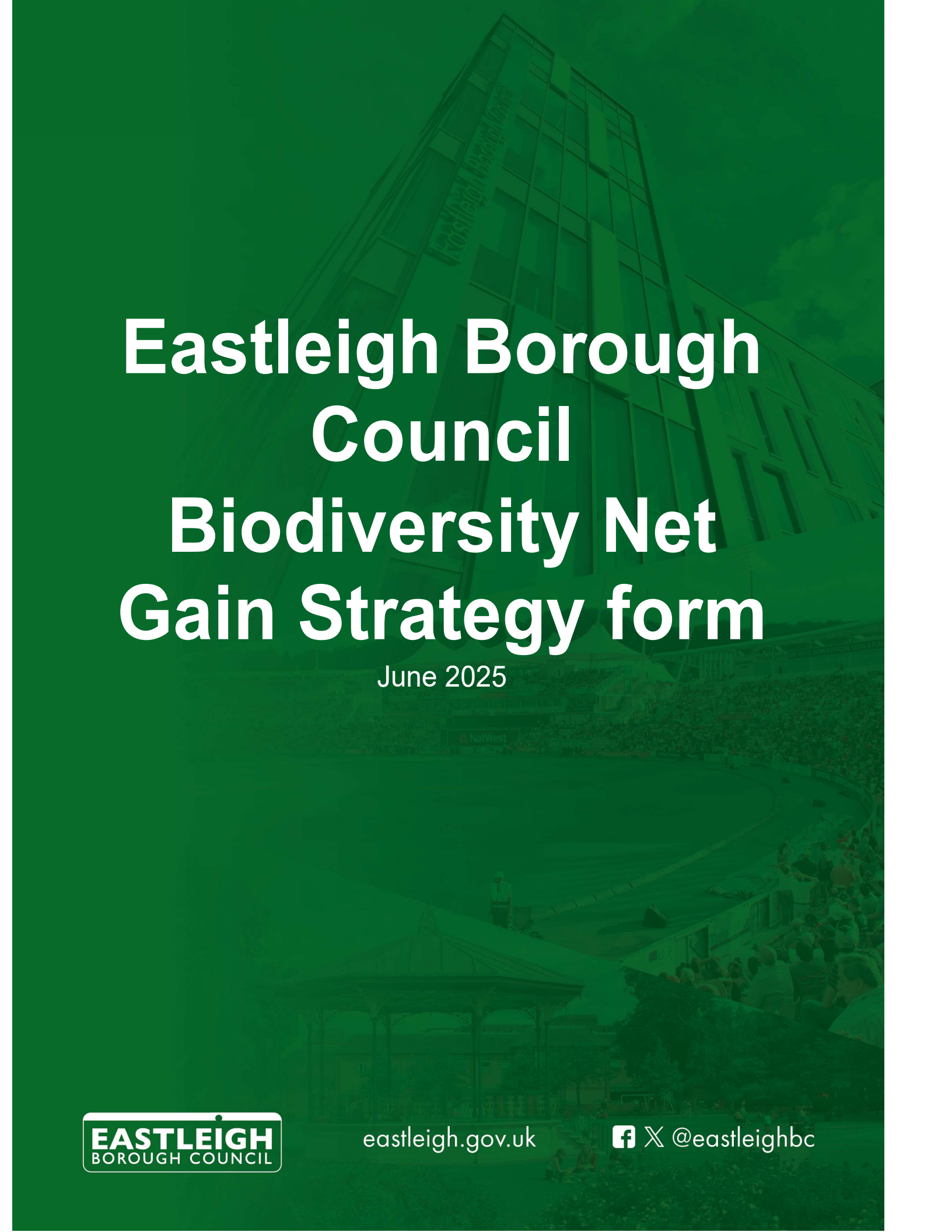




Eastleigh Borough Council Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy form

June 2025

Please save your copy of this form with the site address in the title, so that it can be easily identified when submitted.

To show how a development will achieve 10% Biodiversity Net Gain, complete sections 1-11 and submit this document to Eastleigh Borough Council **at validation, along with the required supporting documents:**

- Completed Valid Statutory Metric Excel spreadsheet, with no errors
- Condition Assessments (if relevant to pre-development habitats)
- Pre-development baseline habitat survey report and map
- Post-development habitat map and proposed landscape plan
- Baseline and post development habitat map shapefiles (if available, for monitoring significant habitat for 30 years)
- A draft Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan

The checklist of documents submitted in section 10 has spaces for you to add any additional notes and information.

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1. Submission details

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1.1 Date:	13.10.25
1.2 Planning application reference number (to be filled in when known)	F/25/100141
1.3 Development site address: If no address, enter the OS grid reference:	Land south east of Kings Copse Avenue, Hedge End
1.4 Description of development and any changes of use (250 words max.)	Planning permission is being sought for the creation of 192 new residential units with associated parking and landscaping. The residential units will be comprised of a mixture of 2 and 2.5 storey houses and apartment blocks. A 3m wide tarmac path is being created along the footpath to the north of the Application Site. Offsite works to an electrical pylon will be completed south of the Application Site.

2. Responsible person details: Who is responsible for completing this biodiversity net gain strategy and how are you qualified to do this?

For example, are you an ecological consultant, a landscape architect or a planning agent?

2.1 Responsible person name:	Benjamin Prego
2.2 Job title and qualifications of person completing this form:	Consultant Ecologist BSc (Hons) Qualifying Member of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM)
2.3 Company name:	ACD Environmental
2.4 Address:	Rodbourne Rail Business Centre, Grange Lane, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 0ES
2.5 Telephone number:	01666 825646

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2.6 Email address:	b.prego@acdenv.co.uk
2.7 Declaration: By completing this declaration, you confirm that the information you give is complete and correct. Any opinions are your genuine opinions.	
Date: 10.10.2025	Name: Benjamin Prego

3. Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy

3.1 Is the relevant date for the pre-development biodiversity value the same date as the planning application?	Yes
3.2 If no, what earlier date did you agree with the LPA? This would apply if the habitat value at the time of application was lower than before the application was submitted. If habitat is cleared before an application is submitted, the baseline habitat value of the site will be taken to be its biodiversity value immediately before the carrying on of the activities, back to 30 January 2020, as per Schedule 14 of the Environment Act 2021. In the absence of any information to the contrary, the habitat will be assumed to have been in good condition.	Pre-development biodiversity value date agreed:
3.3 Explain how you have met the guidance on what counts towards 10% BNG?	The BNG hierarchy has been applied to the biodiversity calculations.
3.4 How will you avoid or minimise impacts to habitats on site (including irreplaceable habitats)? Tell us about the steps you plan to take.	The on-site SINC will be suitably retained and enhanced. Trees and hedgerows throughout the site will be retained and suitably buffered during the proposed works in line with the root protection areas (RPAs) of all trees.
3.5 Did you use your local nature recovery strategy (LNRS) or other specified strategies to inform the strategic significance of habitats?	No Other strategies used: Eastleigh Borough Council Local Plan 2016-2036
3.6 How will you achieve the target net gain percentage?	List percentages for all that apply. On-site: Off-site: Habitat Units -30.44%

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	Hedgerow units 39.34% Watercourse units 15.06%
3.7 Are any of your post development on-site habitats considered 'significant'? Significant Habitat is defined by EBC as: • All on-site creation and retention of habitats of medium or higher distinctiveness • Any on-site enhancement where: ○ The resulting habitat has medium or higher distinctiveness ○ The habitat's condition or distinctiveness is increasing • All off-site habitats	Yes
3.8 If yes, tell us about the significant on-site habitat, including how you plan to secure the habitat for 30 years (S106 or Conservation Covenant).	Habitat creation – Other neutral grassland Urban tree Mixed scrub Ponds (non-priority habitat) Habitat enhancement – Other neutral grassland Mixed scrub Purple moor grass and rush pasture Lowland meadows Other lowland acid grassland
3.9 Explain how the Biodiversity Net Gain Hierarchy has been used to consider on-site net gain.	Habitats of medium-distinctiveness have been retained and enhanced where possible.
3.10 Do you need off-site biodiversity units to achieve 10% biodiversity net gain?	Yes
3.11 If yes, how many units of each habitat type would be needed:	25.48 units of other neutral grassland in moderate condition
3.12 If you need to use off-site biodiversity units, explain why:	Predominantly due to the loss of 31.69 units of other neutral grassland in moderate condition that cannot be compensated for on-site.

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3.13 If you need to use statutory biodiversity credits, explain why:	
3.14 Have you submitted a Draft Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) to demonstrate that proposed enhancements will be deliverable, and how they will be implemented, managed, maintained, monitored and funded for a minimum of 30 years. The detailed HMMP will be conditioned. Send your completed Draft HMMP to the LPA.	No Enter the specific file name for the Draft HMMP here: If a Draft HMMP has not been submitted, in which other document has this information been provided?
3.15 Send your completed Valid Statutory Biodiversity Metric Excel <u>Spreadsheet</u> to the LPA.	Enter the specific file name for the spreadsheet here: EBC24408_Updated BNG Metric
3.16 Send your completed Condition Assessments to the LPA.	Enter the specific file name(s) for the Condition Assessments here:
3.17 Send your Baseline habitat survey report to the LPA.	Enter the specific file name for the baseline habitat survey report here:
3.18 Send your Baseline habitat map and shapefile (if available) to the LPA.	Enter the specific file name for the baseline habitat map and shapefile here: EBC24408_EcIA - Appendix 1: Baseline Habitat Map
3.19 Send your proposed post-development habitat map, shapefile (if available) and landscape plan to the LPA.	Enter the specific file name(s) for the post-development habitat map, shapefile and landscape plan here: EBC24408_EcIA – Appendix 2: Habitat Creation Plan
3.20 Demonstrate how the post-development plan shows habitat connectivity within the site and with adjacent habitats. Also demonstrate how this integrates with SuDS (if applicable).	A buffer of vegetation will be left around the development area to ensure connectivity is retained with surrounding habitats and to ensure that the adjacent SINCLNR habitats are not disturbed or degraded by the proposed development. The SuDS areas will be situated within this vegetated buffer.
3.21 Does the baseline habitat survey include any habitat degradation? (see 4.1 and 4.2)	No If yes, explain:

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4. Irreplaceable habitats

4.1 Would the development impact any irreplaceable habitats?	No
4.2 If yes, tell us if you have proposed or submitted a compensation plan:	

5. On-site habitat

Answer this section if your development includes on-site habitat enhancement, creation and/or retention.

5.1 Survey date	03.07.24		
5.2 Explain if there were any survey constraints: For example, access, weather, or seasonal constraints	No limitations		
5.3 Total pre-development biodiversity value from the headline results of the Statutory Biodiversity Metric	Area habitat biodiversity units: 63.00	Hedgerow biodiversity units: 8.52	Watercourse biodiversity units: 2.01
5.4 Total post-development biodiversity value from the headline results of the Statutory Biodiversity Metric	Area habitat biodiversity units: 43.83	Hedgerow biodiversity units: 11.87	Watercourse biodiversity units: 2.31
5.5 Total net change in biodiversity units from the headline results of the	Area habitat biodiversity units: -19.18	Hedgerow biodiversity units: 3.35	Watercourse biodiversity units: 0.30

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Statutory Biodiversity Metric	Area habitat biodiversity units % change: -30.44	Hedgerow biodiversity units % change: 39.34	Watercourse biodiversity units % change: 15.06
5.6 Will you register and allocate any biodiversity units from your site to other developments?	No		
5.7 If yes, provide details of the number of units and the location of the development(s).			

6. Off-site Habitat

Answer this section if your development includes off-site habitat interventions.

6.1 Tell us about the off-site habitat interventions. Include whether you're planning to deliver this on land under the same ownership or by purchasing biodiversity units.	Purchase of biodiversity units will be needed, however we are trying to use biodiversity units that maybe delivered by EBC, that work continues so I'm not able to confirm the name of the scheme as yet.		
6.2 How will you secure the off-site habitat interventions? Tell us whether you propose to use an S106 or a conservation covenant.	TBC dependant on an EBC delivered scheme for biodiversity units.		
6.3 Total off-site baseline/pre-development biodiversity value from the headline results of the	Area habitat biodiversity units:	Hedgerow biodiversity units:	Watercourse biodiversity units:

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Statutory Biodiversity Metric			
6.4 Total off-site biodiversity value post-intervention	Area habitat biodiversity units:	Hedgerow biodiversity units:	Watercourse biodiversity units:
6.5 Total off-site <u>net change</u> in biodiversity units from the headline results of the Statutory Biodiversity Metric	Area habitat biodiversity units:	Hedgerow biodiversity units:	Watercourse biodiversity units:
	Area habitat biodiversity units % change:	Hedgerow biodiversity units % change:	Watercourse biodiversity units % change:

7. Statutory biodiversity credits

7.1 Do you need to use statutory biodiversity credits? (see 4.12)	No		
7.2 How many statutory biodiversity credits do you need?			
7.3 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	A2	A3
	A4	A5	
	Hedgerow H	Watercourse W	
7.4 What evidence is there that no units are available through the market? Include messages from at least three habitat providers or a search result from online registers.			

8. Trading summary

8.1 Distinctiveness group Tell us if you met the BNG trading rules on habitat compensation for each distinctiveness group.	Very high: Yes
	High: Yes
	Medium: No
	Low Yes
8.2 If you did not meet the trading rules, tell us how you intend to agree bespoke habitat compensation. Check the rules on habitat compensation in the Statutory Biodiversity Metric User Guide.	Biodiversity credits delivered off site but within the Borough of Eastleigh.

9. Sharing data

9.1 Will you share your ecological survey data with the Hampshire Biological Records Centre (HBIC) or other bodies?	Yes
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10. Checklist of documents submitted

Document	Date submitted	Notes/ Additional Information
This completed BNG Strategy form	13/10/25	Populated with Ben Prego & D Mackrill input as much as we can.
Valid Statutory Biodiversity Metric Excel Spreadsheet	13/10/25	Application made valid 13/10/25
Condition Assessments	TBC	

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Baseline habitat survey report	TBC	
Baseline habitat map	TBC	
Baseline habitat map shapefile (if available)	13/10/25	
Post-development habitat map	13/10/25	
Post-development landscape plan	13/10/25	
Post-development habitat map shapefile (if available)	13.10/25	
Draft Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) or alternative	TBC	