

**HORIZON AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY LIMITED
BRIDGE HOUSE FARM, RAVENS BANK, SUTTON ST JAMES**

BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN STATEMENT

The application is classed as a 'small site' (ie not major development) where the floor space is under 1000 m² and the site area is below 0.5ha.

The proposal will not impact on any habitat on site as the proposal is for the retention of the existing office block and there is no development proposed.

The application site is essentially an existing office building with surrounding hard surfaced car park, which is classified as an "Unvegetated unsealed surface" the continued use of which will not decrease the biodiversity value of an onsite priority habitat.

No onsite habitat with a value greater than zero will be lost, and there is no onsite linear habitat (ie hedgerow or watercourse habitats).

Accordingly, the proposal is classified as *de minimis development* in accordance with The Biodiversity Gain Requirements (Exemptions) Regulations 2024.

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