

Biodiversity Gain Plan

Stoneyfield Park, Rochdale

A Report To: Labosport
Report Number: RT-MME-182896-03
Date: 30/06/2025



A. Details of Submission	
1. Date of Submission	23/01/2025
2. Planning Application Reference Number	25/00044/FUL
3. Local Planning Authority	Rochdale Borough Council
4. Development Site Address or Site Description	Stoneyfield Park, Boundary Street, Rochdale, OL11 1QU
5. Description of Development to which the Biodiversity Gain Plan relates	Installation of a playzone facility on existing MUGA pitch together with associated extension, ball stop fencing and flood lighting.
B. Applicant Responsible for Submission of the Biodiversity Gain Plan	
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11. Declaration I/we hereby submit our biodiversity gain plan as described in this form. I/we confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them. Signed: Date:	
B. Person Responsible for Completion of the Biodiversity Gain Plan	
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D. Biodiversity Net Gain Strategy		
18. Please explain how you have met the 'what counts towards your BNG' Guidance	On-site habitats will be created specifically for the purposes of meeting the 10% net gain requirement. Habitats will not be created as part of any mitigation or compensation schemes. No irreplaceable habitats have been identified and lost; and a biodiversity net gain of over 10% has been achieved, with trading rules satisfied.	
19. Set out the steps taken on-site to avoid impacts to habitats and/or minimise impacts to habitats including irreplaceable habitats where on site	No irreplaceable habitats were identified on site. The proposed playzone will result in the loss of an area of approximately 0.026 ha of amenity grassland. This will be compensated for through the creation of more species-rich neutral grassland along the south western boundary of the playzone. Existing trees in proximity to the new playzone will be retained and protected.	
20. How are you delivering the target net gain percentage?	Only on-site.	
21. Are any of your on-site enhancements considered "significant"?	No	
22. If yes, provide details of the significant enhancement and appropriate planning condition or obligation to secure its long-term management.	N/A	
23. How many Biodiversity Units are needed off-site to meet the required net gain percentage?	N/A	
24. Rationale for proposed off-site delivery (if applicable).	N/A	
25. Rationale for proposed use of Statutory biodiversity credits (if applicable).	N/A	
26. Do you have a habitat management and monitoring plan in place?	Yes	
27. Have you used the statutory biodiversity metric?	Yes	
28. Completed biodiversity metric tool.	RT-MME-181393-Statutory_Biodiversity_Metric_with_enhancements	
29. Condition assessments.	Included in report RT-MME-181393-05 (BSMA)	
30. Pre-development habitat survey report and map.	RT-MME-181393-04 (PEA)	
31. Post-development habitat map or landscape plan.	Included in report RT-MME-181393-05 (BSMA)	
32. Has any approved habitat degradation been included in the baseline? If yes, include any relevant consenting body and reference number.	No	Consenting Body: Reference Number:

E. Are any of the below being impacted as part of the development – if so, have you submitted a compensation plan to meet other existing biodiversity obligations to the Local Planning Authority?			
33. Irreplaceable habitats	No	Choose an item.	
F. On-site habitat enhancements (if required)			
34. Survey date(s).	07/11/2024		
35. Survey constraints.	The recommended timeframe for completing a Phase 1 Habitat Survey is April – September. The survey was carried out in November and therefore it is possible that some plant species were entering a period of winter dormancy and so may have been under-recorded or underestimated. However, this did not constrain the assignment of habitats on site to Phase 1 habitat types.		
36. Total pre-development biodiversity value (in BU)		37. Total post-development biodiversity value (in BU)	
Number of Area Habitat Biodiversity Units	0.10	Number of Area Habitat Biodiversity Units	0.11
Number of Hedgerow Biodiversity Units	0.00	Number of Hedgerow Biodiversity Units	0.00
Number of Watercourse Biodiversity Units	0.00	Number of Watercourse Biodiversity Units	0.00
38. Total net change in Biodiversity Units			
Area Habitat Biodiversity Units	0.01	11.98%	
Hedgerow Biodiversity Units	0.00	0.00%	
Watercourse Biodiversity Units	0.00	0.00%	
39. Will Biodiversity Units being delivered on any part of your site be registered and allocated to other developments? If yes or provisionally, please provide details.		No	
G. Off-site habitat enhancements (if required)			
40. Please give details of the off-site habitat enhancement being proposed.		N/A	
41. Biodiversity Gain Site Register reference number(s).		N/A	
42. How have off-site habitat enhancement proposals been secured?		N/A	
43. Total pre-development biodiversity value (in BU)		44. Total post-development biodiversity value (in BU)	
Number of Area Habitat Biodiversity Units	N/A	Number of Area Habitat Biodiversity Units	N/A

Number of Hedgerow Biodiversity Units	N/A	Number of Hedgerow Biodiversity Units	N/A
Number of Watercourse Biodiversity Units	N/A	Number of Watercourse Biodiversity Units	N/A

45. Total net change in Biodiversity Units

Area Habitat Biodiversity Units	N/A	N/A
Hedgerow Biodiversity Units	N/A	N/A
Watercourse Biodiversity Units	N/A	N/A

H. Statutory biodiversity credits

46. Are Statutory biodiversity credits required? If yes, please complete section 47 - 49	No	
47. How many Statutory biodiversity credits are required?	Tier	Unit shortfall by tier (spatial risk multiplier included)
	A1	N/A
	A2	N/A
	A3	N/A
	A4	N/A
	A5	N/A
	H	N/A
	W	N/A
48. What evidence is there that no units are available through the market?	N/A	
49. Proof of purchase.	N/A	

I. Trading summary

50. Distinctiveness group	Trading satisfied?	If no, has bespoke compensation been agreed?
Very High	Yes	Choose an item.
High	Yes	Choose an item.
Medium	Yes	Choose an item.
Low	Yes	Choose an item.

J. TBC Sharing data (not mandatory)

51. Will you share relevant ecological survey data with the appropriate Local Environmental Records Centre (LERC) or any other bodies?	No
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Quality Assurance

Date	Version	Author	Checked & Approved By
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