



Dorset
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Biodiversity Net Gain

A brief introduction

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What is Biodiversity Net Gain?

- Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) is aimed at providing funding and opportunities for nature recovery in England through the planning system.
- The aim is to leave the natural environment in a measurably better state than it was beforehand by providing at least a 10% net gain.



What is Biodiversity Net Gain?

- Since 12th February, 2024, developers must boost biodiversity by 10% to get planning approval. This can be done:
 - On site
 - Off site
 - Through government biodiversity credits
- Developers must legally commit to maintaining biodiversity improvements for 30 years through binding agreements.



Recent changes announced

- New exemptions
- Removal of self-build exemption
- Still considering a brownfield exemption and 'de minimis'
- Changes to metrics
- The most damaging proposals NOT taken forward



For more information

- [Biodiversity Net Gain: Time to close the loophole | The Wildlife Trusts](#)
- [A shameful step back for nature as UK Government pushes through damaging Planning and Infrastructure Bill | The Wildlife Trusts](#)
- [Biodiversity net gain - Dorset Council](#)

