

South Holland District Council Planning Team
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Dear Planning Team,

Statement re Exemption from Biodiversity Net Gain Planning Condition for Patio and Seating Area Construction

We are writing to provide clarification regarding the construction project involving the installation of a patio and seating area adjacent to the Centre of Excellence Peppermint Way. As part of the planning process, we understand the requirement to consider the impact on biodiversity net gain.

We believe that the construction of the proposed patio and seating area should not be considered against the same criteria as a building and as such is not subject to the requirements of the biodiversity net gain.

This exemption is based on the understanding that the development in question does not significantly impact local biodiversity or habitats.

The proposed works are the final phase of construction on site and serve to enable building occupants to enjoy the wellbeing aspects of using the outdoor spaces afforded by the original development.

The proposed works will ensure minimal disruption to the surrounding environment while enhancing the usability and aesthetics of the area for staff, students and visitors.

We remain committed to environmental stewardship and will continue to monitor and mitigate any potential impacts associated with the construction process. If you require any further information or clarification regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

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