

# BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN STATEMENT



For

## RETROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF USE FROM AGRICULTURAL TO EQUESTRIAN

At

**The Old Farmhouse  
Black Hole Drove  
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For

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### **PLANNING APPLICATION ISSUE**

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## **Biodiversity Net Gain Statement**

The mandatory requirement for Biodiversity Net Gain was introduced through the NPPF in January 2024 (see also Environment Act 2021).

Considering the requirements relative to this project it is believed that the change of use will have no impact upon the existing biodiversity of the site. The site has accommodated donkeys and a pony for several years, the change of use is considered to be triggered because the pony is now of significant age and has been rugged (in November 2024). This will have no impact at all on the biodiversity value of the site.

Referring to the Government's website [www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/biodiversity-net-gain-exempt-developments) and considering Developments below the threshold we can confirm that the change of use meets all of these requirements in that it is a:

1. Development that does not impact a priority habitat and impacts less than:
  - a. 25 square metres (5m by 5m) of on-site habitat.
  - b. 5 metres of on-site linear habitats such as hedgerows.

There is no physical development proposed and therefore there is no impact.

On the above basis it is considered that no further statement is necessary for this application.