

Extract of Draft Validation Guidance

National Requirement	Information required and links to guidance
Local Requirements	
<p>Biodiversity Gain Statement</p> <p>Details of any required planning obligation agreements (s106) or Conservation Covenants.</p>	<p>In addition to the above national requirements for BNG, and to assist the Council with BNG considerations and all material matters that may interact with BNG additional information will need to be submitted with the application to meet the TWBC local list of validation requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A statement, (the Biodiversity Gain Statement) and supporting Metric for biodiversity losses and gains, setting out how the development will achieve a minimum 10% gain in Biodiversity through on and/or offsite provision and how such provision will be secured (condition/ planning obligation/financially), maintained and monitored for a minimum period of 30 years. <i>A commentary of how the proposals comply with the Biodiversity Net Gain Hierarchy should also be included. <u>Applicants are advised to use the Councils Biodiversity Gain Statement template.</u></i> • Information about any planning obligation which may need to be entered into connected to the application and the relevant draft heads of term. • <u>Paragraph 13 of Schedule 7A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990</u> requires that a Biodiversity Gain Plan (BGP) be submitted and approved to discharge the general biodiversity gain condition prior to the commencement of development. A government template for the Biodiversity Gain Plan can be found here. Applicants may submit a draft of this at application stage instead of the Biodiversity Gain Statement if they wish.