If a development is within scope of statutory minimum 10% biodiversity net gain, Dorset Council’s [Local List of Validation Requirements](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/submit-a-planning-application) 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**

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| **A1: Exemptions** | | |
| [Is the application exempt from BNG](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/documents/35024/286094/New+Validation+Checklist-+V15-+Final+-updated-+30-04-2024.pdf/83eea2e9-38c0-1da2-4553-c44b46b29b33)?  **NB: If ‘no’ answer summary questions 2 -7 below before completing the rest of this form.** | **Yes / No** | **If ‘yes’ - under which exemption applies? (delete exemptions from the list below that do not apply):**   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 2024 2. Applications for retrospective planning permission under Section 73A 3. Householder application 4. Listed Building application 5. Prior approval or permitted development granted permission by a development order 6. Reserved matters where outline permission was granted prior to the implementation of BNG   6.a. Provide the relevant planning application reference:   1. Permission granted by a Local Development Order or a Neighbourhood Development Order 2. 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.   8.a. Provide further information on how this exemption applies, e.g., a separate document supported by photographs / habitat maps of the site.   1. Self-build housing /custom build housing applications 2. Development of a biodiversity gain site for the purpose of fulfilling the BNG planning condition for another development 3. Review of Old Mineral Permission (ROMP) 4. Urgent Crown development |
| **Where you believe the application is exempt from BNG you do not need to complete the rest of this form.** | | |
| **A2: Statutory Biodiversity Metrics containing red boxes** | | |
| Does the submitted Statutory Biodiversity Metric (full or Small Sites version) contain any red boxes? | **Yes / No** | **Select the reason for any red boxes – delete all that do not apply**:   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](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65c60e0514b83c000ca715f3/The_Statutory_Biodiversity_Metric_-_User_Guide_.pdf) (justification will be required as detailed in the Guide) |
| **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? **Yes / No** | | |
| Does the application site include ‘On-site Watercourse Baseline’ (tab C-1)? **Yes / No** | | |
| Does the Metric show ‘Bespoke compensation likely to be required’ (A-1 tab) **Yes / 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? **Yes / No** | | |
| Is the application for a new mineral or waste permission /extension? **Yes / No** | | |

### **Section B: Application information**

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| B1: Details of submission | |
| Date of submission (and any subsequent resubmissions) |  |
| Planning application reference number (if available, may not be available for BNGS submission) |  |
| Relevant Local Planning Authority (if more than one list the one determining the application as lead) |  |
| Site address |  |
| Description of proposed development including any change of use (as stated on the application form) |  |
| B2: Person responsible for BNGS completion or sign off | |
| Name |  |
| Organisation |  |
| Statement of competency | Relevant qualifications, experience, training, membership of professional bodies (see biodiversity metric User Guide for competency requirements – Note: not applicable for use of the Small Sites Metric) |
| Signature |  |

### **Section C: Pre-development biodiversity value**

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| C1: Baseline habitat data used to inform metric | | | |
| Site plan displaying existing on-site habitats (reference report / habitat map) |  | | |
| Baseline habitat survey (reference report) |  | | |
| Has there been any on-site habitat clearance since 30 January 2020? | Yes / 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) |  | | |
| Survey date |  | | |
| Survey constraints |  | | |
| Please select the local plans or strategies used to inform strategic significance of habitats | Local Plan | | Yes/No |
| Local Nature Recovery Strategy (when available) | | Yes/No |
| Green Infrastructure | | Yes/No |
| Landscape Plan | | Yes/No |
| Spatial Plan | | Yes/No |
| Dorset Ecological Network | | Yes/No |
| Other | Provide details | |
| Brief description of existing habitat(s) on site (not including irreplaceable habitat) |  | | |
| Statement about how the Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy has been applied |  | | |
| Brief description of existing irreplaceable habitat(s) on site (if applicable) |  | | |
| Total pre-development biodiversity value (in BU): | | |  |

### 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**](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-you-can-count-towards-a-developments-biodiversity-net-gain-bng) **and explained fully in supporting ecological documents e.g., BNG Assessment, Ecological Impact Assessment reports.**

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| 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/No | | | |
| Brief description of proposed strategy to deliver at least a 10% net gain in biodiversity |  | | | |
| 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) |  | | | |
| Total INDICATIVE post-development biodiversity value (in BU): | | |  | |
| 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)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-on-site-biodiversity-gains-as-a-developer) 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 | | . | | |
| D3: Selling excess biodiversity units | | | | |
| Do you propose to sell any excess biodiversity units to support delivery of biodiversity net gain on other sites? | | | | Yes/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] | | |