

Reviewing the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) watercourse unit module: a checklist to aid the reviewer

Please note that this is an optional tool and not mandatory.

Application stage	Broad consideration	Questions	Yes/No
Pre-App/ Validation	(I) Does the Metric watercourse module need to be applied?	(1) Is there a watercourse on site or nearby? i.e. inside or within the specified distance of development site boundary, <u>including riparian zone</u> ?	
		(2) Are all eligible watercourse types, lengths and condition represented correctly in appropriate Metric submissions?	
Full Review/ Consideration	(II) Has adequate information been presented for all watercourse types for a technical review of watercourse proposals?	(3) Are <i>watercourse and riparian encroachments</i> identified and entered correctly?	
		(4) Are the proposed watercourse actions strategically significant ?	
		(5) Is adequate evidence of Condition Assessment competence & habitats knowledge provided? (for all watercourse types)	
		(6) Are proposed enhancement or creation actions correctly applied?	
		(7) Does the evidence provided adequately justify the proposed watercourse unit gains ?	
	(III) Are you confident in the watercourse unit results?	(8) Do the Headline & Details results reflect all eligible watercourses?	
		(9) Are the trading rules correctly applied?	
	(IV) Criteria met for off-site options?	(10) Have local Strategies, Plans & Partnerships been consulted to identify the best local off-site options for net gain?	