

## Biodiversity Net Gain: The Watercourse Metric (within the Biodiversity Metric)

Checklist to aid the reviewer - please note, this is an optional tool prepared by the Environment for assist planning authorities and is not mandatory.

Consideration	Questions	Yes/No
<b>Does the Watercourse Metric need to be applied?</b>	<i>(1) <b>Is there a watercourse on site or nearby?</b> i.e. inside or within 10m of the development site boundary AND including the riparian zone</i>	
	<i>(2) Are all eligible <b>watercourse types and lengths correctly identified and represented</b> in Biodiversity Metric submissions?</i>	
<b>Has adequate information been presented?</b>	<i>(3) Are the <b>watercourses strategically significant?</b></i>	
	<i>(4) Is <b>riparian or in-channel encroachment</b> correctly identified <b>at baseline or proposal stages AND is the extent correct?</b></i>	
	<i>(5) Do the <b>headline and detailed results</b> reflect all of the watercourses present?</i>	
	<i>(6) Are the <b>trading rules</b> correctly applied?</i>	
<b>Are you confident in the results?</b>	<i>(7) <u>For rivers / streams:</u> is evidence of <b>River Condition Assessment accreditation &amp; river habitats knowledge</b> provided? (in comments and/or output from Cartographer)</i>	
	<i>(8) <u>For ditches:</u> is evidence of <b>aquatic ecology knowledge</b> provided?</i>	
	<i>(9) Is a <b>feasibility report</b> included with supporting evidence?</i>	
<b>Criteria met for offsite options?</b>	<i>(10) Have local Strategies, Plans or Partnerships been consulted to identify the <b>best local offsite options</b> for net gain?</i>	