

Biodiversity Net Gain Exemption Statement

Replacement of Existing Windows Churchills Bar, 49 West Street, Long Sutton, Spalding, PE12 9BN

Introduction

This statement has been prepared to confirm whether the statutory Biodiversity Net Gain requirements apply to the proposed works at Churchills Bar, 49 West Street, Long Sutton.

The application relates solely to the replacement of existing windows within a Grade II listed building.

Nature of the Proposed Works

The works comprise the replacement of existing sliding sash windows with new timber sliding sash windows of matching proportions and design. The works are confined to the existing window openings and do not involve any external ground works, alterations to the site layout, or changes to landscaping.

No demolition of buildings, removal of vegetation, alteration to land or changes to habitat areas are proposed.

Biodiversity Net Gain Legislation

Mandatory Biodiversity Net Gain was introduced through the Environment Act 2021 and applies to development requiring planning permission under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The requirement for a minimum 10% biodiversity net gain applies to planning applications for development that result in habitat loss or modification.

BNG does not apply to:

- applications for Listed Building Consent
- internal or external alterations that do not constitute development under the Town and Country Planning Act
- works that do not affect land or habitat

Assessment

The proposal relates solely to the replacement of existing windows within an existing building envelope.

The works do not involve:

- any change to land use
- any impact on habitats
- any removal of vegetation
- any ground disturbance

The proposal therefore has no impact on biodiversity or habitats.

Conclusion

The proposed works relate solely to alterations to an existing listed building and do not constitute development requiring an increase in floor area.

As such, the statutory Biodiversity Net Gain requirements introduced under the Environment Act 2021 do not apply.

The proposal is therefore exempt from Biodiversity Net Gain requirements.