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DESIGN**

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Biodiversity - De minimis exemption.

Scenario 1: A development solely on a sealed surface The proposal is for the Change of Use of existing Buildings. There are no other habitats (e.g. a green verge or tree) within the red line boundary of the development. The development would be exempted from biodiversity net gain by the De minimis exemption as:

- the development does not impact on any on site priority habitat;
- the existing buildings would be classified as developed land: sealed surface which has a biodiversity value of zero under the statutory biodiversity metric; and
- there are no other on site habitats.

All existing trees and hedges within the red line boundary are to be retained.

It is therefore felt that the development meets the criteria to be Exempt from Biodiversity Net Gains.