

Please only include full planning applications - not applications for tree works or discharge of condition applications, for example.

1. How many planning applications have been received between the 12th February 2024 and but prior to 2nd April 2024?
2. Of these applications, how many remain invalid?
3. Of the invalid applications, how many are due to the introduction of biodiversity net gain provisions as part of the validation process?
4. Of the validated planning applications, how many triggered the requirement to provide mandatory biodiversity net gain?
5. How many planning applications have been received since 2nd April 2024?
6. Of these, how many remain invalid?
7. Of those valid applications, how many have met the following exemption criteria for biodiversity net gain:
 - i. Householder development
 - ii. Self-built and/or custom build development
 - iii. Application for biodiversity gain site
 - iv. HS2 related application
 - v. De minimis – a development which does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than: 25metres² of on-site habitat or 5metres of on-site linear habitats (e.g. hedgerows).

Please include the number of applications which stated each reason.

8. Of the applications where BNG is required, how many have been determined?
Please include the numbers of applications:
 - i. Where planning permission has been approved.
 - ii. Where planning permission has been refused.
9. In your opinion how much has BNG impacted on the validation of planning applications? (On a scale from 1-10, 1-Low, 10-High).
10. Does your authority have any provisions in place to aid agents / applicants with application validation processes?
11. Does your authority have any processes in place to help with the delivery of BNG? E.g. land bank sites.
12. Has your authority hired a 'specialist' in order to aid with the determination of BNG relevant applications?