

## Validation Guide- Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG)

The BNG requirement applies to all applications for planning permission submitted after 2 April 2024 except:

BNG applies to all planning applications unless one of the following **exemptions** apply:

- Householder development
- Self-build or custom development. The self-build/custom exemption only applies if the development is 9 dwellings or less, 0.5 hectares in area or less and if the proposal is exclusively self-build or custom development
- Development impacting less than 25 square metres of habitat or 5 metres of linear habitat (unless a **priority habitat**)
- BNG sites themselves
- Variation of an existing planning permission

Question 24 of the application form for covers the above matters, **the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate an exemption.**

### Validation Checklist for BNG

Information Required	Yes/No	Notes
Application Q24: All questions responded to? if	Yes	
Biodiversity Statement submitted?	No	
Scaled plan showing onsite habitat existing on the date of application (or an earlier date), including any irreplaceable habitat?	No	
Completed biodiversity metric tool	NO	