N/A

Hedgerow biodiversity units

N/A

Hedgerow biodiversity units % change

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units

N/A

Watercourse biodiversity units % change

N/A

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

N/A

A2

N/A

A3

N/A

A4

N/A

A5

N/A

H

N/A

W

N/A

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.

N/A

8.4 Proof of purchase

Send proof of purchase and enter the reference number.

N/A

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

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