

Local authority biodiversity net gain consultation workshop: biodiversity gain plan

24 March 2022

Agenda

Intro to workshop and overview of BGP	10:00 – 10:15
Discussion on what's happening now, what's working and how it could be bettered	10:15 – 10:30
Section by section run through with discussion and questions after each section	10:30 – 11:30
Break-out session	11:30 – 11:50
Wrap up and next steps	Finish by 12pm

Introduction to Workshop

- Who's here today?
- Make sure you name yourself (click ... in corner of your video)
- We have a lot of people in the 'room' so you will be muted to start
- Questions/points in the Zoom chat or raise your hand for the discussion items please

Overview of Biodiversity Gain Plan

What?

Provision of information on:

- How the development has taken steps to avoid and minimise impacts on biodiversity
- Pre-development and post-development biodiversity value of habitats on site
- Any off-site biodiversity gains registered and allocated to the development and/or any statutory biodiversity credits purchased

Why?

To provide a clear and consistent document with which a developer can demonstrate their biodiversity net gain and a planning authority can check whether the proposals meet the biodiversity gain objective

Who?

Completed by ecologist on behalf of developer, approved by planning authority

When?

Biodiversity gain information – provided with the application for planning permission

Biodiversity gain plan – approved prior to development commencement

Discussion

- 1) What do you receive now in terms of plans showing how developers will deliver BNG and/or other habitat enhancements?
- 2) What works well?
- 3) What could be bettered?

Run through template with discussion after each section

- **Section A:** Status of biodiversity gain plan
- **Section B:** Confirmation of submission of supporting documents
- **Section C:** Summary of proposed biodiversity net gain
- **Section D:** Project information and contact details
- **Section E:** On-site habitats
- **Section F:** Off-site habitat enhancement (if applicable)
- **Section G:** Wider biodiversity net gain obligations (aside from measurable net gain)
- **Section H:** Monitoring and reporting
- **Section I:** Additional information

Break-out session

- 1) Is there any information in the template that is duplicated by other planning requirements?
- 2) Is there any information missing from the template?
- 3) How long do you think this will take to review and approve?

Next steps

What do you think?

How did we do?

- Recording & slides on our website
- FAQs
- Ongoing support through PAS project

Don't forget to respond to the consultation! It closes 5 April.

For more information:

Look at our website:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/pas/topics/environment/biodiversity-net-gain>

Sign up to the PAS bulletin:

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