

Biodiversity Net Gain Statement May 2024 v4- updated

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If a development is within scope of statutory minimum 10% biodiversity net gain, Dorset Council's [Local List of Validation Requirements](#) requires this document to be completed and submitted with your application at the validation stage. This is followed by submission and approval of the Biodiversity Net Gain Plan (BNGP) before the development can commence.

Section A: Summary

A1: Exemptions		
Is the application exempt from BNG?	No	If 'yes' - under which exemption applies? (delete exemptions from the list below that do not apply): <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Section 73 application where the original permission which the section 73 relates to was either granted before 12 February 2024 or the application for the original permission was made before 12 February 20242. Applications for retrospective planning permission under Section 73A3. Householder application4. Listed Building application5. Prior approval or permitted development granted permission by a development order6. Reserved matters where outline permission was granted prior to the implementation of BNG<ol style="list-style-type: none">6.a. Provide the relevant planning application reference:7. Permission granted by a Local Development Order or a Neighbourhood Development Order8. Development subject to the de minimis exemption. Development that does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than 25 square metres (e.g. 5m by 5m) of onsite habitat, or 5 metres of linear habitats such as hedgerows.<ol style="list-style-type: none">8.a. Provide further information on how this exemption applies, e.g., a separate document supported by photographs / habitat maps of the site.9. Self-build housing /custom build housing applications10. Development of a biodiversity gain site for the purpose of fulfilling the BNG planning condition for another development11. Review of Old Mineral Permission (ROMP)12. Urgent Crown development
Where you believe the application is exempt from BNG you do not need to complete the rest of this form.		

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A2: Statutory Biodiversity Metrics containing red boxes

Does the submitted Statutory Biodiversity Metric (full or Small Sites version) contain any red boxes?	No	Select the reason for any red boxes – delete all that do not apply: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outline application / baseline only submitted 2. Off-site Biodiversity Units / Credits are required 3. Trading Rules not satisfied in-line with Rule 4 of the Statutory Metric User Guide (justification will be required as detailed in the Guide)
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A3: Statutory Biodiversity Metric FULL VERSION calculation key questions

Does the application site include habitats / hedges (tabs A-1 & B-1, of the Metric refer) of 'High' or 'Very High' distinctiveness that will be partially retained or lost? **No**

Does the application site include 'On-site Watercourse Baseline' (tab C-1)? **No**

Does the Metric show 'Bespoke compensation likely to be required' (A-1 tab) **No**

Will the application provide post development habitats / hedges / watercourse(s) (tabs A-2, A-3, B-2, B-3, C-2, C-3) of 'High' or 'Very High' distinctiveness in 'Fairly Good' or 'Good' condition? **No**

Is the application for a new mineral or waste permission /extension? **No**

Section B: Application information

B1: Details of submission

Date of submission (and any subsequent resubmissions)	
Planning application reference number (if available, may not be available for BNGS submission)	P/PAAC/2025/03249
Relevant Local Planning Authority (if more than one list the one determining the application as lead)	Dorset council
Site address	Land off Caundle Lane, Bishop's Caundle, Dorset, DT10 2JU
Description of proposed development including any change of use (as stated on the application form)	Removal of barn building and erection of one dwelling with associated parking and access track.

B2: Person responsible for BNGS completion or sign off

Name	James Genge
Organisation	LC Ecological Services Ltd

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Statement of competency	Relevant qualifications, experience, training, membership of professional bodies, evidence of accreditation if the watercourse module of the Statutory Metric is used (see biodiversity metric User Guide for competency requirements – Note: not applicable for use of the Small Sites Metric)
Signature	James Genge

Section C: Pre-development biodiversity value

C1: Baseline habitat data used to inform metric			
Site plan displaying existing on-site habitats (reference report / habitat map)	 Biodiversity Net Gain report_Caundle Lane_		
Baseline habitat survey (reference report)	 Ecological Impact Assessment_Caundle		
Has there been any on-site habitat clearance since 30 January 2020?	No. NB: If 'yes', a full explanation of how any habitat losses have been addressed must be provided in accompanying ecological documentation e.g., BNG Assessment, Ecological Impact Assessment reports. The date of the pre-development biodiversity value of onsite habitats i.e. the baseline should be agreed with the authority in cases where clearance activities have taken place since 30 January 2020.		
Baseline biodiversity metric calculations (full metric or small sites metric)	 CAUNDLE Statutory Metric 06-01-2026.xls		
Survey date	25.11.2025		
Survey constraints	The PRA, PEA and UK habitat classification were conducted in November which is outside the optimum botanical season. As a result, some ecological features may be under recorded. However, sufficient information was obtained to accurately classify the habitats present and to inform a robust ecological assessment.		
Please confirm that the Dorset local nature recovery strategy has been used to inform strategic significance of habitats.	Yes	Please state which of the 13 Dorset local nature recovery strategy priorities the development will deliver.	Priority 1, priority 12
Brief description of existing habitat(s) on site (not including irreplaceable habitat)	Modified grassland, species rich native hedgerow, bramble scrub		

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Statement about how the Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy has been applied	The Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy has been applied throughout the design of the development. Impacts to habitats have been minimised where possible through the retention of existing boundary vegetation within the site layout. The development will result in the loss of a small area of grassland; however, this will be compensated through habitat creation and enhancement within the site, including the establishment of new hedgerow planting and areas of scrub. These measures increase the overall habitat diversity and biodiversity value of the site and have been incorporated into the Biodiversity Net Gain assessment, which demonstrates that the development will deliver the required biodiversity net gain on-site.
Brief description of existing irreplaceable habitat(s) on site (if applicable)	N/A

Section D: Indicative post-development biodiversity value

NB: Species mitigation and other additionality, e.g., SANG provision, must be evidenced in line with [government guidance](#) and explained fully in supporting ecological documents e.g., BNG Assessment, Ecological Impact Assessment reports.

D1: Proposed approach to delivering on-site net gain enhancements	
Indicative post-development habitat map or landscape plan provided (if available at this stage)	Yes
Brief description of proposed strategy to deliver at least a 10% net gain in biodiversity	Creation of mixed scrub and species rich hedgerow
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)	 CAUNDLE Statutory Metric 06-01-2026.xls
D2: 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) 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	N/A

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D3: Selling excess biodiversity units	
Do you propose to sell any excess biodiversity units to support delivery of biodiversity net gain on other sites?	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]