

1 Government guidance on complying with the Biodiversity Duty – reporting framework

This refers to the report that must be completed no later than 1 January 2026.

Section 1: Your policies, objectives and actions

You must include this information in your report.

Explain:

- the policies and objectives you have set to meet your biodiversity duty
- the actions you've completed, either alone or in partnership with others, that benefit biodiversity

Section 2: How you have considered other strategies

You must include this information in your report.

Explain how you've taken into account:

- local nature recovery strategies
- protected site strategies
- species conservation strategies

For example, include information about how:

- you've advised or worked in a Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) partnership in your area
- these strategies influenced your policies, objectives or actions

Section 3: Your future actions

You must include this information in your report.

Explain how your organisation plans to fulfil your biodiversity duty over the 5 years following the end of this reporting period.

You can report your plans for future actions in each section of your report alongside the ones you've achieved.

Alternatively, you can summarise your plans for future actions separately. This will form part of your monitoring and evaluation as you can refer to this section in the next reporting period.

Biodiversity net gain information (for local planning authorities only)

You must include information on biodiversity net gain if you're a local planning authority. This should be a separate section in your report.

As a local planning authority, you must include:

- a summary of the actions you've carried out to meet biodiversity net gain obligations
- details of biodiversity gains resulting, or expected to result, from biodiversity gain plans you've approved
- a summary of how you plan to meet biodiversity net gain obligations in the next reporting period

Appendices

You can include quantitative data in this section of your report. It is optional, but it can add useful detail to your report.

In 2023, Defra will provide a suggested format for tabulating any quantitative data on biodiversity net gains you choose to include.

The full government guidance is here

[Reporting your biodiversity duty actions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/reporting-your-biodiversity-duty-actions)

[Complying with the biodiversity duty - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complying-with-the-biodiversity-duty)