BNG Form 01

Somerset Council requires submission of this Declaration Form in relation to any planning application which, if permitted would be subject to the national general biodiversity gain condition (to achieve at least 10% Biodiversity Net Gain – BNG).

Applications which are not BNG liable do not need to complete or submit this form.

Further information on BNG in Somerset, including information on planning validation requirements can be found in the Council’s BNG Guidance Note, available at <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/biodiversity-net-gain/>.

By signing and submitting this form, the applicant / agent confirms that:

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| **Declaration** | **Agree** | **Disagree** | **Not Applicable** |
| To the best of my knowledge, the BNG Statement submitted alongside my application for planning permission includes all of the information required for validation of the relevant type of planning application. |  |  |  |
| The habitat information provided within the submitted Biodiversity Metric is consistent with the information shown on the submitted BNG plans and drawings. |  |  |  |
| It has been checked whether the baseline habitat has deteriorated significantly since 30 January 2020, and, where necessary, the baseline date has been appropriately adjusted to reflect (such as to disregard) any deterioration. |  |  |  |
| The Metric and other Biodiversity Gain Information have been completed by a suitably competent person (Somerset Council defines a competent person as being a member of CIEEM or other reputable membership body for ecology professionals (e.g. ALGE, MRSB)). Note, where the Small Sites Metric is used, a competent person need not be an ecologist, so long as competency is demonstrated (e.g. through experience). |  |  |  |
| Where necessary, the watercourse part of the Metric and other associated Biodiversity Gain Information have been completed by a suitably competent person (requires specialist training to  undertake). More information of guidance for such assessments can be found at <https://modularriversurvey.org/river-condition/>. |  |  |  |

Note, if disagree is selected, or this form is not submitted with regards to a BNG liable application, then the application cannot be validated. If, once validated, it is found that any of the necessary information in relation to the above declarations has not been provided as declared, then further information will be requested along with a reasonable extension of time for determination of the application.

Signed ……………………………………………………Date……………….…………….. Name …………………………………………………………………………………………. Role (applicant / agent etc.) ………………………………………………………………...