Please provide figures from, when mandatory BNG began, for the financial years

12 February 2024 to 31 March 2024,

2024/25

2025/26,

2026/27 up to 30 September 2026.

Planning permissions and biodiversity gain plans
- Number of planning permissions granted subject to the biodiversity gain condition per year, split between major and minor development where recorded.
- Number of biodiversity gain plans submitted and approved per year.
- Number of residential applications among these, and the total number of homes they cover, if recorded.
- Number of applications assessed as exempt from mandatory BNG per year, with the exemption applied where recorded.

How gains are delivered
- Number of approved biodiversity gain plans delivering gains onsite only, offsite only, or through a combination of the two.
- Number of approved plans that used statutory biodiversity credits.
- Total biodiversity units secured onsite, offsite and through statutory credits per year, if held.
- The number of approved plans proposing a gain of 10% exactly, between 10% and 20%, and more than 20%, if recorded.

Up to March 2026 the following stats are noted;

- *8 Biodiversity gain plans had been approved.*
- *6 of those offered to provide BNG through on-site provision only.*
- *1 offered to provide both on and off site provision.*
- *1 proposed using statutory credits.*

30 applications for major residential development were subject to the Biodiversity gain plan condition. 55 such applications were exempt.

6 applications claimed exemption due to being prior to BNG introduction - these were mostly minor classification applications.

2 minor and 1 minerals application claimed exemption due to the Biodiversity Gain Site exemption.

2 minors were exempt due to Development Orders.

5 applications were exempt due to being Reserved Matters including minor dwellings and one major dwellings.

106 were exempt due to being retrospective development.

128 were exempt due to being a s73 application.

127 were exempt due to self-build/custom build.

866 claimed de minimis exemption.

76 were for temporary development.

Onsite habitats

- The main habitat types created or enhanced on development sites through approved plans, such as grassland, woodland, hedgerows, wetland or watercourses.
- Total area of habitat created or enhanced on development sites, in hectares, if held.

We are not yet able to manipulate the data in terms of habitat types, however we have the amount of area, hedgerow and watercourse units:

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ID	Overall expected gains and losses	Total or Average	Area	Hedgerow	Watercourse
A	Total number of pre-development biodiversity units approved on-site broken down by area/hedgerow/watercourse	9.89	6.75	3.14	0.00
B	Total number of post-development biodiversity units approved on-site broken down by area/hedgerow/watercourse	11.40	7.43	3.97	0.00
C	Total net unit change in biodiversity units, on-site broken down by area/hedgerow/watercourse	1.51	0.68	0.83	0.00
D	Average percentage (%) change in biodiversity units, on-site	15.27	10.07	26.43	0.00
E	Total number of baseline biodiversity units approved off-site broken down by area/hedgerow/watercourse	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00
F	Total number of post-intervention biodiversity units approved off-site broken down by area/hedgerow/watercourse	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.00

G	*Total net unit change in biodiversity units, off-site broken down by area/hedgerow/watercourse*	*0.11*	*0.11*	*0.00*	*0.00*
H	*Average percentage (%) change in biodiversity units, off-site*	*45.45*	*45.45*	*0.00*	*0.00*
I	*Total number of biodiversity units offset using statutory credits broken down by area/hedgerow/watercourse*	*0.20*	*0.20*	*0.00*	*0.00*
J	***Total net unit change in biodiversity units (including any units offset using credits)***	***1.82***	***0.99***	***0.83***	***0.00***
K	***Average percentage (%) change (including statutory credits)***	***18.20***	***14.43***	***26.43***	***0.00***

Monitoring and enforcement

- Number of legal agreements (section 106 agreements or conservation covenants) secured to maintain onsite habitat for 30 years.

We operate a cut off for significant on-site BNG which is defined as 5 units or more. In 24/25 there were 0 agreements, 25/26 there were 3 agreements, and 26/27 have seen 8 so far.

- Total BNG monitoring fees received per year.

For significant on-site, as per council's definition, in 25/26 fees were £15,000 and in 26/27 so far £30,000.

- Number of monitoring reports received from developers or landowners.

0 to date as none due yet.

- Number of cases where habitat was found to be failing or not delivered as planned, and any enforcement action taken.

0 to date.

Resources

Number of ecologists or BNG officers employed by the council (full-time equivalent), and whether the council uses external ecological advice to assess BNG.

LCC has 1.8FTE who work on BNG and general ecology consultations for planning.

We do not use external advice.